

Conservation Colorado Legislator Briefing #3

Friday, December 15 @ 9 am

In Person at 303 E 17th Ave Suite 400, Denver CO

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81410238351?pwd=UTJDbm1SSmpHM1lJZFpFZFdmhmhkdz09>

Elected Attendees:

Representatives: Titone, Kipp, Daugherty

Senators: Roberts, Priola, Cutter

Conservation Colorado: John Magnino, Josh Kuhn, Brien Webster, Luke Schafer, Paul Sherman

Others: Melissa Ordelheide, Taylor Furrh, Amanda Alvarado, Junie Joseph's Aide Vincent

Meeting Minutes:

9:04 am - John Magnino, welcome & team introductions

9:06 am - Legislative Session Briefing

- Water - Josh Kuhn
 - Waters of the US (WOTUS)
 - Supreme Court removed protections for up to 50% of Colorado streams and wetlands
 - Gov set a down payment in budget to set up a state program to fill the gap - more funding needed long term
 - Rulemaking after legislation is passed
 - Fees for permits will sustain program
 - Drought/Colorado River
 - Changes to Environmental Instream Flow Program
 - Expansion of Agricultural Water Protection Water Rights
 - Continue Funding Measurement tools
 - Continue the technical assistance grants for Colorado Water projects
 - Increase funding for removal invasive phreatophyte & species
 - Increase funding for turf removal

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- Communities & Justice - John Magnino
 - Ozone & Air Quality Legislation
 - Permitting & enforcement
 - Sen Priola: Expanding on bills coming out of the ozone interim committee
 - Extreme Heat
 - [Roadmap on Climate Preparedness](#)
 - Concern on human impact from extreme heat
 - How can we expand protections and education when it comes to heat related impacts on humans?

- Environmental Justice + funding being advanced by CDPHE + Rep Rutinel
 - Environmental Equity & Cumulative Impact Analyses (EECIAs) + funding
 - Hiring refinery expertise
 - Municipalities role in air permits

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- Public Lands - Brien Webster
 - Renewable Energy Siting
 - Meeting our climate goals will require a significant increase in renewable energy generation and infrastructure. We must ensure that increased development doesn't have adverse impacts on communities and the environment.

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- Climate & Transportation - John Magnino
 - Land Use & Housing
 - Explanation of the package of bills
 - Transit
 - Most behind in meeting climate goals when it comes to transportation
 - Explanation of needing more transit funding and accountability
 - Sen Priola: Adaptive reuse to pull down federal funding for converting office space into housing

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- Admin bills we're watching closely
 - Clean Energy Plans by 2040 - Paul Sherman
 - Distribution System Planning - John Magnino
 - Carbon Sequestration and Direct Air Capture Regulations - Paul Sherman

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- Rulemakings happening soon
 - ECMC Cumulative Impacts of Oil & Gas Industry
 - Initiated by HB23-1294
 - Must be completed by end of April 2024
 - ECMC Carbon Sequestration Rulemaking
 - Post session 2024

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