

GOALS FOR 2021

Goals are numbered for identification, but all goals have equal priority.

Watershed Management Planning.

The Watershed Management Planning Project is a means to accomplish most of the goals enumerated below. The mission of the Watershed Management Planning Project is to help protect existing water uses and watershed health in the Upper Gunnison Basin in the face of pressure from increased water demands and permanent reductions in water supply.

- Goal 1** **Protect Upper Gunnison Basin water resources, and local uses of those resources, from new or expanded transmountain diversions, or other statewide plans or projects that would impinge on those water resources and uses.**
- Goal 2** **Protect existing and future decreed water uses within the Upper Gunnison River Basin from calls from senior water rights whose points of diversion are located downstream of Blue Mesa Reservoir.**
- Goal 3** **Maintain, and where possible, improve and develop the water supply that is physically available in individual sub-basins in the District.**
- Goal 4** **Protect existing water supplies for recreational purposes and improve public awareness of public access concerns.**
- Goal 5** **Improve instream water supplies for environmental purposes in a manner that is consistent with the District's overall responsibilities.**
- Goal 6** **Protect Water Quality in a manner that is consistent with the District's overall responsibilities, including protecting and encouraging the beneficial use of water within the District.**
- Goal 7** **Pursue education of and input from constituents within the District on the value of basin water resources, including development of an outreach program promoting the District and its activities.**
- Goal 8** **Serve as an active and collaborative leader, locally and regionally, in addressing current and future impacts of climate change on water resources and watershed health.**
- Goal 9** **Annually review Watershed Management action plans.**