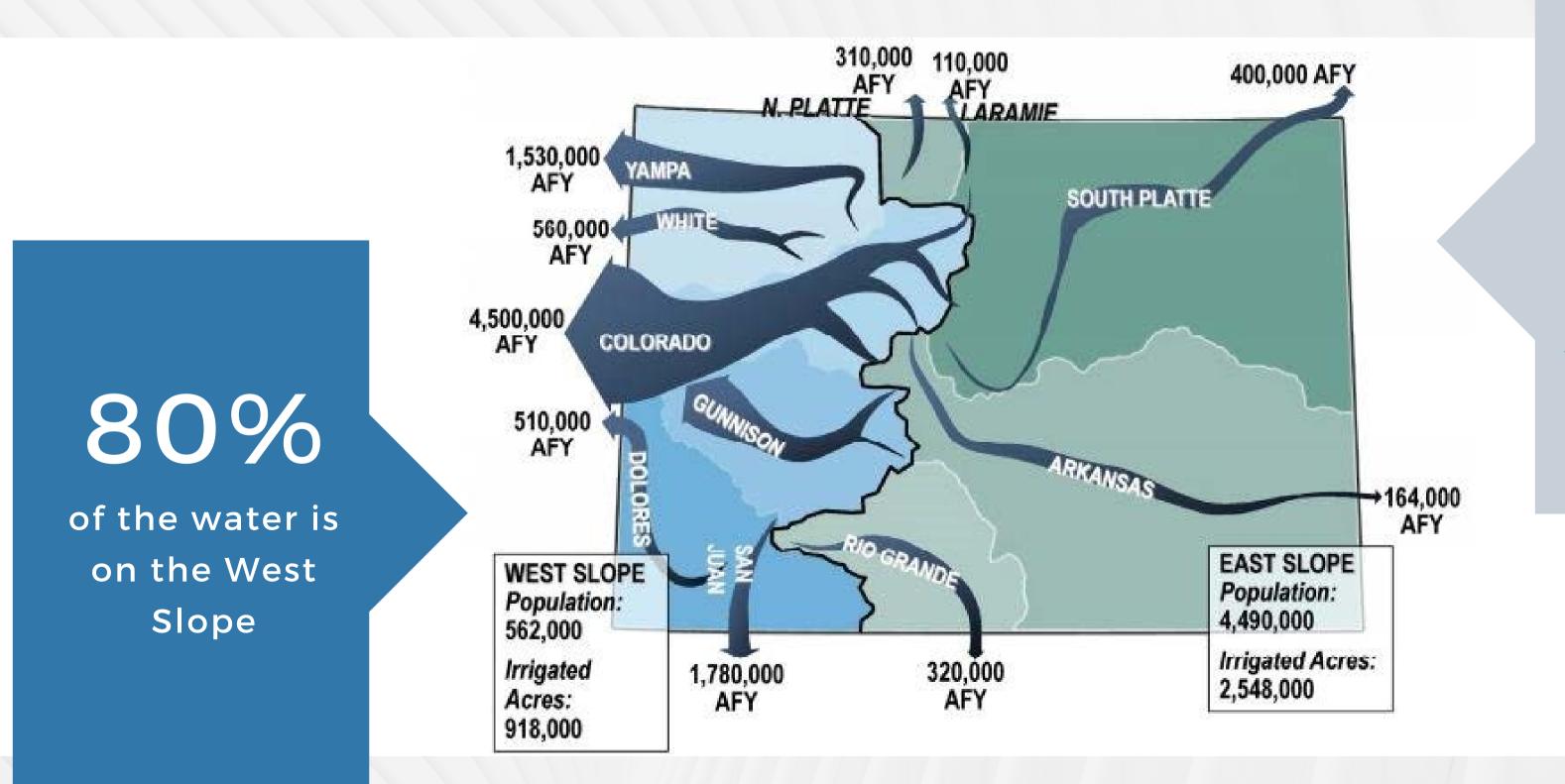


# WATER IN COLORADO

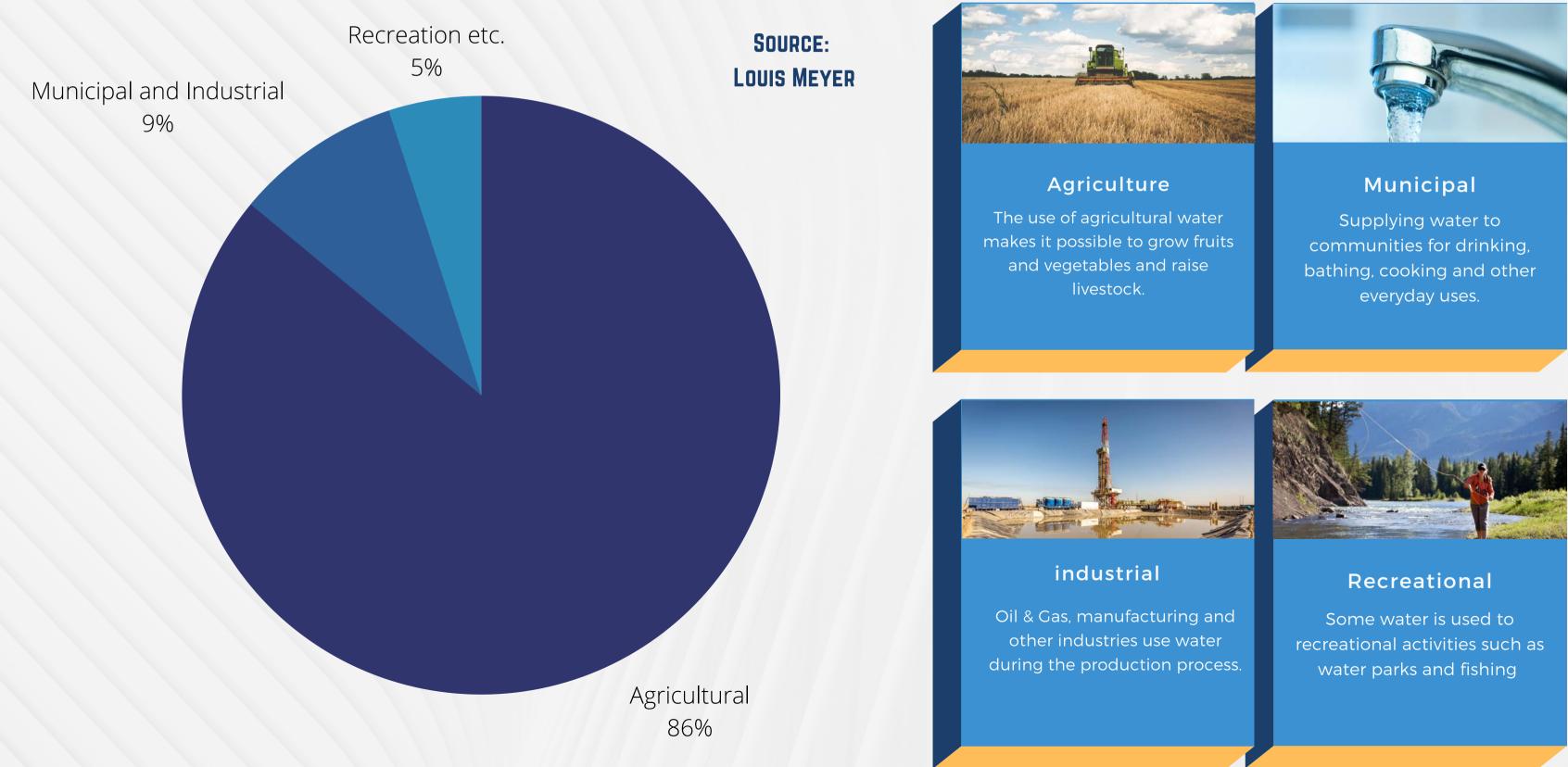




## 80%

Of the population and water demands are on the east slope

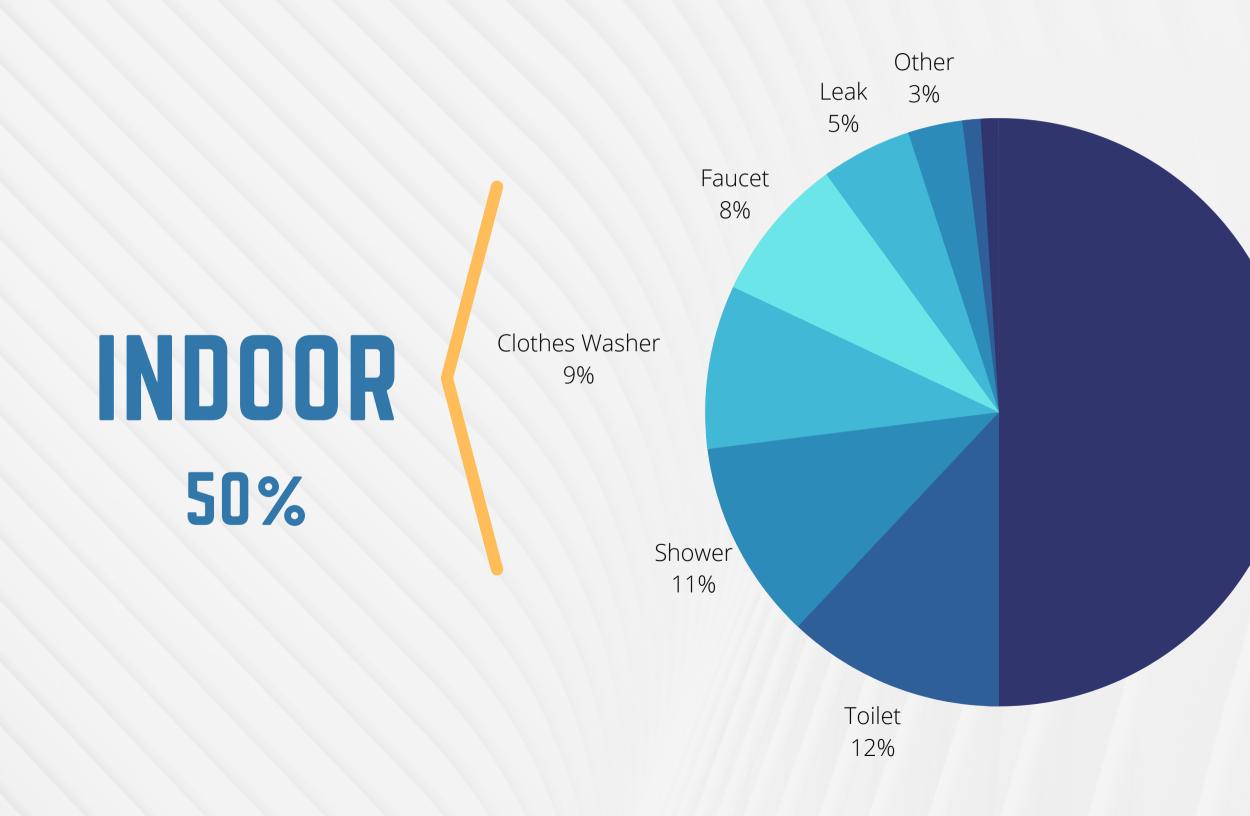
# HOW WE USE WATER







## MUNICIPAL USE (HISTORICAL USES)







### Outdoor 50%

## OUTDOOR 50%



# GPCD INTERNATIONALLY THE U.S USES A LARGE AMOUNT OF WATER

## **EACH DAY COMPARE TO OTHER CONTRIES**





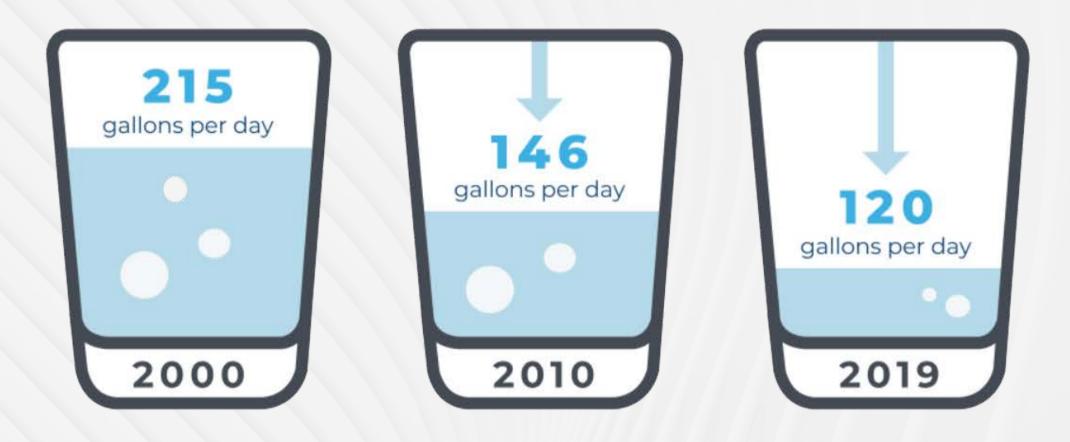
**IN INDIA** 

38 GALLONS A DAY





## **GALLONS PER CAPITA PER DAY**







6



Our 2050 goal of **129 gpcd** water demand **already** exceeded

# WATER SOURCES

### SURFACE

### GROUND

### REUSE



ANY BODY OF WATER ABOVE GROUND, INCLUDING STREAMS, RIVERS, LAKES, WETLANDS, **RESERVOIRS, AND CREEKS** 



**GROUNDWATER IS WATER THAT EXISTS UNDERGROUND IN SATURATED ZONES BENEATH** THE LAND SURFACE. THE UPPER SURFACE OF THE SATURATED ZONE IS CALLED THE WATER TABLE.



WASTEWATER TREATED AT A WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, AND THEN REUSED IN **APPLICATIONS SUCH AS IRRIGATION AND INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES.** 



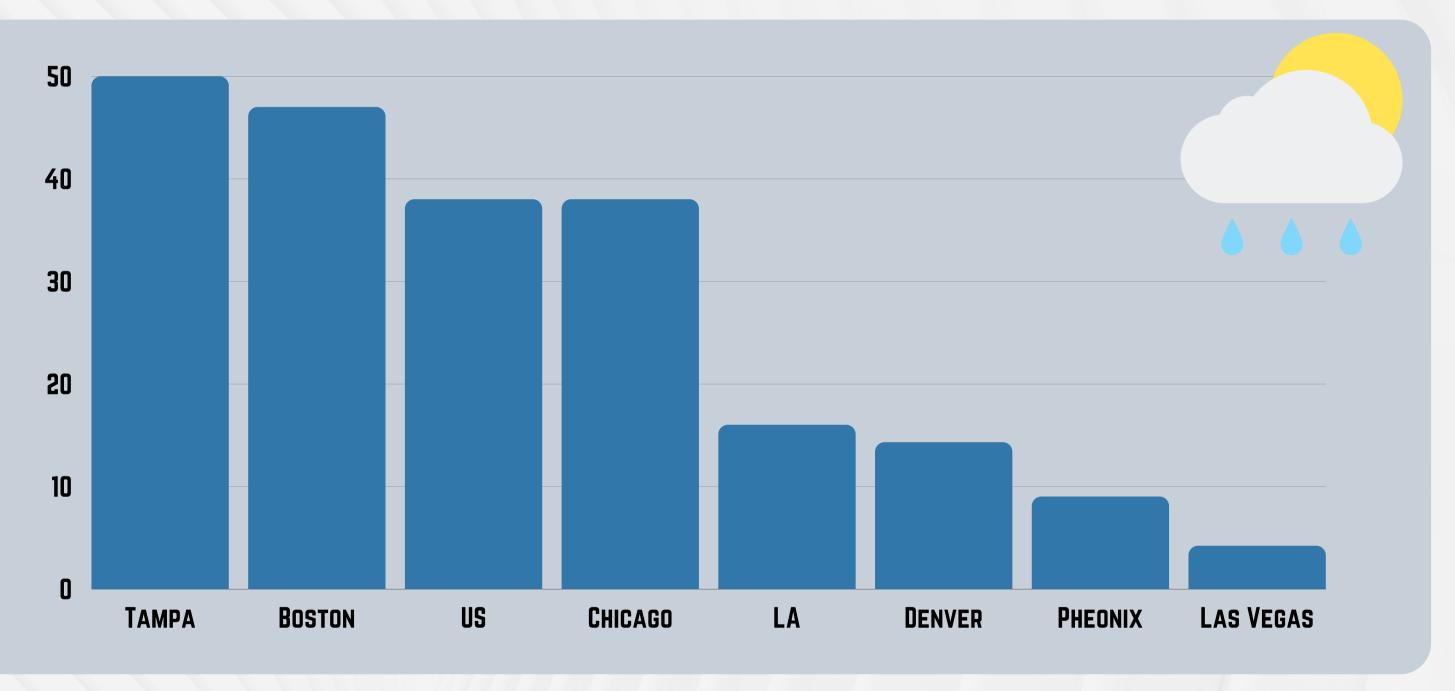
### **SOURCE USAGE**

### SURFACE

### REUSE

### GROUND

# AVERAGE PRECIPITATION



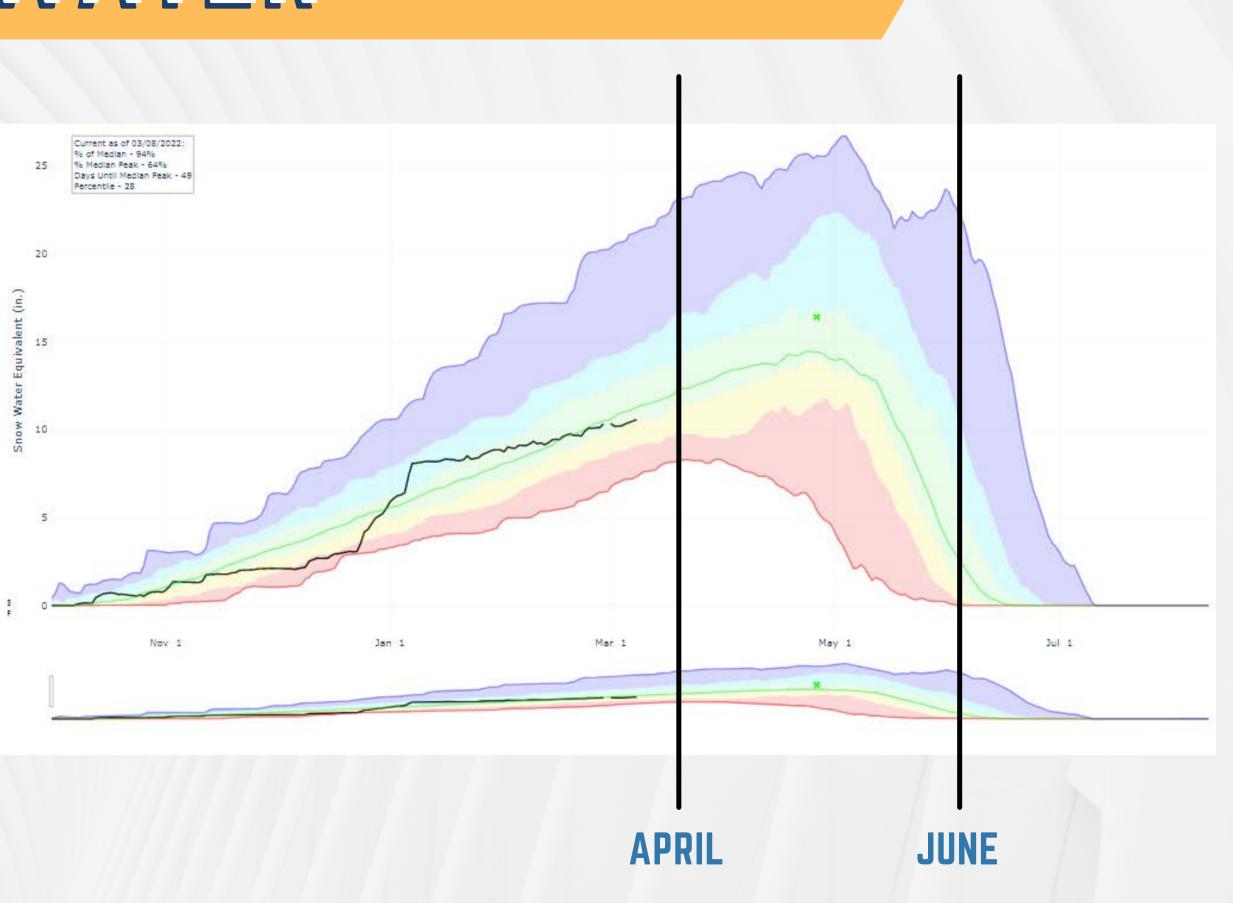


### ~14" OF PRECIPITATION IN DENVER ANNUALLY

# TIMING OF WATER

## SNOW MELT Water flows in South platte

AS OF 3/8/22 % OF MEDIAN 94% % OF MEDIAN PEAK - 64% DAYS UNTIL MEDIAN PEAK - 49 PERCENTILE - 28





# SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY



- WISE 900 ACRE FEET/UP
- LOWER SOUTH PLATTE 700 ACRE FEET
- BOX ELDER LOWRY SUPPLY 3,300 ACRE FEET



- 25,000 ACRE FEET
- ASR



• 2 ZERO DISCHARGE PLANTS

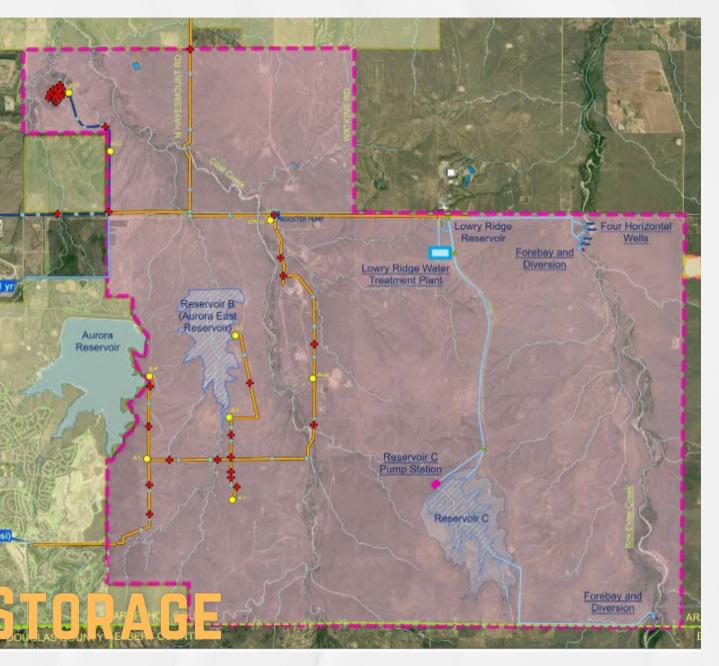


- ENHANCED RELIABILITY
- EMERGENCY SUPPLIES



• AVERAGE .28AFT/SFE





- 2 RESERVOIRS SITES
- 25,000 ACRE FEET
- 40,000 ACRE FEET EXPENADED

## DENVER METRO RESIDENTIALWATER USE

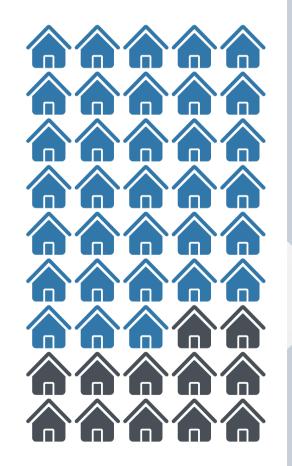


**2000 HOMES** 50% INDOOR 50% OUTDOOR

**EFFICIENT FIXTURES IRRIGATION EDUCATION SMALLER LOTS** 



.3 ACRE-FT PER SFE



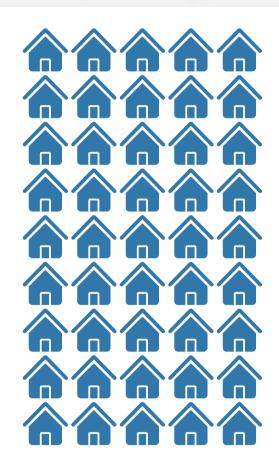
3,333 HOMES 66.6% INDOOR 33.3% OUTDOOR

**XERISCAPING** WATER RESUE





### .2 ACRE-FT PER SFE



**5000 HOMES** 90% INDOOR 10% OUTDOOR





### WATER CHALLENGES FACING ARAPAHOE COUNTY/I-70 CORRIDOR

- Developments need long term sustainable water supplies (surface water, storage, ground-water, reuse water, conservation)
  - Increasing demand for water: Our population is growing. By 2050, the statewide municipal and industrial gap between supply and demand is projected to be between 250,000 to 750,000 acre-feet per year.
  - There were approximately 650,000 residents in Arapahoe County in 2018, and that number is projected to grow to 875,000 by 2040, a 35% increase.
  - I-70 corridor (Sky Ranch and Prosper) developments could add more than 17,000 new households in the eastern portion of the County





### ALL FRONT RANGE COUNTIES FACE SIMILAR CHALLENGES

- Providers continue to diversify water supplies.
  - The region has long recognized that aquifers provide a finite source of water and should not be relied upon as a sole, long-term water supply.
  - The eastern portion of the Arapahoe County is highly attractive for new growth and new water development.
  - sustainable water supplies must be developed, but renewable water supplies are limited.
- The need for additional storage: This is essential for regions across the state.
- The threat of drought and changing climate conditions: Drought is not an if.
- The need for more planning: Few counties have adopted specific plans to assist in guiding new growth in consideration of water supply (challenging unintended consequences).
- No silver bullet, need to incorporate all of the above approach.







## WATER CHALLENGES FACING ARAPAHOE COUNTY

- Projects are developing that bring water from the lower South Platte down to this area, but are expensive and take decades to develop.
- The need for additional storage: That is why a goal in the County Comp Plan was to reduce barriers to the construction of additional reservoirs.
- Incentivize water reclamation/ reuse systems.
- Taylor land use regulations and conservation (smaller turf requirements, dual systems).
- Incentivize central water and sewer systems in the County. Minimize individual domestic well/septic development. The County has a many central water providers (Denver, Aurora, Englewood, Littleton, ECCV, ACWWA, Rangeview, Cottonwood, Inverness, others).
- The updated Water Supply Study the County is undertaking will help shape the path forward for addressing these challenges (emphasize all of the above tools).







## WATER OPERATION STRATEGY 2022

### **SOURCES OF WATER**

33% SURFACE WATER - RIVERS33% GROUND WATER - AQUIFERS33% REUSE WATER - RECLAIMED WATER

### SUSTAINABLE BALANCE

IRRIGATION USE OR RETURNED TO AQUIFER THROUGH ASR

TREAT, STORE AND REUSE



### .3 ACRE FEET/SFE RESIDENTIAL WATER USAGE FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

### 33.3%

66.6%



### **IRRIGATION LOSSES**

## WATER OPERATION STRATEGY 2050

### SOURCES OF WATER

10% SURFACE WATER - RIVERS 45% GROUND WATER - AQUIFERS 45% REUSE WATER - RECLAIMED WATER

### SUSTAINABLE BALANCE

IRRIGATION USE OR RETURNED TO AQUIFER THROUGH ASR

TREAT, STORE AND REUSE



### .2 ACRE FEET/SFE RESIDENTIAL WATER USAGE FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR

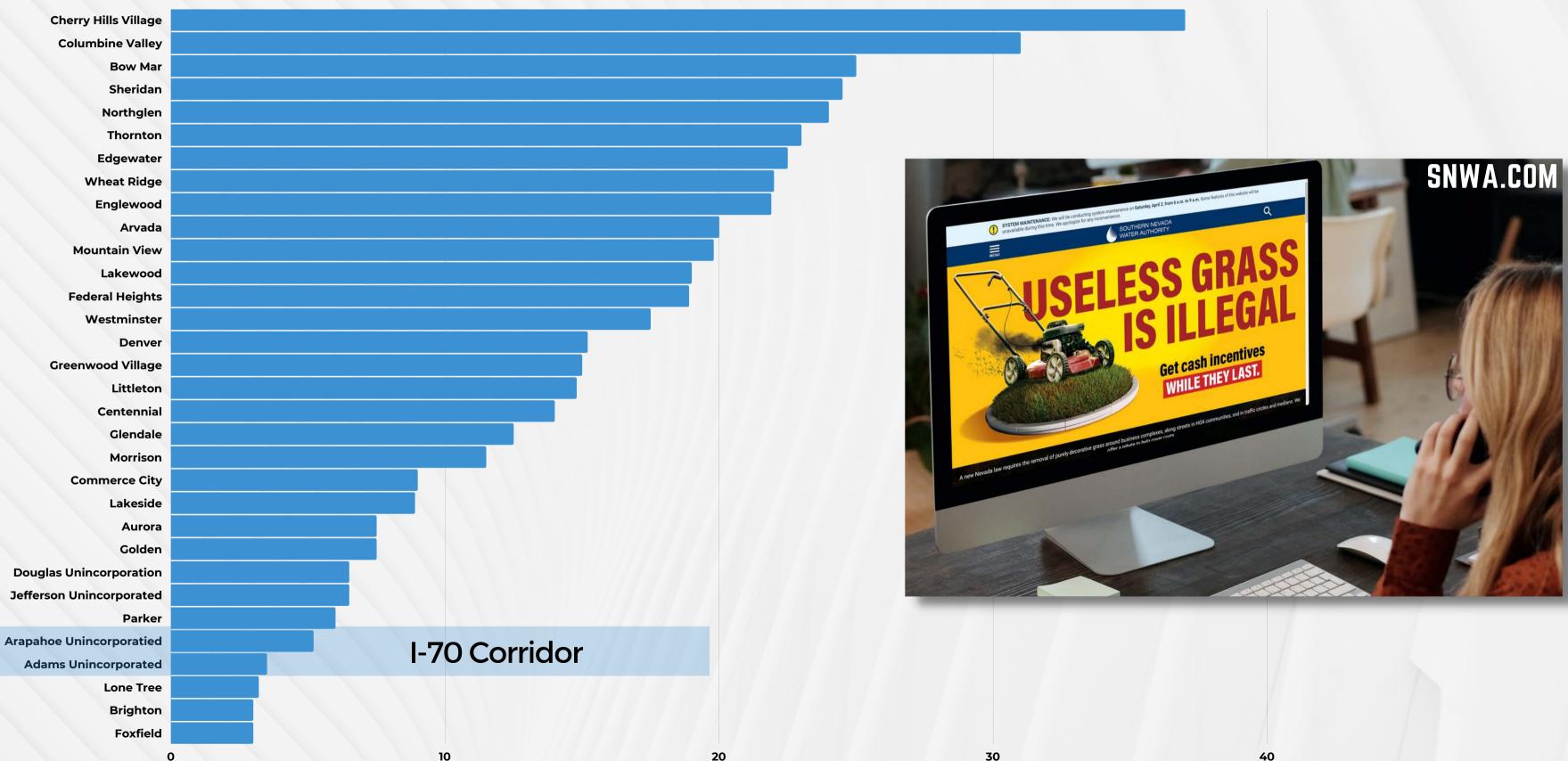


90%



### **IRRIGATION LOSSES**

## % AREA TURF BY JURISDICTION





## LAND ENTITLEMENT & WATER AVAILABILITY

## LAND ENTITLEMENT/ WATER AVAILABILITY

- COLORADO LAW ANTI-SPECULATION
- CANT CHANGE/ADJUDICATED WATER WITHOUT A USE
- ZONING MAY PRECEED ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT BY A DECADE OR MORE
- BUYING WATER YEARS IN ADVANCE OF OPERATING REVENUES VERY DIFFICULT





## CHALLENGES

