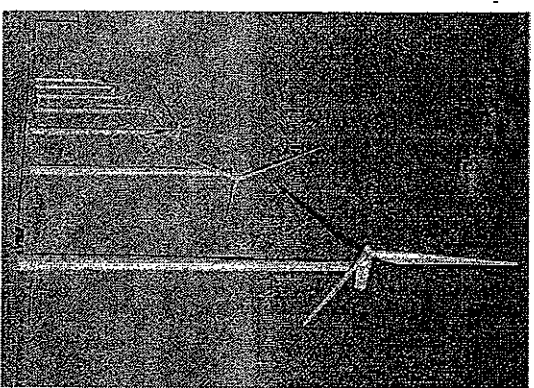
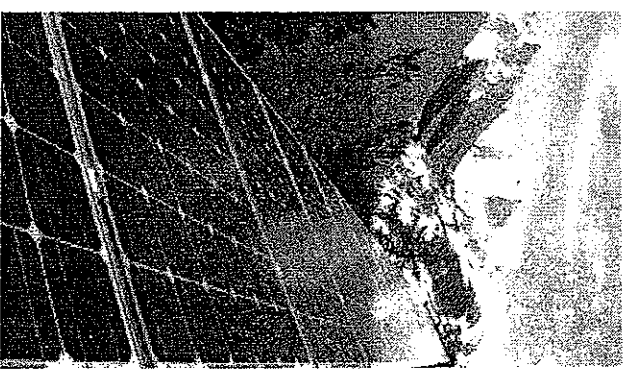


Colorado Conservation Community Priorities

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Colorado's New Energy Economy

BY THE NUMBERS, THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY:

- Jobs (2007): **17,008**
- Businesses (2007): **1,778**
- Venture Capital Funds (2006-2008)*: **\$622,400,734**
- Patents (1999-2008): **161**

Jobs in Colorado

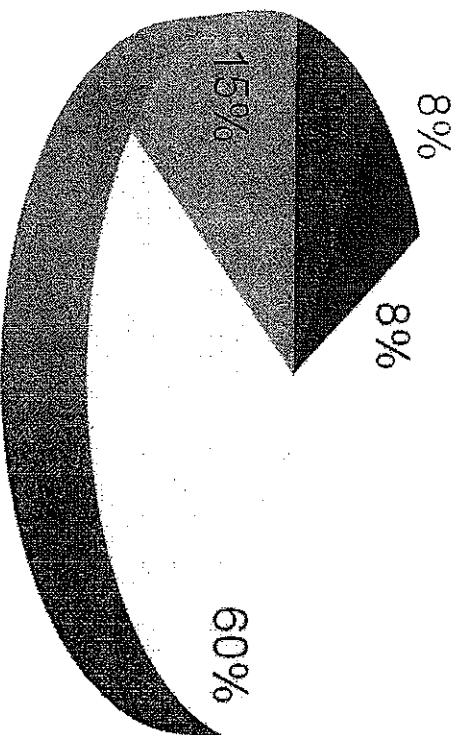
Conservation/ Pollution prevention

■ Clean energy

■ Energy Efficiency

■ Enviro Friendly production

Training

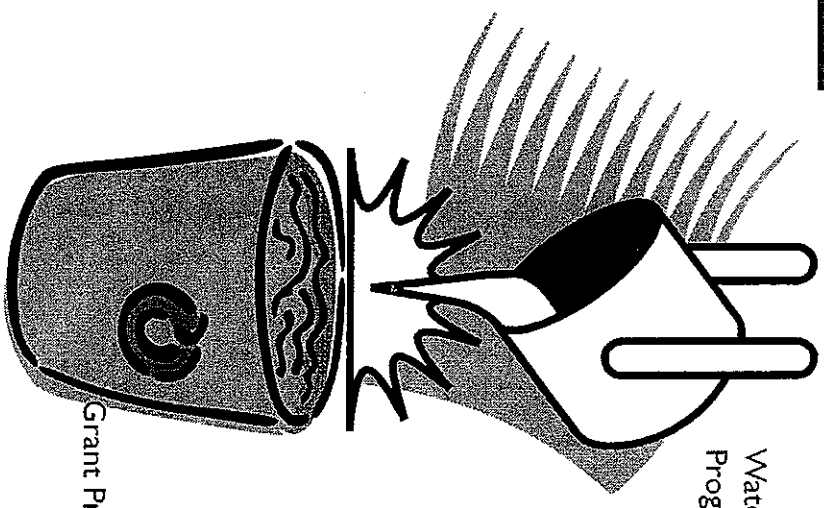


Protecting Colorado's Water

Quantity

Colorado Water Conservation Board

- Water Project Loan Program: provides low interest loans to qualified borrowers for raw water projects to develop and/or preserve waters statewide.
 - Funded by the Construction Fund and the Severance Tax Trust Fund Perpetual Base Account
 - Eligible projects include: Reservoirs, Dam Rehabilitation, Water Supply Systems, Flood Control Projects and Water Rights acquisitions
- CWC/B grant programs
 - Non-Reimbursable Project Investments
 - Flood Hazard Mitigation
 - Healthy Rivers Protection Fund
 - Watershed Restoration Grants
 - Weather Modification Grants
 - Water Conservation & Drought Planning Grants
 - Water Efficiency Grants
 - Drought Mitigation Planning Grants
 - IBCC Loans & Grants



Water Project Loan Program Interest

Grant Programs

Protecting Colorado's Water

Quantity Continued:

- In 2009 the CWCB saw cuts of \$107 Million in 2009 to help offset General Fund Shortages. This transfer provided 10% of the total shortfall in the General Fund.
- Additional/ongoing transfers of this type will limit the support the CWCB can provide to consumptive and non consumptive water users
- These transfers also limit the CWCB's ability to self- support.
- Proposals to sell large loans would also have lasting impacts, for example: selling the \$72 Million loan made to Aurora would reduce the construction fund by \$127 Million, amounting to a loss of \$6 Million/year of the operational/program costs.

Protecting Colorado's Water

Water Quality

Staffing/Resource Shortages

- Under CDPHE the Water Quality Control Division is Colorado's lead agency for monitoring and reporting on the quality of state waters, preventing pollution, protecting, restoring and enhancing the quality of surface and ground water and assuring that safe drinking water is provided from all public water systems.
- Currently the Division lacks the financial resources to provide full staffing levels, especially suffering is the enforcement program.
- General Funds are unavailable to support these efforts, causing backups and high workloads for Division staffers, and additional fees for services are difficult to get approved, leaving little support for our state's water quality.

Additional Issues

- Transportation: a key issue in our budgeting process and a driving factor in targeting the reduction of Green House Gas Emissions, providing avenues to also incorporate public transportation dollars in our budgeting is part of a longer term strategy for a stable transportation system.
- Colorado Ozone Plan
- Colorado Climate Action Plan