

7A Ballot Initiative: PROGRESS UPDATE



Ongoing drought, climate change and wildfires have made water issues front and center in 2021. Fortunately, the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District (SVLHWCD) is well poised to meet these challenges. There has been significant progress to implement our 5-point plan to protect water, support local agriculture, prepare for drought and maintain healthy creeks and river. Stakeholders in the St. Vrain and Left Hand valleys completed a Stream Management Plan, the District's Board of Directors adopted a comprehensive business plan, and District constituents approved the 7A Ballot Initiative. These efforts provide focus and resources to the District as it moves forward to face the challenges ahead.

68% of voters approved ballot measure 7A in 2020

2021 PROGRESS

\$3.6M
*of new funding
resulting from the
7A Ballot Initiative*

4
*projects funded in
2021 and several more
planned for 2022*

\$285,000
*spent in 2021 and
remainder set aside
for future projects*

\$6.3M
*in match funding for the
basin (from the \$285,000
spent in 2021)*

2021 PROJECTS



Wildfire
Mitigation



Wildfire
Pretreatment



Creek
Improvement
Facilities



Soil Heath

The St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District exists to provide holistic, sensible, and apolitical leadership to ensure a secure water future for District constituents and the environment by developing and managing water projects, facilitating water conservation, protecting water quality, and educating the public.



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5 POINT PLAN

Drawing on the key elements of the St. Vrain Basin Stream Management Plan, the District's comprehensive business plan, and the voter's mandate expressed in the passage of the 7A Ballot Initiative, the District has developed a 5 Point Plan.

- 1** PROTECT WATER QUALITY & DRINKING WATER SOURCES
2021 projects: wildfire mitigation & pretreatment

- 2** SAFEGUARD AND CONSERVE DRINKING WATER
2021 projects: local water sharing

- 3** GROW LOCAL FOOD
2021 projects: soil health











- 4** STORE WATER FOR DRY YEARS
2021 projects: creek improvement facilities

- 5** MAINTAIN HEALTHY RIVERS AND CREEKS
2021 projects: wildfire mitigation & pretreatment

How your 2021 7A dollars were spent



PLANNING TIMELINE

-  **2020**
Business plan Adopted, 7A Ballot Initiative Approved
-  **2021**
Forest Health, Wildfire recovery, CIF Phase I, Soil Health
-  **2022**
Several projects planed
-  **2023**
-  **2024**
-  **2025**
-  **2026**
-  **2027**
-  **2028**
-  **2029**
-  **2030**
7A Funding Ends