

# *State Policy Changes Following Drought*

*Western States Drought Coordinators Meeting*

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*Water Supply Planning*

Colorado Water Conservation Board

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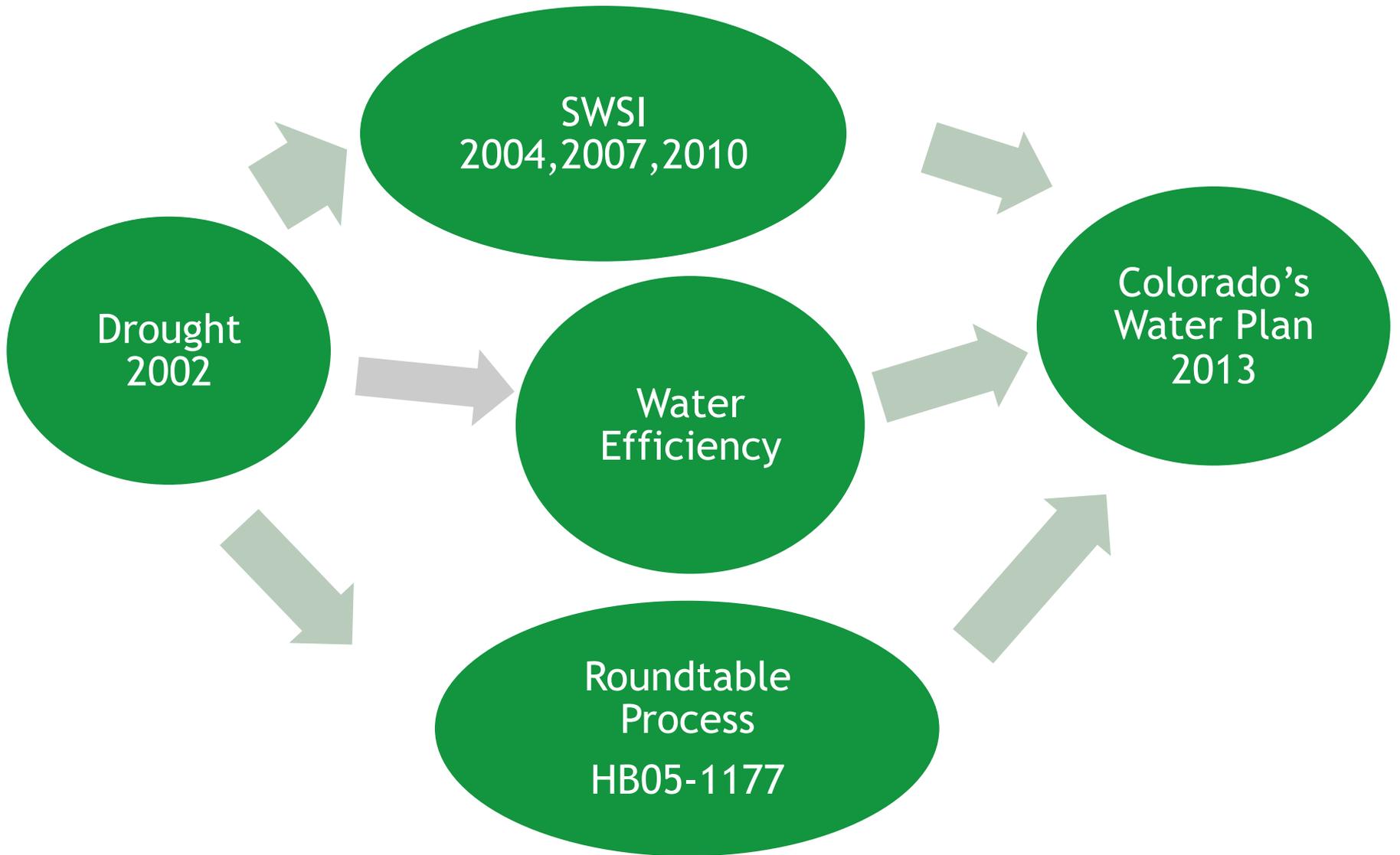


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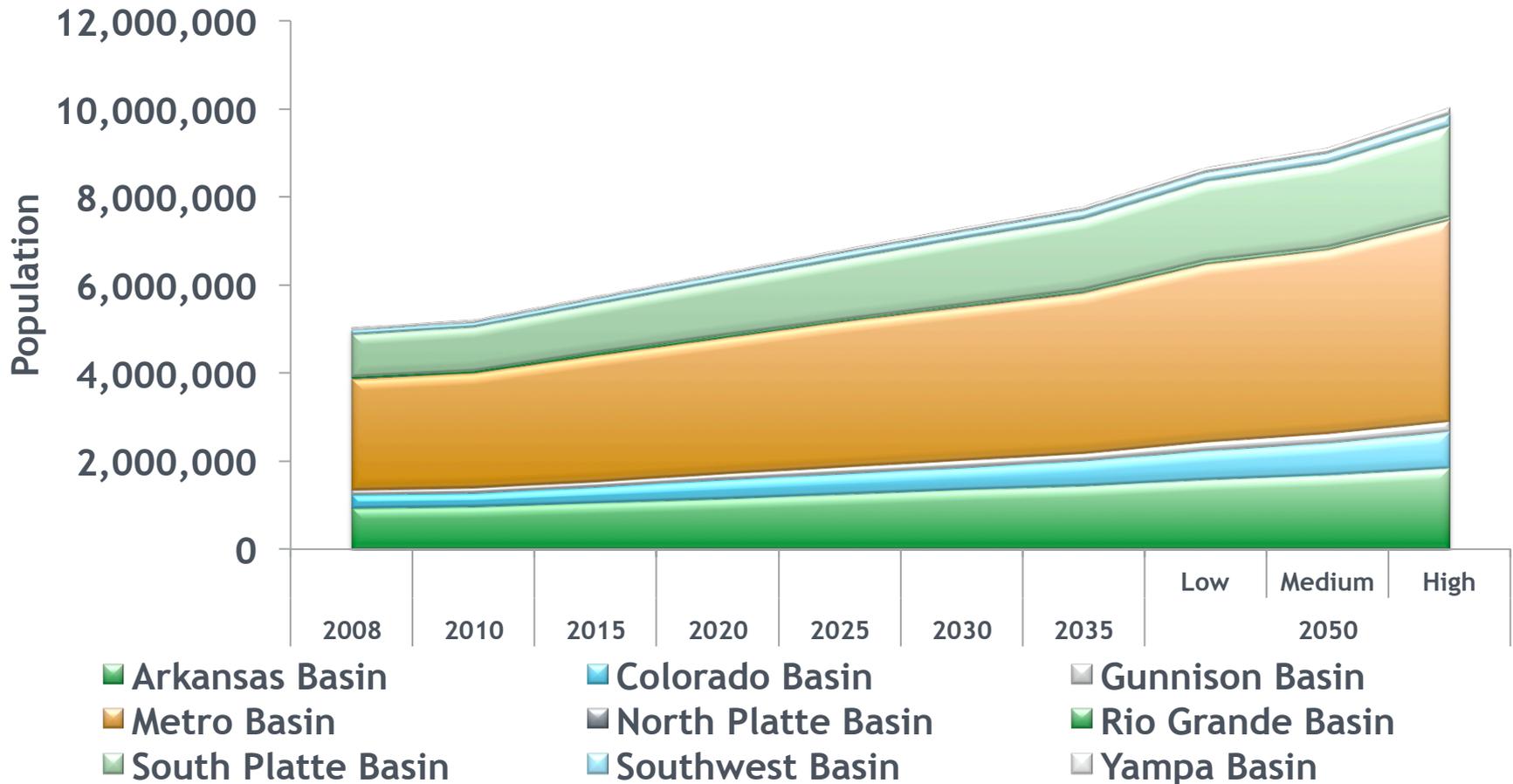
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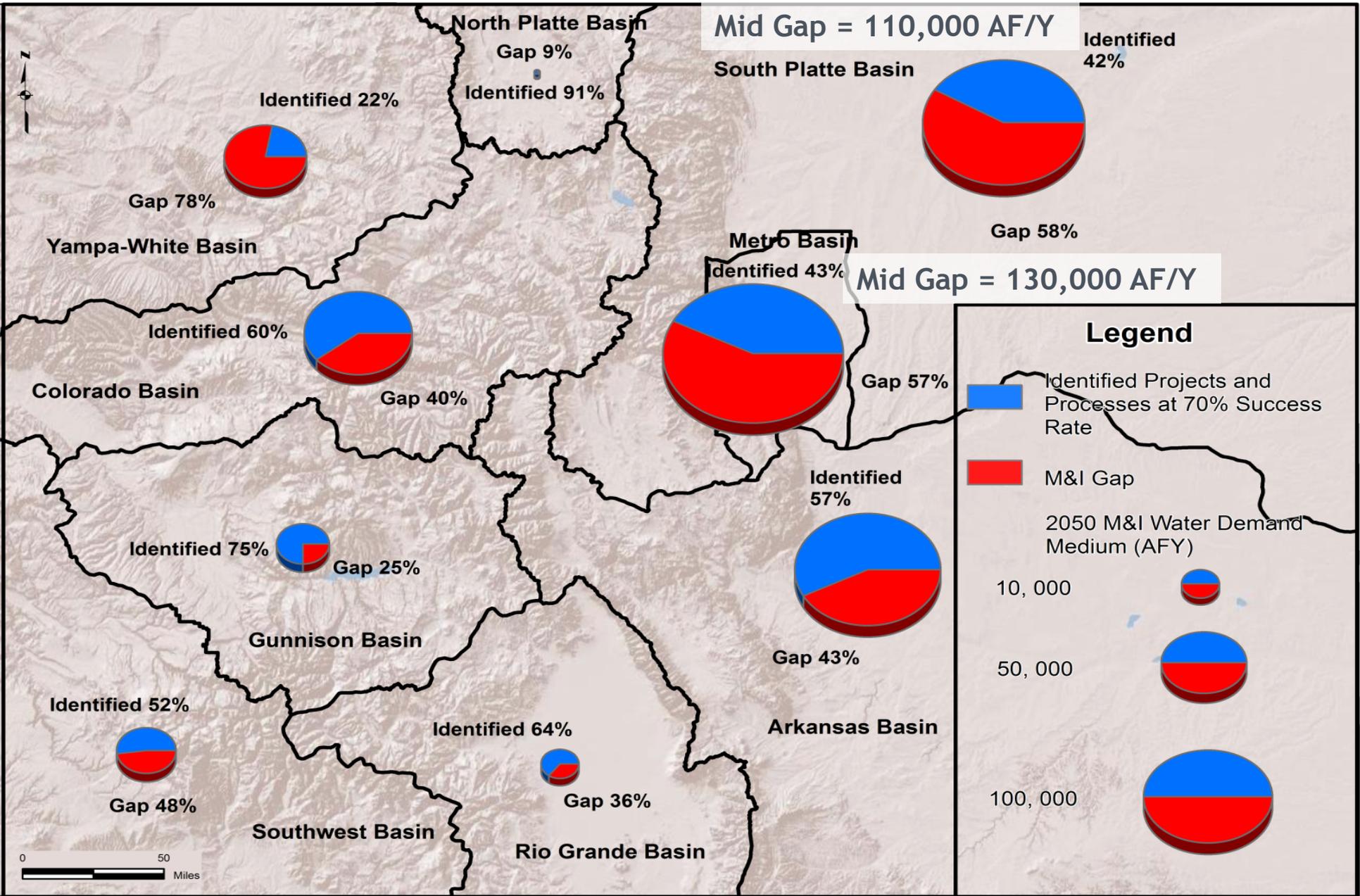
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**COLORADO'S**  
**WATER PLAN**



# By 2050, Colorado's Population is Expected to Nearly Double





# *Landscape Restrictions*

## SB05-100

- Colorado General Assembly enacted a law that prohibits new restrictive covenants of common interest communities, e.g., HOAs, from limiting drought-tolerant vegetative landscapes.



# *Landscape Restrictions*

## **SB13-183**

- Amended to specify that the prohibitions may not occur in the declarations, bylaws, rules, or regulations of any restrictive covenant
- Amended to add a definition of "xeriscape" to state statute
- Prohibits an HOA from prohibiting a unit owner from using xeriscaping or other drought-tolerant landscaping
- Prohibits an HOA from requiring that a unit owner water landscaping in violation of municipal watering restrictions



# *Water Efficiency Planning*

## HB 04-1365

- Required goals and savings estimates for new and existing water efficiency programs and updates at least every 7 years
- Expanded the role of the Office of Water Conservation in the CWCB by directing the office to provide information and technical assistance relating to drought mitigation to water providers
- Approved plans tied to financial assistance from the CWCB or the Colorado Water and Power Authority for first time
- Created a funding mechanism to support local water conservation and drought mitigation planning.



# *Water Efficiency Funding*

## HB 05-1254

- Act established the Water Efficiency Grant Program to provide funding to aid in achieving the water efficiency goals outlined in locally adopted water conservation plans.
- Act required the General Assembly to appropriate \$1,500,000 in FY 2005-06, but caps the amount that may be distributed in a single fiscal year at \$500,000
- Sunset date is June 30,2020



# *Data Collection*

## HB10-1051

- Water providers have to provide water use and water conservation data to CWCB annually
- Water demand, number of connections, population, water rate structures, meter type, water loss numbers, water conservation programming/implementation



# *Built in Water Efficiency*

## **SB 14-103**

- Prohibits the sale of new lavatory faucets, shower heads, flushing urinals, tank-type toilets, and tank-type water closets after September 1, 2016, unless they are a watersense-listed plumbing fixture.



# *Land Use and Water Efficiency*

## **SB15-008**

- Develop and provide free training programs for local government water use, water demand, and land use planners regarding best management practices for water demand management, water efficiency, and water conservation
- Integration of water demand management and water conservation planning into the covered entity's land use planning



*Thank You*

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