

Restore and manage the watersheds on public and private land to enhance water production, retention, and quality, to reduce the threat of wildfire, and to preserve natural systems dependent on water.

A&R Objectives	A&R Actions	En Objectives	En Actions	ESGD Objectives	ESGD Actions
Maintain agriculture and ranching as a part of the whole ecosystem	None	Promote an attitude of stewardship of the ecosystems' integrity.	Integrate conservation and environmental issues with best management practices.	Maintain the ecological conditions which attracted us here.	None
			Include forests/forestry, rangelands/ranching and wetland/riparian areas.		
			Protect and improve wetland/riparian systems		
			Ensure good water quality		
Implement management practices that are environmentally friendly and sustainable	None	Preserve the greatest amount of biological diversity.	Initiate treatments that create an ecosystem with a diversity of species, size classes, and ages.	Maintain the scenic conditions which attracted us here.	None
			Maintain healthy and productive plant and animal communities.		

Support the cultural and spiritual values of water, and the universal need for and importance of water

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None	None	Realize the spiritual benefits of ancient forests, free-flowing rivers, living deserts and the abundance of life flourishing in all these areas, aside from the economic benefits.	None	Maintain the local cultural and religious traditions.	None

Ensure treaty, water and acequia rights to preserve and protect local agricultural traditions

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Maintain tribal traditions while including them in the greater sub-regional communities	None	Enhance social and economic resources consistent with local history and traditions, and a land-based economy (including tourism)	None	Keep water with the land.	Water rights are not lost if water is kept in or returned to the river.
					Water rights need not be transferred?
Maintain agriculture and ranching as a part of both our livelihood and our culture	Form lobbying group/local Acequia Assoc/Ag Assoc			Respect existing rural, tribal and farming/ranching lifestyles.	Planning would require any growth to consider impacts on traditional cultures and lifestyles.
Maintain the tradition of acequias	Acequia water banking			Protect the option to pursue farming/ranching full or part-time.	Residential dwellings inter-mixed with ranches could make loss of agricultural land inevitable.
Maintain the integrity of acequias systems that have existed for several generations	Protect acequia priority of right-of-way. Assessment fee if land removed from system.				
Protect agricultural lands from development	Implement land use management tools that prevent paving over and building on agricultural lands				

Retain land use patterns that support and ensure a rural lifestyle and economy

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Maintain the rural nature of the sub-region with agriculture and ranching as an integral part	Maintain the numbers of livestock and tilled acres that best benefits the environment and economy together	Ensure regional planning.	Implement land use plans that preserve both rural and urban areas.	Regional growth/planning/zoning based on entire ecosystem.	Growth in suburban/rural areas is better planned.
Maintain a wide diversity of crops throughout the sub-regions	Create and maintain local farmer markets. Promote and encourage use of local crops.		Manage growth by putting geographical or numerical limits on the population.		Growth plans require consideration of water.
Create an economy which would not require us to work away from the land in order to maintain it	None	Base land use and growth on the entire ecosystem.	Tie land-use to demonstrated availability of water.	The County's focus does not dwell entirely on urban growth.	Encourage areas of higher density with clean, eco-friendly, nearby businesses/industries.
Create an economy which would enable future generations to farm and ranch.	None		Include the cost of environmental damage when assessing alternatives.		

Promote the conservation of water

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Enhance conservation of water and preservation of the land	Utilize new technologies	None	Institute incentives for water conservation and recycling	Keep local water local to allow flexibility and not limit future choices.	Mandatory water conservation for all water uses.
					Tax incentives for installation of gray-water and runoff capture.
				Coordination/cooperation of water use among area water systems.	Create an Inter-water-systems Board.
				Modernized, well-maintained water systems.	None

Promote education for area residents regarding the connection between land use, water and environmental health, and ways to conserve water. These concepts should be incorporated into the curriculum of area schools

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Assist future generations in learning about water	Create a Natural Resource Educational Program [partner the school district with agencies such as Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District]	None	Educate about ways to wisely use and reuse water.	Minimize misunderstandings between newcomers/tourists and long time residents.	Educate newcomers and visitors about local traditions and lifestyles.
Educate folks who are not farmers by trade	Share local agriculture knowledge				Make educational packages available at Pueblo and Forest Service offices.
Educate folks about the importance of land and water stewardship	Share local knowledge about stewardship as nurturing the land and husbanding the water				Provide seminars/courses at local schools.

Provide for monitoring the implementation of the water plan

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