

# 2010 Legislative Year in Review



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# 2010 Legislation



- SB 25- CWCB Grant Funding
- HB 1051- Data Collection
- HB 1204- Conservation and Plumbing Codes
- HB 1358- Water Smart Homes

# Where these bills came from?



**In preparation for the 2010 legislative session, a coalition of organizations began developing a suite of legislation to enhance our statewide water conservation and efficiency efforts.**

**These bills had a bipartisan sponsorship and broad support. Members of the business community, water providers, local governments and many others joined the effort to pass these four bills.**

**While many supporters would have liked some provisions of these bills to be more robust it was our goal to pass legislation that was also cost effective for the state, water providers and other stakeholders.**

# Senate Bill 25

## Sponsors

Senator Whitehead &  
Representative  
Baumgardner

## What it does

Provides \$550,000 in  
funds to the CWCB Water  
Efficiency Grant fund  
through the year 2020.

Many local governments and water providers need additional technical and financial resources for water conservation, efficiency and drought planning- this program helps implement conservation goals statewide.

### Types of programs:

- City of Evans Water Conservation Plan
- Town of Windsor Water Rates Study
- Water Conservation Best Management Practices Manual

# House Bill 1051

## Sponsors

Representative Pommer &  
Senator Whitehead

## What it does

Initiates the process for stakeholders to determine how to collect the most meaningful data on water conservation and efficiency. Then implements these recommendations into an annual reporting of this data to begin in 2014.

- Convenes technical experts to determine the best measurements of conservation.
- Starting in 2014 water providers will report this data to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)
- CWCB will report to the legislature in 2019 to assess how the data is informing planning and determine if changes need to be made.

# House Bill 1204

## Sponsors

Representative Soper &  
Senator Tochtrop

## What it does

Allows the Colorado Examining Board of Plumbers to consider conservation and efficiency when selecting plumbing codes.

- Along with maintenance, cost and safety, efficiency is a key issue when they determine the best practices for plumbing. This legislation allows the Examining Board of Plumbers to consider where materials are sourced, how efficient they are and conservation savings as they select the plumbing code.

# House Bill 1358

## Sponsors

Representative Fischer &  
Senator Johnston

## What it does

Provides new home buyers with the opportunity to enhance the water conservation and efficiency features of their home.

- Allows for upgrades to WaterSmart Home options; including: plumbing fixtures, appliances and outdoor landscaping.
- Draws heavily on the GreenCO best practices for outdoor irrigation and landscaping.

# Questions?



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