

Southwestern Water Conservation District

Annual Water Seminar



Unique Problems and Partners for Rural Communities

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Common Issues for Small Systems

- Aging Infrastructure
- Small Customer Base
 - Flat or Declining Population
- Large User Rate Increases often Required
- Political Will
- Federal and State Compliance
- Limited Resources



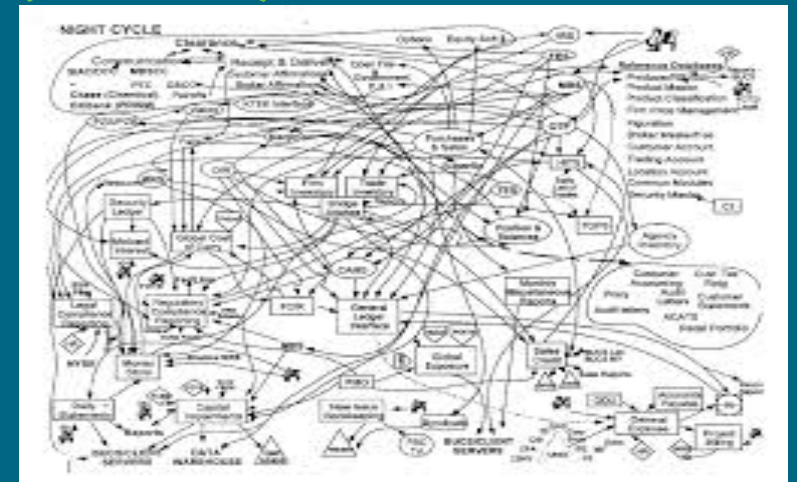
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



Partner Agencies

- ❑ Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)
 - ❑ Energy Impact Funds
 - ❑ Community Development Block Grants
- ❑ Water Quality Control Division- Grants and Loans Unit (GLU)
 - ❑ Small Community Grant Program
- ❑ Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)
- ❑ USDA Rural Development
 - ❑ Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- ❑ Colorado Rural Water Association

- ❑ Funding Coordination Committee



Authority Programs



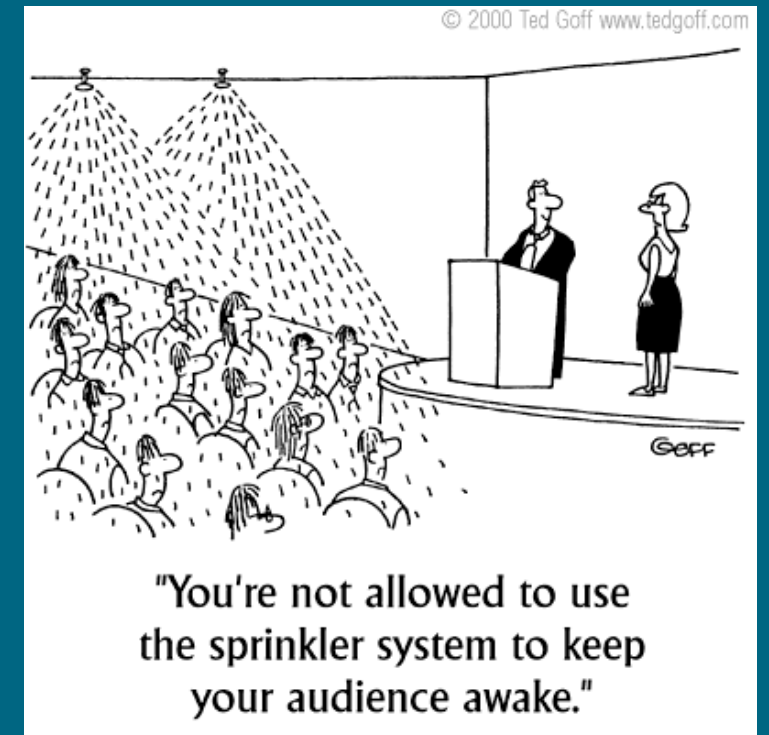
Water Revenue Bonds (1981)

Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (1988)

Small Water Resources Projects (1989)

Drinking Water Revolving Fund (1995)

Small Hydropower Loan Program (2008)



State Revolving Fund Program



- ❑ Low interest loan program to finance the design and construction of public drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects
 - ❑ Direct loans: Projects up to \$2.5 million
 - ❑ Leveraged loans: Projects greater than \$2.5 million
 - ❑ Partner Agencies: DOLA & WQCD
- ❑ 513 SRF loans issued to date for over \$1.7 billion





Disadvantaged Communities - grant assistance, lower interest rates and longer terms

Planning grants

- Up to \$10k per project.

Design and engineer grants

- Grant size based on project type and expense; Max - \$250,000

Loan Interest Rates and Terms

- 1% or 0% (2% if not disadvantaged)
- Up to 30 years for both drinking water and wastewater for disadvantaged communities.



CWRPDA assisted with financing of critical water storage projects in Southwest CO



Bobby K Taylor (Long Hollow Reservoir) – In early 2010, the Authority Board approved a \$19 million budget to design and construct a reservoir project (Bobby K Taylor Reservoir, also known as Long Hollow Reservoir) in the La Plata River Basin to assist with compact compliance with New Mexico and to provide some additional irrigation water to the La Plata Water Conservancy District. In 2012 and 2013, the Authority Board agreed to provide an additional \$2.5 million and \$3.25 million, respectively, to the project. In 2013 the project received a \$100,000 contribution from the Southwestern Water Conservation District and a \$3 million contribution from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Also, in 2014, the project received a \$1.6 million contribution from the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Construction began in 2012 and major construction activity on the project was completed in 2015.

Animas-La Plata Water Project – The Animas-La Plata Project (Lake Nighthorse) is a federal reclamation project in southwestern Colorado near Durango built to implement the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Final Settlement Agreement. The Authority purchased 2600 ac/ft of depletion (for approximately \$7.3 million) in the project on behalf of the City of Durango and the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District. The City purchased its share (1900 ac/ft of depletion) in 2013 and the ALP District has purchased 244 ac/ft to date. The District will purchase the remainder of 456 ac/ft of depletion over time.