

April 2021 Public Works Report

Front Range and Denver Regional Landfill Updates

Waste Connections has notified the Town of Erie that they have begun the Denver Regional Landfill's (DRL) final closure activities. The landfill is located south of County Road 6 and west of County Road 5. Waste Connections has hired Kelly Trucking Inc. to perform capping activities. Work will involve moving fill dirt from its storage location on the southwest side of the landfill to its final placement as the landfill cap. The last step in the closure is the re-grading and applying native grass seeding. Waste Connections is also planning to create a temporary pond on the site to most efficiently apply water where needed to control dust. Waste Connections estimates capping activities may take 6+ months to complete.

Additionally, Waste Connections is working to bring the southwest edge of the Front Range Landfill (FRL) to its permitted height, which will occur over the next several months. Upon completion, this location will also be seeded and should help in shielding view of ongoing operations directly behind that area and currently visible from the south.



Capital Improvement Projects

Lynn R Morgan Water Treatment Facility (WTF) Expansion & Hydroturbine

Construction of the hydroturbine facility continues, with an anticipated start date of summer 2021. The building is up and the turbine is being constructed in the Seattle area. We anticipate having it up and running in late June.

North Water Reclamation Facility (NWRf) Expansion

Construction of this \$30+ Million project continues. The photo below is not of an Iranian nuclear site, but rather the project at the NWRf! The location with the red dot is the excavation for the third aeration basin, and the yellow dot is the location of the construction of our new solids handling building which will utilize state-of-the-art auto-thermal thermophilic aerobic digestion (ATAD) which will replace the existing class B biosolid system and create a high quality class A biosolid. The Town is also proactively installing additional odor control systems as part of this project. Our contractor, Archer Western, featured this project in their recent newsletter (**attached**).



Sustainability and Water Conservation

General

- Earth Day Panel Presentation: Join Town Staff and the Erie Sustainability Advisory Board on **April 22** to learn how Erie is advancing efforts to create a more sustainable community. Join at <https://bit.ly/EarthDaySustainabilityPanel> at 6 p.m.

Green Business & HOA Certification Program

- 10-12 Businesses and 2-3 HOAs will be recognized for becoming certified in the Green Business & HOA Certification Program. The 2020 recognition ceremony is being planned for June and will be held in front of the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Town has received \$5,000 worth of high efficiency irrigation nozzles from CDPHE to distribute and install for those enrolled in our Green Business & HOA Program. The Town's new Water Conservation Technician will be working to install 700+ nozzles by the end of the summer.

Waste, Recycling, & Composting

- Spring Cleanup May 1-31: The new voucher program allows you to drop off **one free load** at the landfill on the date of your choice during the month of May. Registration is required. May 1 only is a drop off for free metal recycling, free prescription mail-in envelopes, and free disposal of all electronics – except for TVs which will be collected for a \$20 flat fee payable at the event.

Water Efficiency

- The town has joined our fellow water providers and local non-profits across the region to increase water conservation messaging. Voluntary reductions (Stage 1) of the Drought and Water Supply Shortage Plan has been activated.
- The 2021 Water Efficiency Programs and Rebates are well underway. The Garden In A Box pickup event will be held May 12 at the Erie Ball Park parking lot. Pre-registration for the free Slow the Flow Irrigation Assessments are open and filling up quick. Once residents have completed this assessment (in 2019, 2020, or 2021), they will be eligible to sign up for the cost-share Rain Sensor and/or Smart Irrigation Control Clock Direct Installation Program.



Lynn R. Morgan Water Treatment Facility (WTF)

Annual Daily Average Flow:

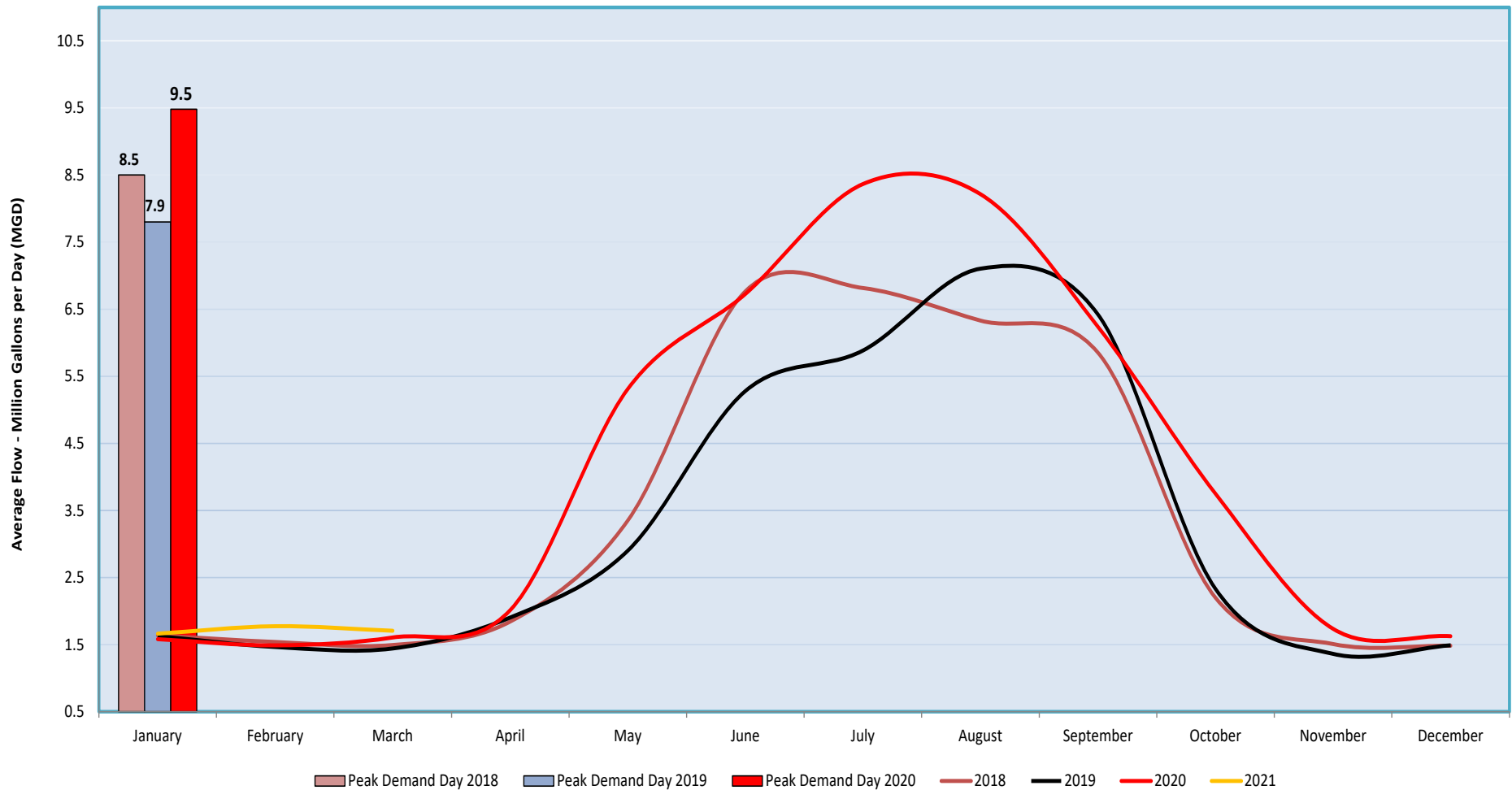
2018 – 3.4 MG

2019 – 3.3 MG

2020 – 4.1 MG

July 2020 maintains the record for the highest monthly average flows at 9.5 MG, while November 2019 had the lowest flows at 1.36 MG. Local municipalities and water providers are raising a red flag due to concerns regarding an apparent second year of drought, and wildfire impacts in the watershed.

Average Monthly Production



Annual Daily Gallons Per Capita per Day (GPCD):

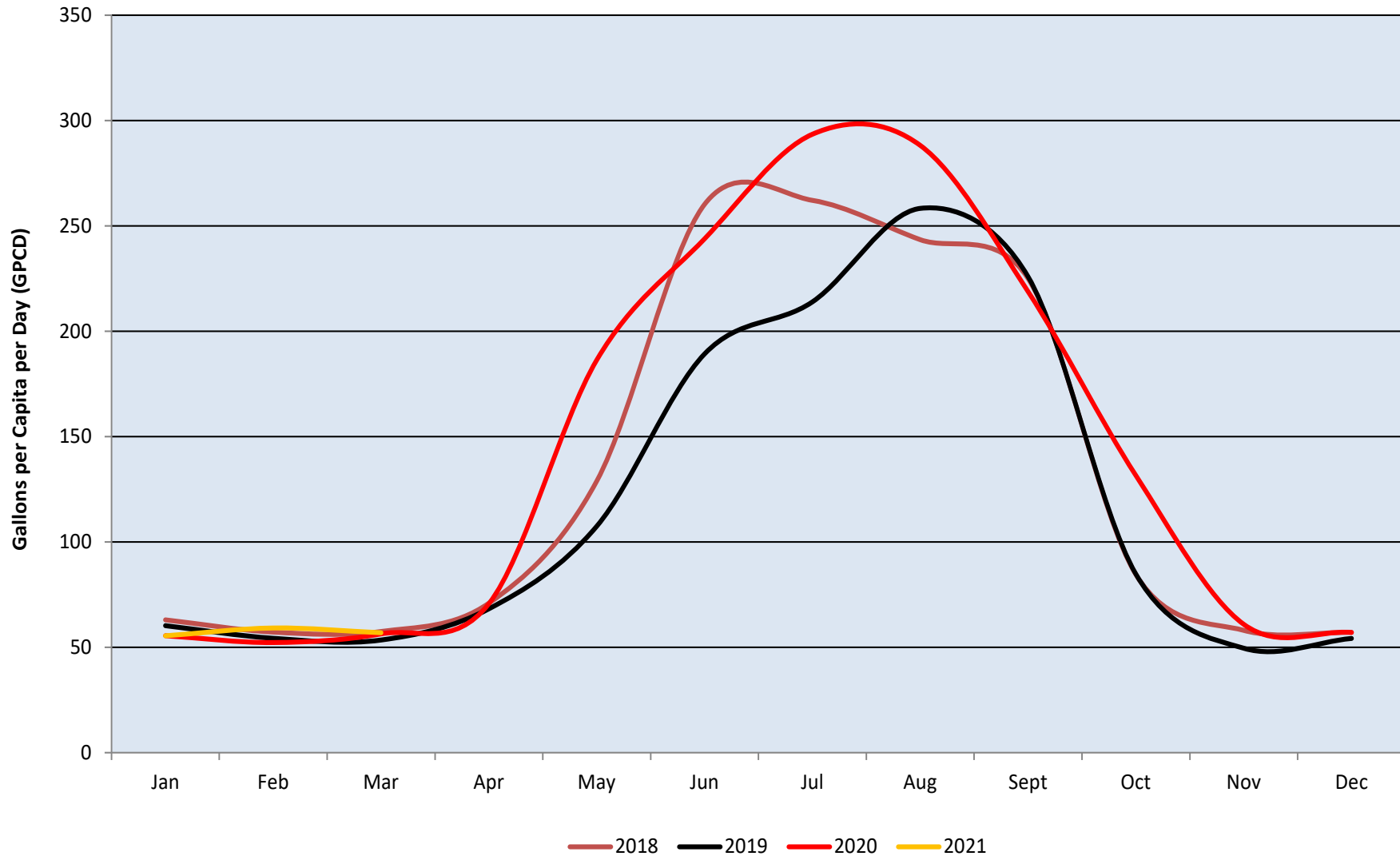
2018 – 131 GPCD

2019 – 118 GPCD

2020 – 143 GPCD

July 2020 had the highest average daily usage at 294 gallons GPCD. November 2019 had the lowest usage at 50 GPCD. Indoor demands during winter remain relatively stable. Average daily usage took a big jump in 2020 due to COVID and drought. Reducing summer irrigation and increasing reuse water availability will reduce reliance on treated water supplies in the future.

Average Daily Usage Per Capita



North Water Reclamation Facility

Annual Daily Average Flow:

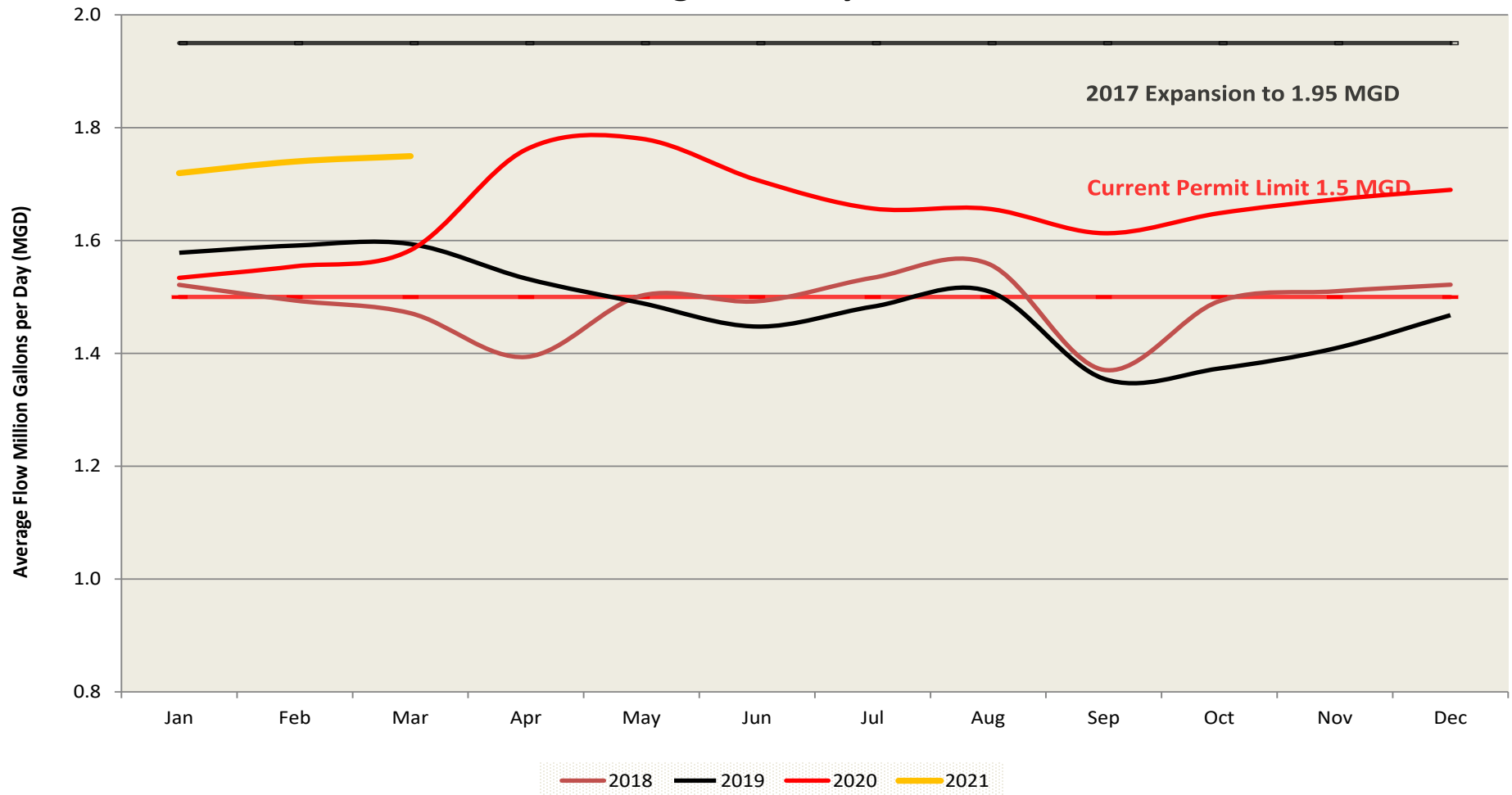
2018 – 1.49 MG

2019 - 1.49 MG

2020 - 1.66 MG

September 2019 had the lowest average flow of 1.36 million gallons per day (MGD). May 2020 set a high average monthly flow of 1.78 MGD. We continue to work through challenges with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and their recent violation notice to the Town. We have had conversations with staff at CDPHE and are aware that they are finally working on our permit renewal (5 years overdue), this could be a chance to get some of these issues corrected and staff and our consultants and legal team are working diligently on this. Flows are up significantly, presumably due to COVID and residents working from home.

Average Monthly Flows



Annual Daily Gallons Per Capita per Day (GPCD):

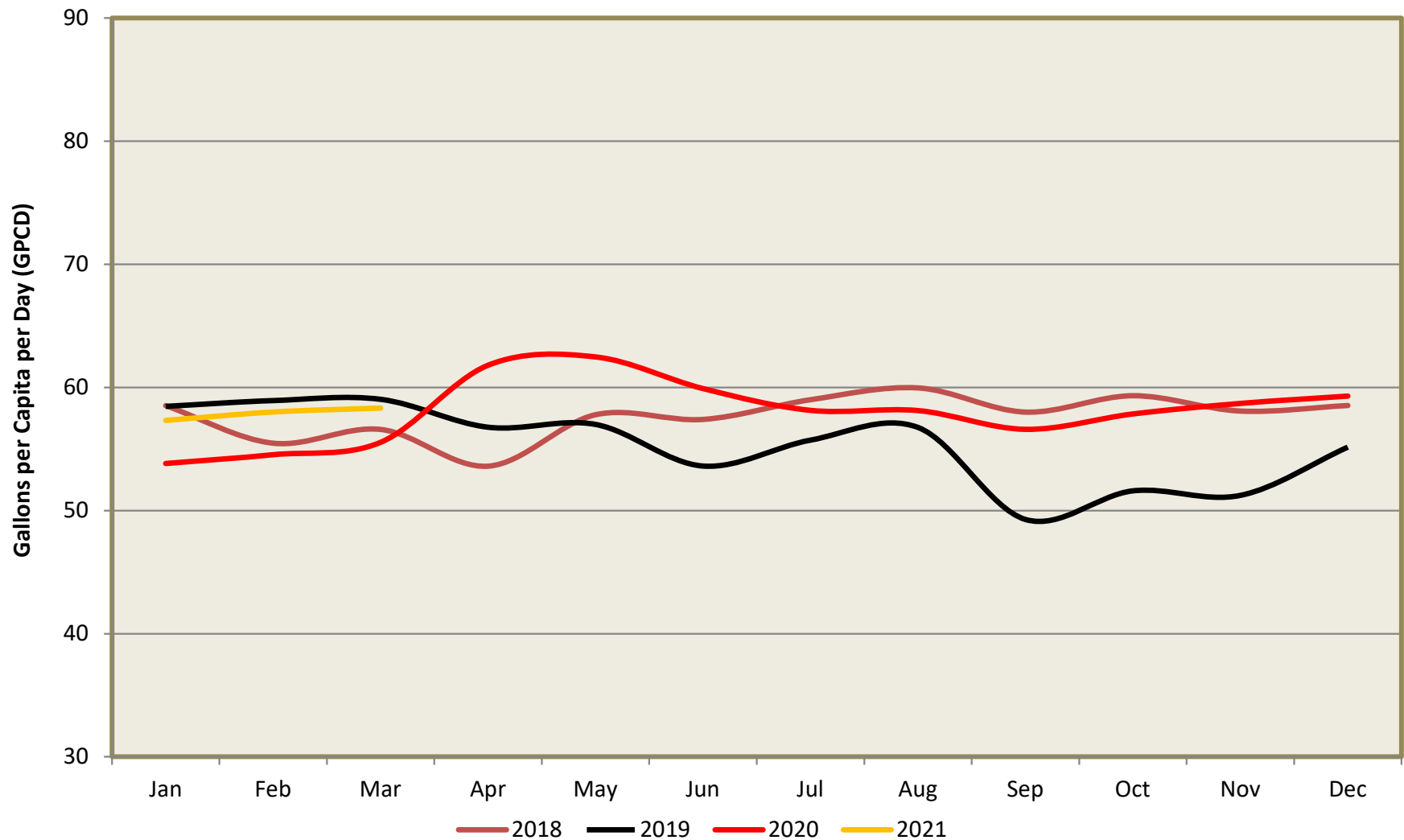
2018 - 58 GPCD

2019 - 55 GPCD

2020 - 58 GPCD

This graph depicts customer indoor water usage. May 2020 had the highest usage at 62 GPCD. September 2019 had the lowest usage at 49 GPCD. Fall, with relatively little precipitation and dropping groundwater levels, is a good indicator of true daily flows.

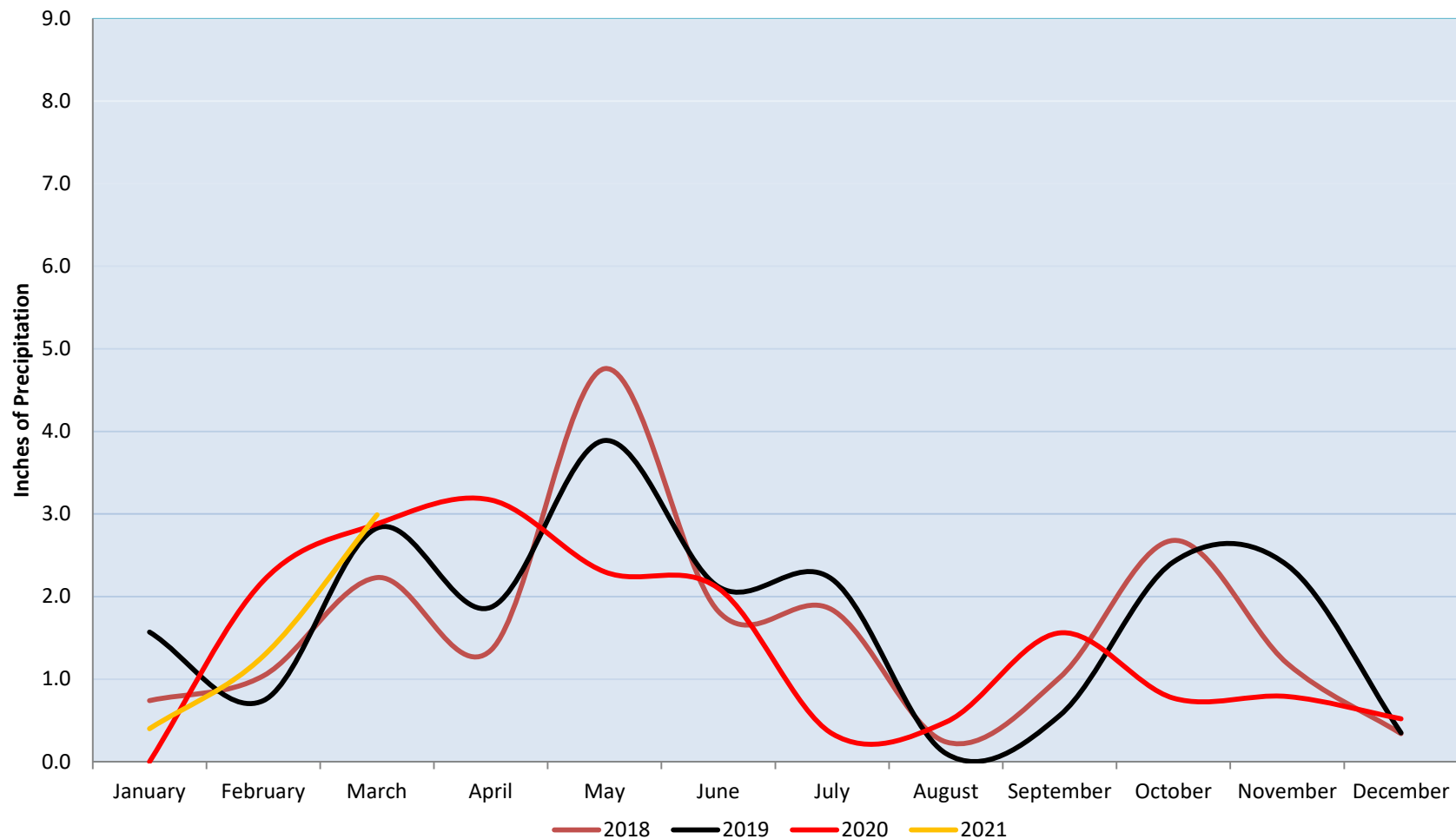
Average Daily Usage Per Capita



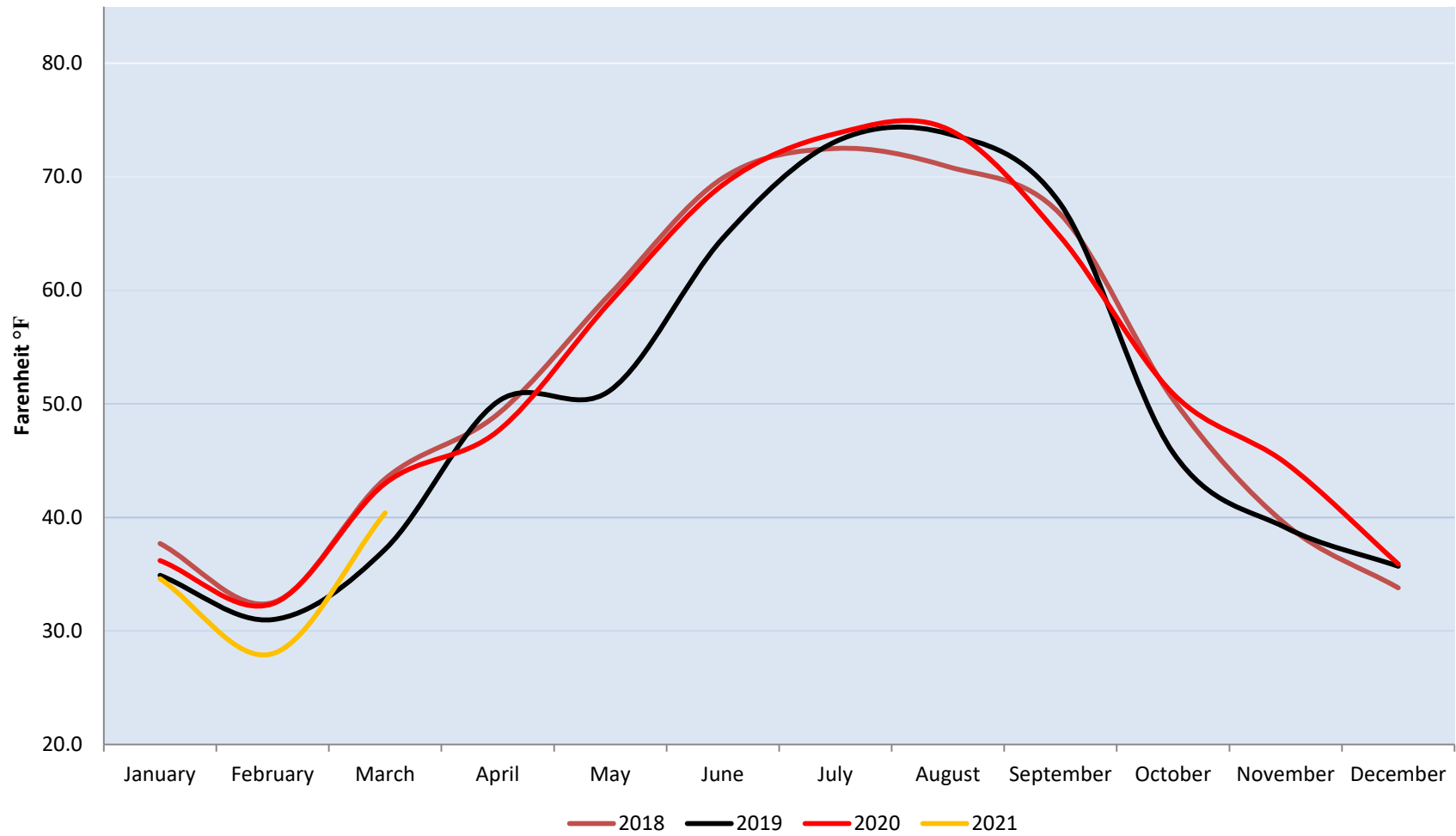
Monthly Data for Boulder – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) & Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

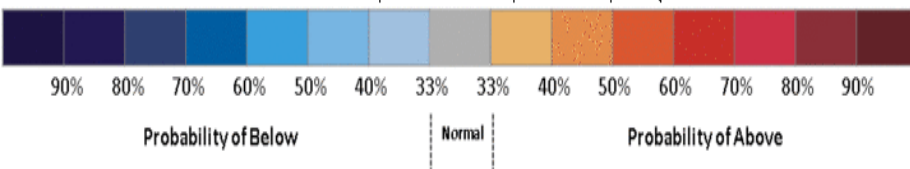
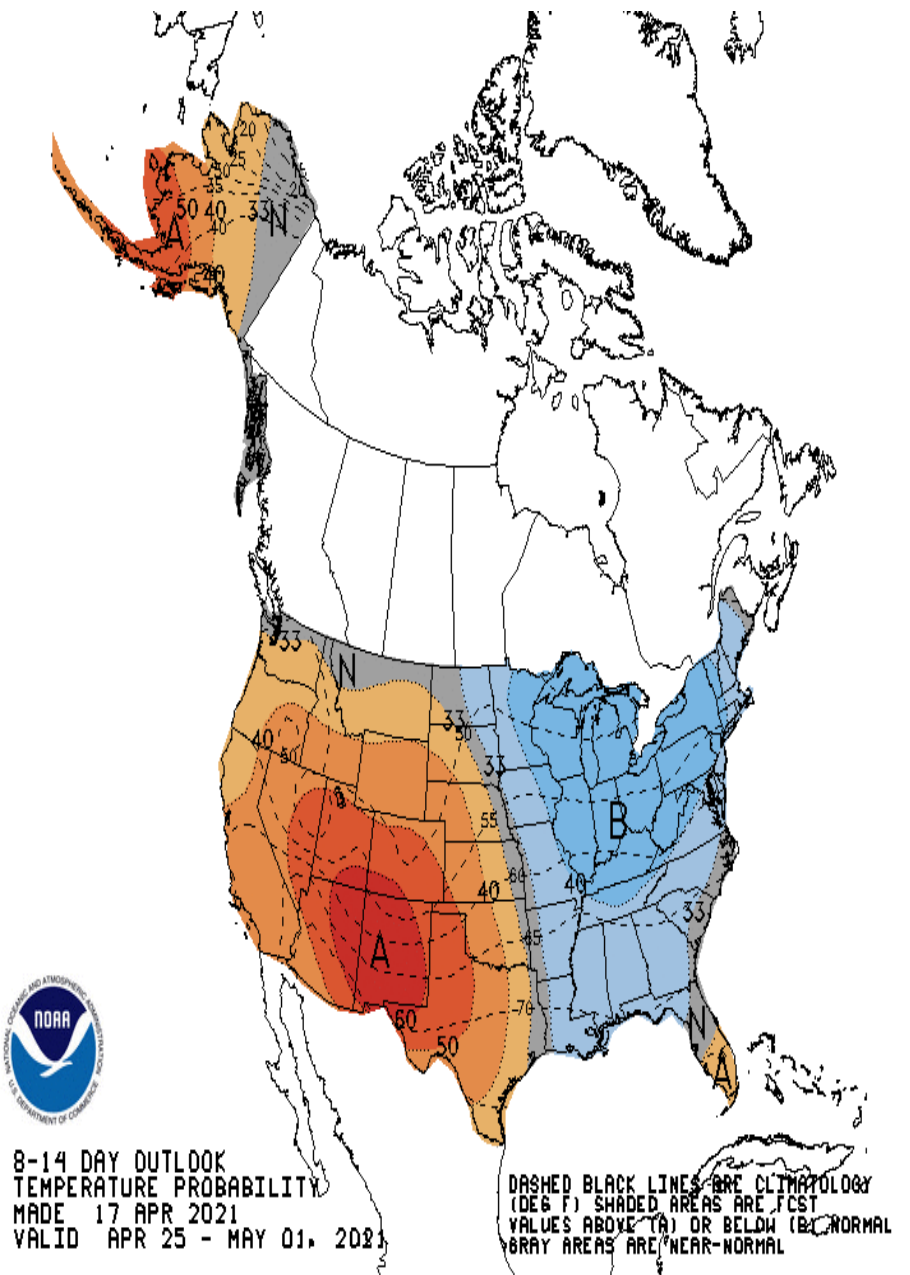
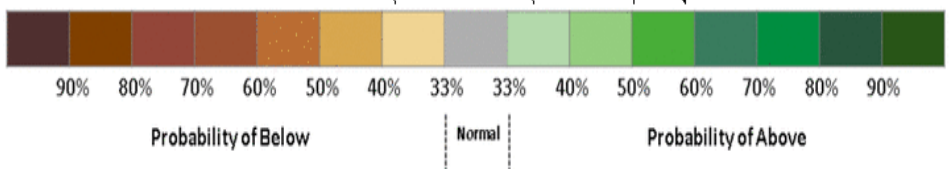
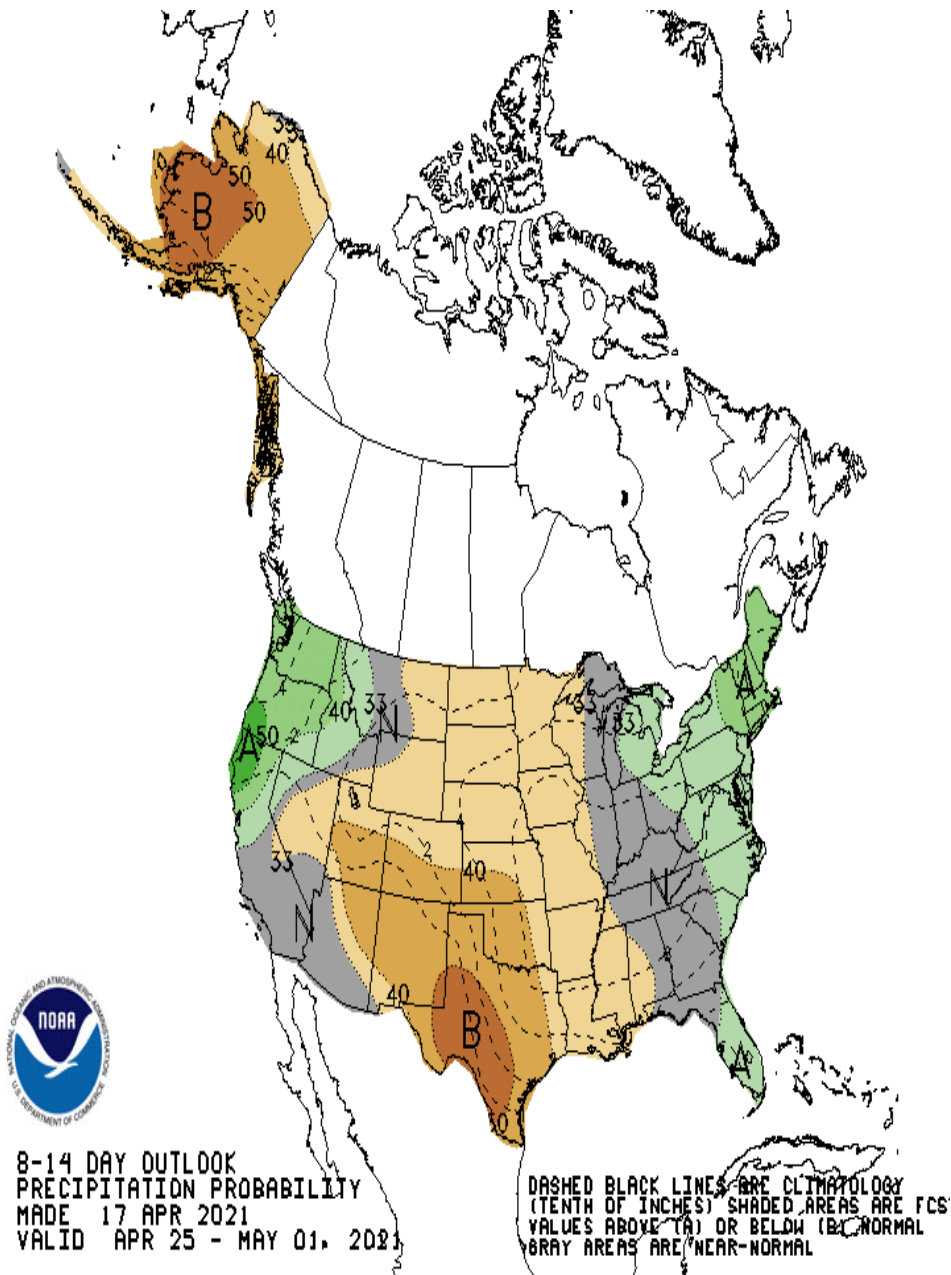
NOAA is predicting 33% below normal precipitation and 50% above normal temperatures through the end of the month. Drought conditions continue to affect the entire state, recent snow locally has helped the region, however the western slope received little precipitation and thus the state as a whole has plummeted both in terms of drought and snow pack. Given the Town and much of the Front Range relies on Western Slope supplies this is a concern. A regional message was crafted and sent out on behalf of various local water providers, including Erie (**attached**).

Precipitation



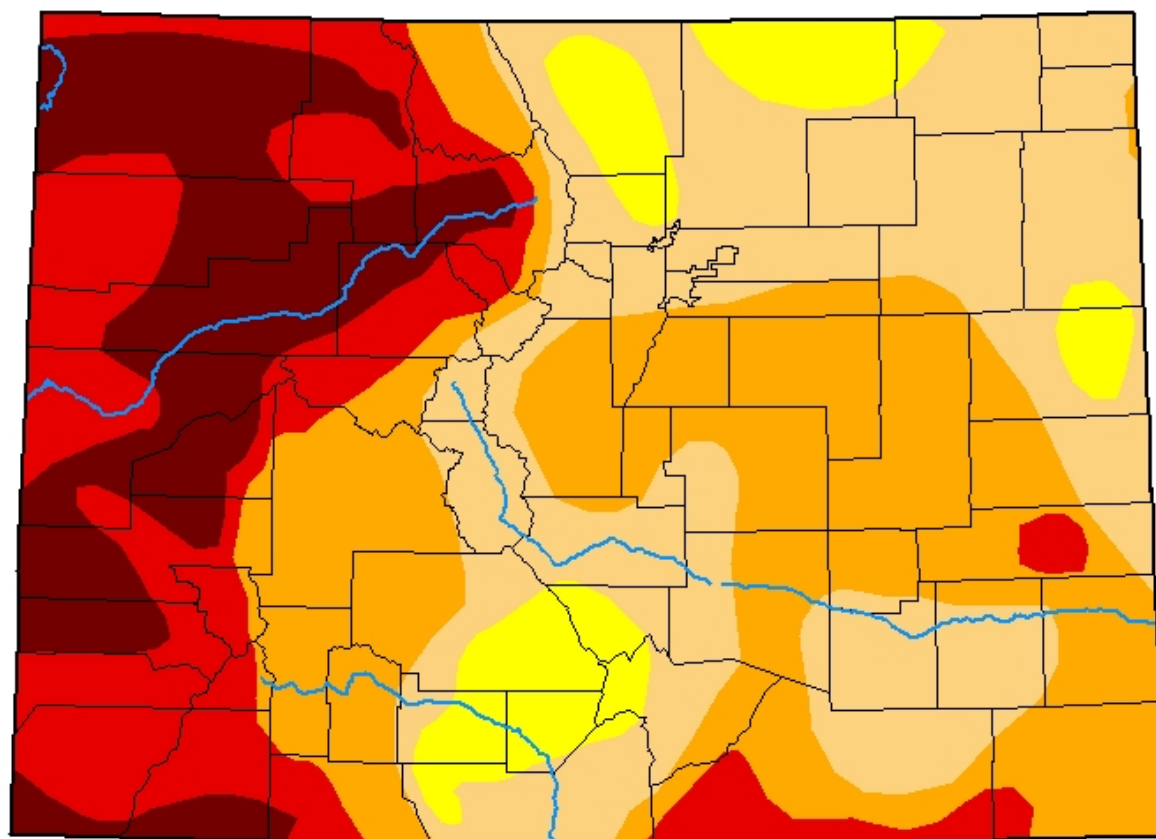
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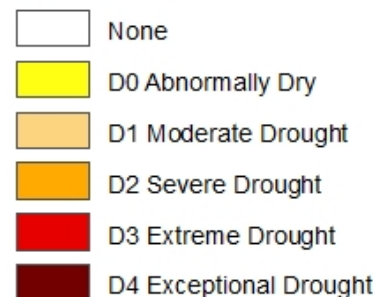


U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

April 13, 2021
(Released Thursday, Apr. 15, 2021)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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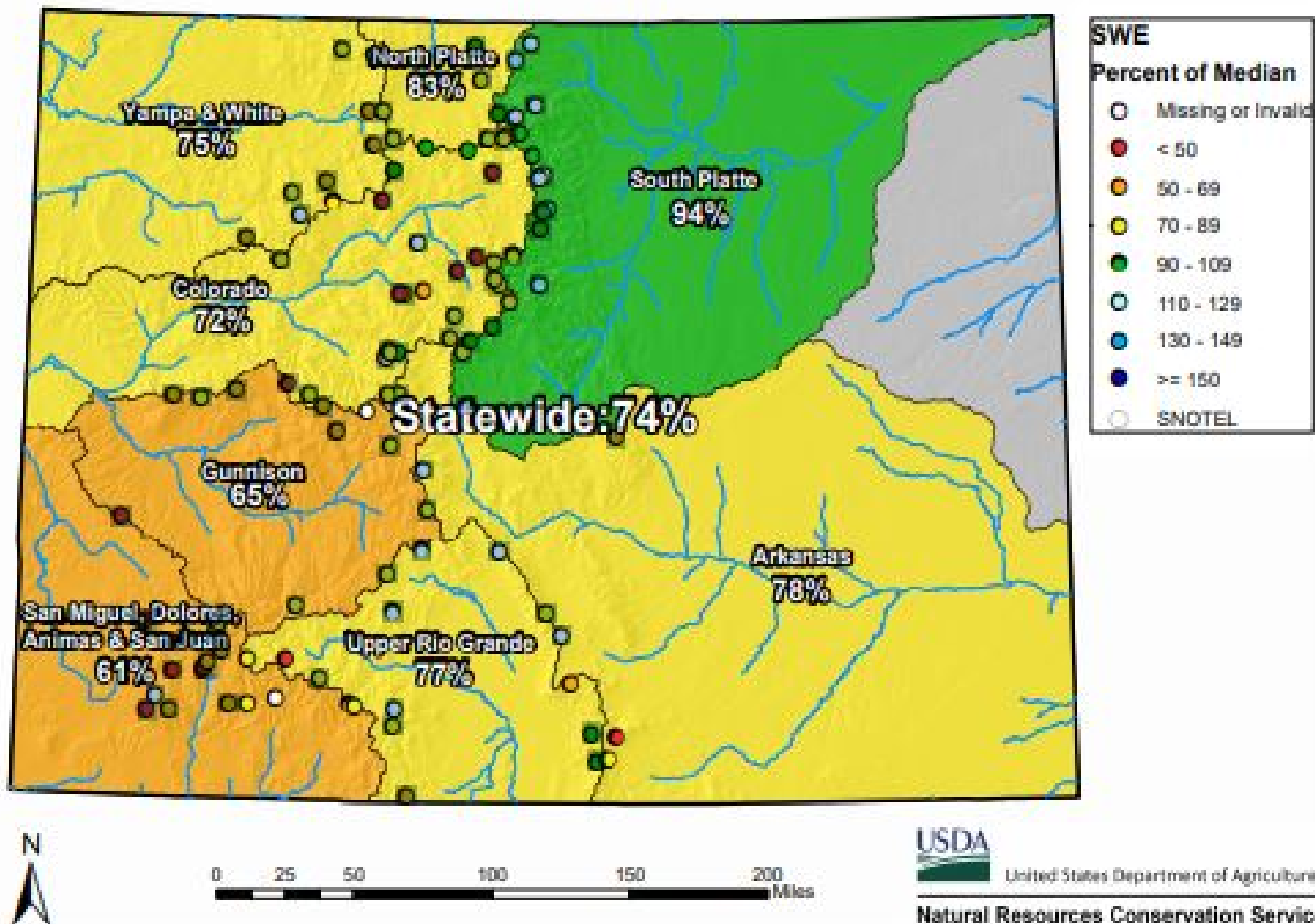
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National Drought Mitigation Center

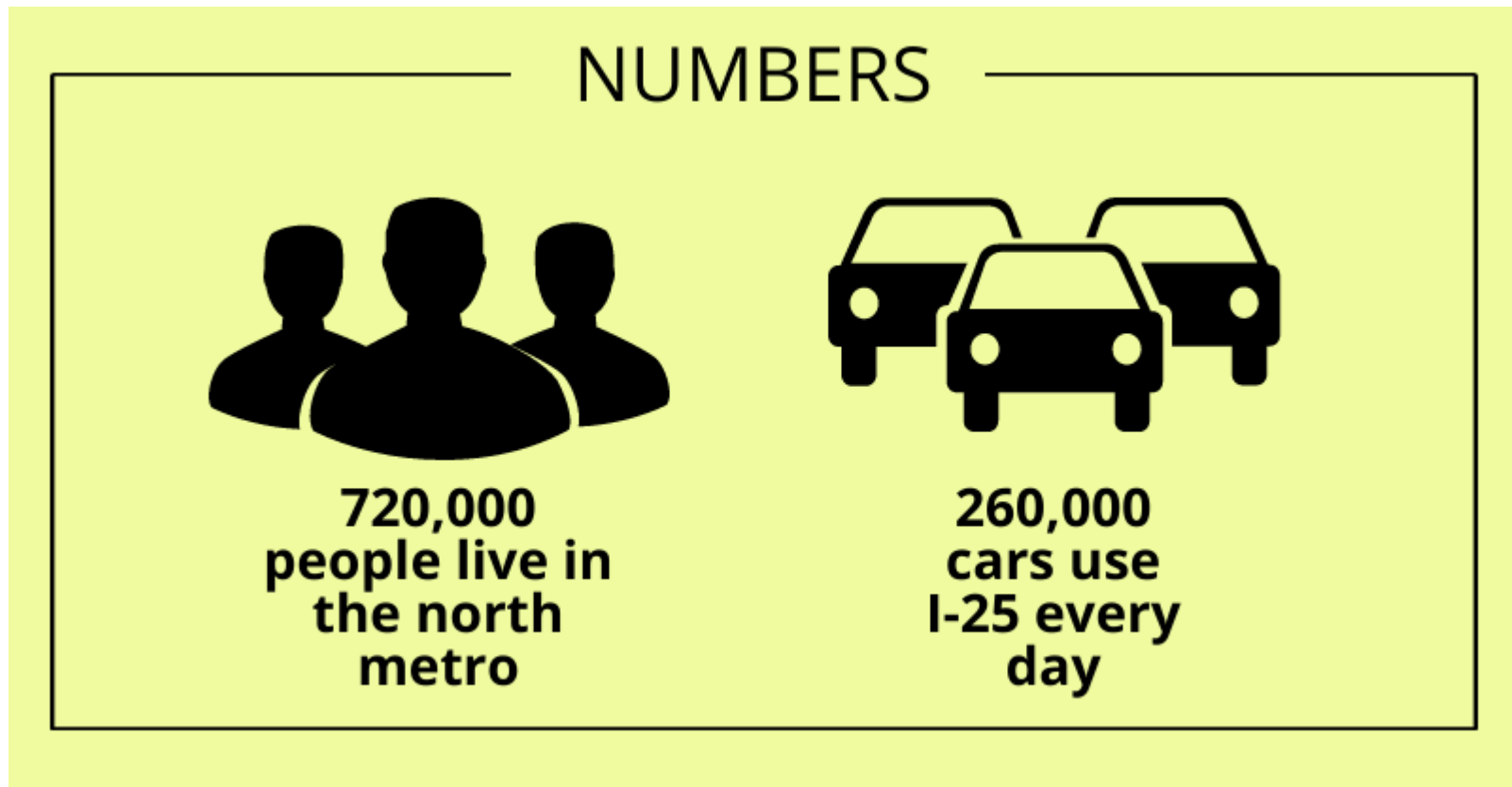


droughtmonitor.unl.edu

Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data

Current as of Apr 16, 2021





Transportation and Transit

- Local Transportation Updates (attached)
- There are many efforts underway given the indication that the new Federal Administration is pro-transportation and looking to invest significantly in infrastructure. In recent meetings with various stakeholders in DC the Northwest MCC heard significant interest in the “Build Back Better” efforts and a “Once in a Generation” investment.

Some key areas:

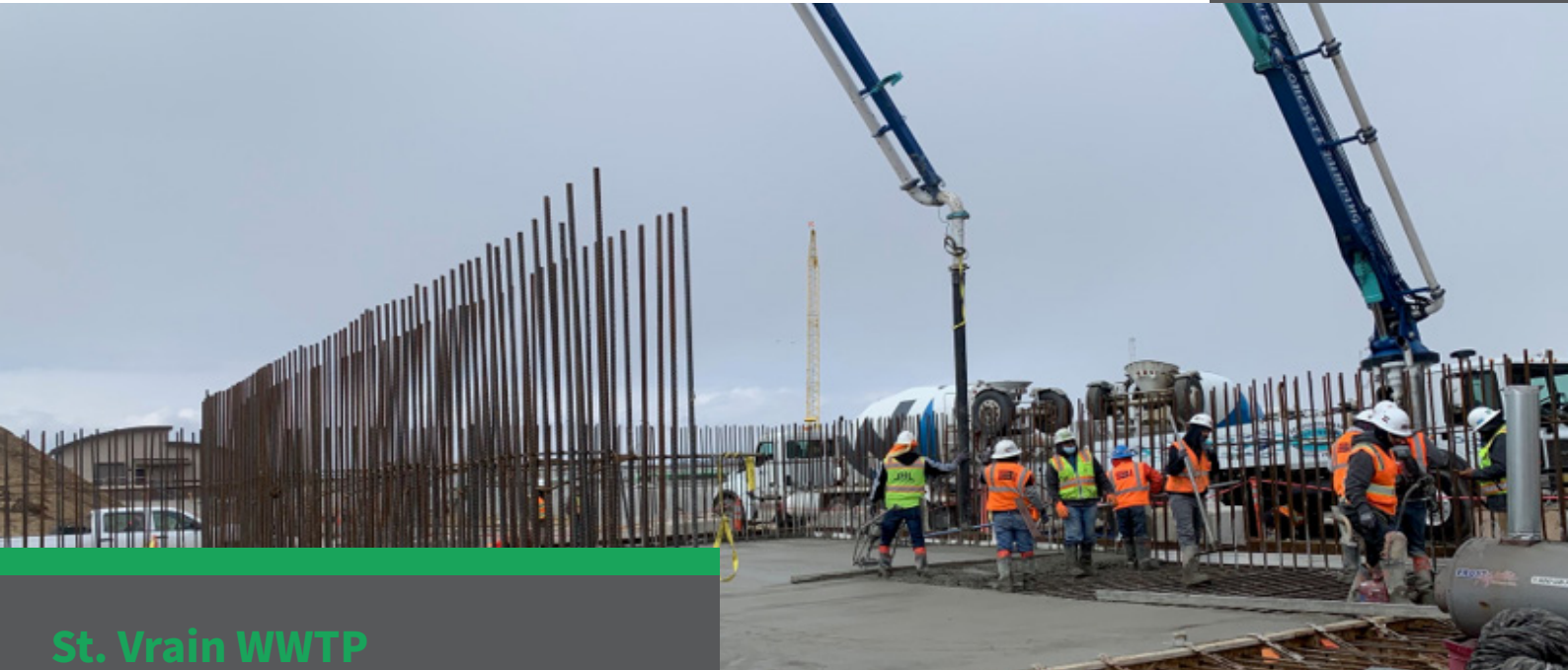
- Momentum on support for the Front Range Passenger Rail Project (FRPR)
- Erie and other local stakeholders are making a push for progress on 287 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Erie will be working closely with local stakeholders to push forward a SH7 and I-25 Mobility Hub
- SH 119 improvements

General Information:

- Public Works, Engineering, Planning and Communications and Outreach are working together to coordinate a number of projects throughout summer that will impact travel through Erie.
 - A 4-week closure at Highway 287 and Isabelle/Erie Parkway which will start on the east side (Erie) April 19th and then a month later move to a closure on the west side (Boulder County). This closure is for safety reasons, the recent vehicular fatality in the vicinity highlights the dangerous nature of this highway.
 - Full and partial lane closures on 119th, 111th, Countyline Road and Arapahoe
 - Impacts throughout Town as part of the Town's annual Paving Maintenance and Repair
 - Coordination with Town and other regional events

NEWSLETTER

ST. VRAIN
WWTP



St. Vrain WWTP

ATAD Building

First slab for the ATAD building was formed and poured this month. Footers were also begun for the consecutive two slabs.

St. Vrain WWTP

ATAD Slab pour at St. Vrain WWTP



ATAD Ductbank

Conduits were installed for the New ATAD building. The large ductbank will be the main source for power for the building, receiving power from the new transformer installed by United Power in March.



Underslab piping

The underslab piping for the new ATAD building was installed by Straight Mechanical and encased this month by Archer Western.

NEWSLETTER

ERIE
WWTP



Erie WWTP

ATAD Slabs and Drains

First slab for the ATAD building was poured the beginning of April and the 4" Sanitary drain lines for the floor drains were installed, tested, and encased.



ATAD Slab Formwork

Forms have been placed for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th slab pours, as well as the slab for the Bioscrubber.

Erie WWTP

Site Photo Update of Erie WWTP



Electrical Room Underslab

Conduits were installed and inspected by the City of Erie for the New Electrical Room for the new ATAD Building.



BE PRESENT • BE FOCUSED • BE SAFE
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BE PRESENT. BE FOCUSED. BE SAFE.

When we think about safety in the construction industry, we first think about things like PPE, equipment inspections and the important policies and protocols we have in place to protect our workers from any dangers or on-site injuries.

But what about the things we can't see? The outside stresses and distractions that can take us out of our element, interfere with our focus and awareness and impact everything from our decision-making abilities to our reaction times.

Our jobs are both physically and mentally demanding—safety extends beyond gloves, glasses and harnesses, beyond just an item on a checklist. We know that the risks are real across our industry, and in every aspect of our work. Our focus and the choices we make every day have real consequences for everyone around us. So when it comes to creating a safe and productive work environment, it's critically important that we are both physically and mentally present as individuals and as an entire team. Struggles with anxiety, depression or stress, family tension, financial concerns, unresolved arguments or frustrations, can all lead to distraction, miscommunication and unpreparedness, all primary causes of workplace incidents.

Our commitment to staying safe and focused on the job is a point of pride and strength that runs across our entire industry. In order to ensure holistic safety, we must strive to create both a physically and mentally safe environment, and make every aspect of our wellbeing part of our safety culture and programs. It's important that we are alert, observant and always have each other's backs, regularly asking, how focused are we? How effectively are we communicating? Do we notice a team member struggling? How can we help?

We must prioritize both physical and psychological safety in the workplace, and how together, they play an important role in our relationships with our team members and with our ability to bring our safest, most productive, best selves to work every day.



Building a Culture of Safety.

When we come together across our industry to share safety knowledge and best practices, we all benefit. Our workers and construction sites are safer, stronger and better equipped to shape the landscape of our communities. We are committed to building a culture of safety across the industry.



Safety Week 2021

“ACTIVELY CARING”

MISSION OF SAFETY WEEK

We will strengthen our industry’s safety culture and performance by sharing best practices, tools and resources. We are focused on the impact our safe choices have on our team members, their families, and the communities in which we live and work. We are united in our commitment to continuously improve our safety culture and send each employee home safe every day.

Together, we are building a stronger, safer industry.

HISTORY OF SAFETY WEEK

Safety Week was initially started in 2014, when more than 40 national and global construction firms comprising the Construction Industry Safety Initiative (CISI) group and the Incident and Injury Free (IIF) CEO Forum joined forces with a single aim: to inspire everyone in the industry to be leaders in safety.

In 2016, Safety Week was more formally branded and started to take shape as the fully integrated annual campaign with a growing number of members and sponsors that exists today. We continue to focus on our original mission of:

- Thanking workers for supporting safety and recognizing their efforts to be injury free
- Increasing awareness of the importance of being committed to safety, every day
- Encouraging everyone to share best practices and to work together to strengthen the industry’s safety culture
- Conducting on-site safety awareness activities to support education

Zero-Injury Safety Program

Key Concept: There are many reasons injuries occur, but only one cause: engaging in some form of “at-risk behavior,” either by leaders or by crafts. The key to zero Injury outcomes is the complete commitment by all employees and all management to avoid any form of at-risk behavior. A good way to think of your zero-injury safety program is to consider three recommended parts:

1. Content
2. Process
3. Culture

Your CONTENT is administered by your PROCESS, which yields your CULTURE. In other words, your CULTURE results from what and HOW behavior you model/teach, when and HOW you model/teach it, and finally why and HOW your supervision (top leaders through foremen) and informal craft leadership interact with your craft personnel during and after CONTENT implementation. It is easy to see your HOW is critical throughout.

Actively Caring

“Safety is Actively Caring
for the Well Being of My
Fellow Worker.”

Dan Walsh
President

Meet the AW Team...

Megan McIntyre

Where did you grow up?

- I grew up in Clear Lake, Texas. It's a small suburb south of Houston.

Where did you go to school?

- I went to high school in Clear Lake. Once I graduated, I joined the Marine Corps as a Helicopter Mechanic for CH53E helicopters for 5 years. I went to the University of Houston where I got my degree in Construction Management.

How many in your family / where do you fall?

- I have two younger sisters, Ashley and Shelby.

Pets?

- I have 2 dogs, Waylon who is a black lab, and Kiera who is a mix breed.

Spouse – children?

- My husband's name is Matt, no kids, but we have 14 nieces and nephews.

Hobbies / Interests (away from work)

- I love to draw and create things. I do a lot of sewing, baking, drawing (on and off my computer), painting.

Dream / favorite Vacation Destination?

- I've always wanted to go to Scotland since some of my ancestors are from there.

Favorite Movie?

Secretariat



First concert attended?

- I think I was 8 and my mom took me to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and George Strait was the concert at the end.

Favorite Musical Group – performer

- It's really hard for me to choose just one because I listen to all different kinds of music. AC/DC, Def Leppard, Three Days Grace, Halestorm, Halsey, PVRIS, Miranda Lambert, Carrie Underwood, Carly Pearce.

Favorite Quote

- "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem."
- President Ronald Reagan

Favorite Food

- My grandma's snowball cookies, she makes them at Christmas time.

Last Meal?

- I would fail as a Texas girl if I didn't pick a Ribeye, and grilled Asparagus.

Beer or Wine?

- Not a big beer drinker, I like whiskey and rum.

Favorite Sport

- Football, I grew up watching it on the weekends with my grandpa.

Tattoos Y/N

- Yes, I have 3.

Dream Car

- My truck is pretty high on that list but I would love to have an older American Muscle car like a 1967 Shelby GT500 or 1970 Hemi Cuda.

Favorite Book?

- Outlander Series

Coffee / Tea

- Coffee for sure.

Before St.Vrain

Before I moved to Colorado,

I started my internship with

Archer Western at UTMB

Galveston's Biocontainment

Center in Galveston, Texas.

Then I went to Lake Livingston's

Hydroelectric Plant Project,

where I was part of the

Commissioning Team as the

Commissioning Engineer.

This involved mechanical

pipework layout, start-up

and commissioning for the

plant's three 8-MegaWatt

Hydro-Turbine generators,

testing the Human Machine

Interface controls, and

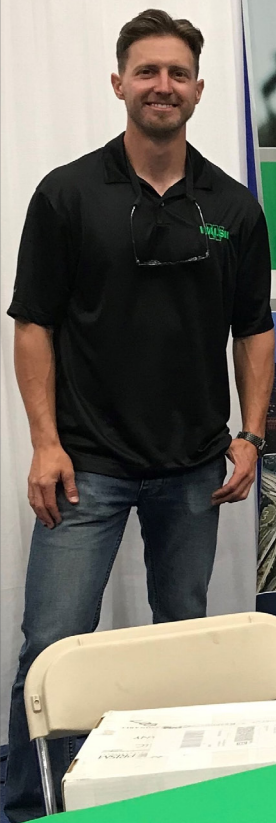
Distributed Control system and

troubleshooting the different

systems that allowed the plant

to operate. I definitely learned

a lot during my time there.



Meet the AW Team...

Derek Boggs

Where did you grow up?

- Colorado Springs in the Cheyenne Canyon.

Where did you go to school?

- Cheyenne Mountain High School and CSU.

How many in your family / where do you fall?

- There are four people in my immediate family. I have a Mother, a Father and one older brother.

Pets?

- Yes. A lil' yellow labrador retriever, Blanca and A bunch of Cacti.

Spouse – children?

- No wife no kids.

Hobbies / Interests (away from work)

- I'm working on rebuilding a 1980s four wheel pop-up camper. Snowboarding, lifting weights and OHV trail riding.

Dream / favorite Vacation Destination?

- Dream vacation: The Colossus of Prora and WW2 European tour. Favorite vacation destination : Quintana Roo

Favorite Movie?

- Stanley Kubrik's: The Shining , Full Metal Jacket, 2001 A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange or No Country for Old Men, Shutter Island.

Before Erie

I have been working for Archer Western for several years and several projects later, I ended up here. My internship placed me in San Diego working on the Olivenhain-Hodges Pumped Storage facility. A few years later I came back to work for AW on the SDS Raw Water Pump Stations in Southern Colorado.

I helped out on the Wichita Falls Re-use Pump Station and then back to Colorado where I spent a couple years at the Metro Wastewater Reclamation Facility. There have also been some Denver Water projects that I have been a part of here, there and in between. I have played a key role in each of these endeavors and always delivered a quality project.

First concert attended?

- Garth Brooks World Tour 1996 at McNichols Arena

Favorite Musical Group – performer

- Crystal Castles

Favorite Quote

- “When the going gets weird the weird turn pro” - HST

Favorite Food

- Smothered sanchos or fried chicken.

Last Meal?

- Popeyes Bonafide spicy chicken dinner with red beans and rice.

Beer or Wine?

- Bud heavy.

Favorite Sport

- Enduro riding and Womens College Volleyball.

Tattoos Y/N

- No zero. I never liked anything enough to have it inked on to my skin permanently. “No regrets”

Dream Car

- Audi S5.

Favorite Book?

- Blood Meridian - Cormac McCarthy

Coffee / Tea

- Kombucha

Nicknames

- None. My parents always call me Dustin. (That's my older brothers name)

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FOR RELEASE: April 7, 2021

North Metro Water Suppliers Urge Residents to Implement Water Reduction Actions

Broomfield, CO -- North Metro, Boulder County and the City and County of Broomfield water suppliers, including City of Arvada, City of Boulder, City of Lafayette, City of Longmont, City of Louisville, Northglenn, Town of Superior, Town of Erie, Left Hand Water District, City of Thornton and Westminster are urging residents to consider ways to reduce water use at their home or business as spring and summer approach.

Despite the heavy snow that hit the front range in March, mountain snowpack is still below average in some areas, and streamflow levels are expected to be low-to-average in the upcoming season. As of March 23, 2021, dry conditions still cover 100% of the state with 62% of the state in severe, extreme, or exceptional drought categories, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The low-to-average levels of snowpack, coupled with 2020 being a record hot, dry year with wildfires that affected critical watershed areas has sent many North Metro areas into Drought Watch, where water conditions are closely monitored to make determinations on if water restrictions will be necessary.

All water customers in the North Metro area are encouraged to find ways to save water now to help prevent drought restrictions and maintain water supply throughout the summer.

The following are standard recommendations to help customers reduce water use, save money and protect future water supplies. Each community is different, please check with your local water supplier to ensure you are following all local water use rules.

1. **Wait to water lawns.** Don't turn on sprinklers too early in the season. Leaving lawns dormant longer will save water, and will not compromise the longevity of your lawn. April is too early to go automatic, plan on programming your sprinkler system to start in May or June. Hand-water trees and plants as needed - trees offer many benefits such as shade and habitat, and are often greatly impacted by drought, so keep an eye on the health of your trees and water them when needed.
2. **Water less frequently.** Check with your water supplier for water use rules. Watering twice a week will make grass roots grow deeper and allow the grass to last longer without water. Cycling sprinkler system run times can prevent excess water runoff; visual inspections after an initial watering cycle will make this apparent. An example of a better watering schedule is setting each zone to water for five minutes then wait an hour, water for five minutes again, wait one more hour then water for a final five minutes. This breaks up the 15 minutes of watering into three cycles, allowing the water to have time to absorb into dense and compact soils.
3. **Water in the evening, night or early morning.** Watering landscapes in the early morning or at night will help reduce water loss. During the daytime heat, less water will be available to plants due to loss from evaporation and wind. Please check with your local water provider for your current water restrictions, including watering hours.
4. **When it rains, water accordingly.** Watch the weather and adjust watering days and times accordingly. Use soil moisture sensors or rain sensors to automatically adjust watering

schedules when it rains. Consider installing a WaterSense Smart Irrigation Controller. Check with your water supplier for potential rebates on irrigation equipment and other opportunities.

5. **Let grass grow longer before cutting it.** Raise lawn mower blades and protect lawns from heat by letting grass grow longer (3-3.5"). A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.
6. **Water lawns, plants and trees - not roads and sidewalks.** Check to see if your irrigation heads are broken, tilted or not set-up properly by scheduling an irrigation assessment. Sweep driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of spraying with a hose - but please **not** down the storm drain or into the street gutter. Use hand-watering, deep root watering, or drip irrigation for trees, shrubs, bushes, perennial beds, annual flowers and vegetable gardens. Always use a shut-off nozzle on your hose when watering plants.
7. **Fix leaks.** Check your sprinkler system monthly for broken sprinkler heads and damaged irrigation lines. Hire a professional to conduct a sprinkler assessment - check with your water supplier, many have low cost or no cost sprinkler assessment programs for their community. A well maintained system will save both money and water.
8. **Plan ahead and plan efficiently.** If possible, delay new lawn installations for a non-drought year and avoid planting during the mid-summer heat. If you've already purchased a water-wise garden this year, plant early in the morning or evening in May. Incorporate water-wise plants and turf when planning landscape renovations or installations.

Every water system is unique. All water customers are encouraged to check with their water supplier for specific outdoor watering rules or restrictions, and for tools and resources to protect this resource, ensure our supply, and reduce homeowners' and businesses' impacts and bills.



Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

February 5, 2021

Boulder County

City of Boulder

*City & County of
Broomfield*

City of Lafayette

City of Longmont

City of Louisville

City of Westminster

Town of Erie

Town of Superior

Ms. Debra Johnson
Regional Transportation District (RTD)
General Manager and CEO
1660 Blake Street
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) extends our welcome to Colorado and to the RTD. We appreciate your extensive efforts to meet with and listen to numerous organizations and leaders in the metro area. Thank you for taking the time to meet with the MCC on January 20, we appreciate the opportunity to become acquainted and to discuss the transit issues of importance to our coalition and the RTD.

We value the long-standing partnership between the MCC and RTD board members and staff, as well as our shared success of the US 36 Bus Rapid Transit Flatiron Flyer service and B Line service to Westminster. Ongoing collaboration and partnerships are critical to achieve mutual goals and strengthen the role of transit within the northwest metro region and the metro area to ensure people have access to transportation.

We look forward to working with you, your team, and the Board of Directors on the following items, in particular:

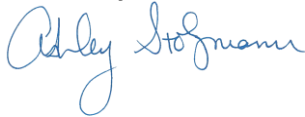
- Working with our local communities to develop strategies and priorities to bring back RTD bus service that has been cut due to COVID-19, as well as grow new service options throughout the region, including Northwest Area Mobility Study (NAMS) corridors.
- Utilizing the FISA account to fund the 30% design requested by the BNSF in order to advance Northwest Rail, including the B Line Peak Service Plan. The MCC also looks forward to exploring future possible collaborations with multiple stakeholders, including Amtrak, to complete the full B Line service in a way that enables improved mobility along the entire Front Range.
- Following through on the commitment to fund SH 119 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). In 2021, contribute \$5 million in RTD funding to advance the SH 119 BRT design, in partnership with investments

being made by CDOT and local communities.

- Completing remaining FasTracks capital construction investments for US 36 BRT.

We appreciate the RTD Board of Directors has scheduled a Northwest Rail study session next week and we will be participating. We are eager to continue our partnership with the RTD to expedite creative solutions to implement the rail corridor sooner than otherwise planned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Stolzmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ashley" and last name "Stolzmann" clearly legible.

Ashley Stolzmann
Mayor, City of Louisville
On behalf of the Northwest MCC

cc: RTD Board of Directors

Summary Notes of March 25, 2021 NATA Meeting

1. **February 25, 2021 NATA Meeting Minutes** were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Quarterly Report** was deferred to April NATA meeting.
3. **Smart Commute update: Karen Stuart, Carson Priest, Tammy Herreid**
 - **Information item- Proposal for I-25 Development and Funding** – An introduction to a funding and construction concept proposal sent to NATA by Mike Cheroutes of ROADIS, requesting feedback and support from NATA stakeholders. A copy of the proposal will be sent out to NATA reps following the NATA meeting today.
 - **Grant pursuits update** - SCMN won an eBikes “loan to own” grant from CAN DO COLORADO that is intended to provide eBikes targeted to low-income workers to bike to their jobs. SCMN is applying for a telework grant that will create expert-led videos focused on the physical, mental, and ergonomics health aspects of teleworking. The Broomfield Chamber of Commerce is a program partner. If successful in winning this grant, these telework videos will be shared with NATA jurisdictions.
 - **Bike to Summer Campaign** – A presentation on a series of slides for SCMN's Bike to Summer campaign, created in response to the delay of the regional DRCOG Bike to Work Day until September. Bike to Summer's emphasis will encourage people to bike during the summer months. The campaign will feature SCMN partnerships with local communities, providing additional marketing support for in-person or virtual bike riding events throughout the summer with a different monthly theme each month such as “I Bike with friends”.
 - **Employer Based Trip Reduction Program (ETRP) update (Presentation in April)** -A brief explanation of the ongoing ETRP rulemaking process being done by the state Air Quality Control Council (AQCC). There are a series of regulations currently under consideration. For example, the rule will create an SOV rate goal of roughly 75% for large employers (with 100+ employees). SCMN has been engaging with large employers in beginning discussions preparing for this upcoming rule. An ETRP presentation is scheduled for the April NATA meeting.
4. **RTD and N Line Issues**- Chair Sandgren said there have been an alarming number of cancellations and delayed service on the N Line in the recent past, and asked for a response from RTD senior management and Board about how these ongoing issues are being handled, and how best to promote transit that is this unreliable. Michael Ford (COO, RTD) said that there are a series of ongoing software and partner issues with other groups that work on the N Line operations, and that an operator shortage has led to some of these trip cancellations as well. Debra Johnson (CEO & GM, RTD) promised her willingness to have an open dialogue with partners like NATA to ensure that RTD is leading the way in providing this commuter rail service. Chair Sandgren expressed her concern that RTD is passing the blame to the software company and wants regular updates on any transit issues from RTD directly to elected officials. Debra Johnson said it's her mission to continue to listen to these concerns and tackle them with her team in the coming weeks as she meets with elected officials.

5. **RTD Directors' Reports:** Director Davidson discussed the RTD special board meeting where the board voted to approve legislative recommendations from the RTD Accountability Committee. The Board was updated about possible subregional councils that would provide more localized collaborative input opportunities. Director Buzek discussed the N Line Promotional Fare Pilot Program scheduled to end March 27th because of FTA rules requiring the program be limited to 6-months with no acceptations. Debra Johnson said that there are ongoing internal working group conversations at RTD discussing things such as a systemwide analysis of its fares in the coming months. Discussion about a possible fare buyout for those regional stops at the end of the N Line, with expressed concerns from the communities of Northglenn and Thornton ensued. Director Whitmore said Debra Johnson is committed to an RTD "road to recovery" from the pandemic. Director Guissinger announced that the RTD Accountability Committee bill is going through the process at the legislature and encouraged continued collaboration between RTD and local jurisdictions.
6. **RTD Accountability Committee Update-** Councilmember Julie Mullica (Chair of the RTD Accountability Committee's Governance Subcommittee) gave an update about the progress of the Accountability Committee toward giving a formalized recommendation in August. NATA will be sent a detailed report on this progress that Councilmember Mullica had just received. The group is discussing not only center city service, but also to those areas that are on the very edges of RTD's service area. The various subcommittees are exploring a myriad of recommendations that will be proposed later in the spring
7. **NATA Priority Projects list –** The current priority projects list was emailed to the NATA jurisdiction staff members. Edits, updates and additions to any projects on that list will be considered at the April NATA meeting.
8. **Thumbnail highlights of member jurisdictions Main Street – Safer Streets Projects awards**
 - **Commerce City- Brent Soderlin**
 - A Safer Main Streets grant project that will provide bike/pedestrian safety improvements between 70-72nd stations as it connects to the N Line station at 72nd and provides a safer route for a new elementary school in the area.
 - **Northglenn- Sara Dusenberry**
 - A city-wide Safer Main Streets project to provide bike lane, center striping and crosswalks across the city in specified safety concern and lack-of-access areas.
 - **Erie – Malcolm Fleming**
 - A Safer Main Streets project that is on their County Line Road between the local middle and elementary schools; adding bike lanes, sidewalks and left turn lanes in order to drastically improve safety and connections for that corridor.
 - **Longmont- Phil Greenwald**
 - A project that addresses north-south greenway connection needed between SH119 and Sunset street, improving intersection crossing safety for multimodal travel.

9. **CML Legislative Update-** Meghan MacKillop. The Governor signed Senate bill 110 funding \$30M for the Revitalizing Main Streets program. The upcoming transportation funding bill is estimated to provide around \$4 billion in funding through the raising of 9 fees with the most notable fee being a gas tax fee with indexing. There are still ongoing conversations about the distribution of the potential funds.
10. **CDOT Presentation: Revitalizing Main Streets Stimulus Program-** Rebecca White and Molly Bly, CDOT
\$30 million in state stimulus funding combining the two existing grant programs (Revitalizing Main Streets and Safer Main Streets) into one grant program named Revitalizing Main Streets. This program will have \$8 million available for small grants (\$150k and under) and \$22 million for large grants (up to \$2 million). The small grants are focused on public health mitigation (COVID) and Active Transportation whereas the large grants are focused on needed safety improvements and a group of other factors. There will be two pre-application workshops for anyone interested in applying on 4/6 and 4/12. CDOT encouraged those on the meeting to email cdotmainstreets@state.co.us with any questions.

NOTE: NATA ANNUAL RETREAT Scheduled for Friday, April 16th, 9am-11am. (Directly following the SPC meeting from 8am-9am) This will be held virtually. A Zoom link and supporting documents will be sent out to registrants by April 12th.

Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC)

Boulder County

April 12, 2021

City of Boulder

*City & County of
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The Honorable Rep. Joe Neguse
1419 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

City of Lafayette

SUBJECT: Community Project Funding Request

City of Longmont

Dear Rep. Neguse,

City of Louisville

City of Westminster

The Northwest Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Boulder County Community Project Funding request for SH 119 Project Readiness.

Town of Erie

Town of Superior

This application is being jointly submitted by Boulder, Boulder County, Longmont, Louisville, Superior, Broomfield, Westminster, Lafayette, Erie and Commuting Solutions as the northwest metro region's highest priority request, and it is supported by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD).

The funding request will support a package of key action items to advance the multimodal corridor vision for the SH 119 corridor connecting Boulder and Longmont, as well as serving regional and inter-regional commuters today and into the future:

SH 119 First and Final Mile Connections: In partnership with Boulder, Boulder County and Longmont, Commuting Solutions is currently concluding a First and Final Mile (FFM) study for the SH 119 corridor. This study identifies a set of strategic solutions to be implemented quickly to improve connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists and will improve safety for all travelers. These connections will link people using all modes of travel to local and regional transit stations, bicycle and walking routes, and key community destinations along the corridor, including businesses, neighborhoods, and major employment centers. In addition to the physical connections, the SH 119 FFM implementation strategies include developing a micro-transit service plan and installation of wayfinding signage for each of the key transit stations and park-and -rides along the corridor.

SH 119 Commuter Bikeway:

Boulder County, in partnership with CDOT and the cities of Boulder and Longmont, is leading the planning process to develop the SH 119 commuter bikeway from Boulder to Longmont patterned after the successful commuter

bikeway along US 36. The SH119 commuter bikeway will provide a direct, dedicated bicycle facility to serve people of all ages and abilities to travel to/from Boulder and Longmont, as well as to connect to key community destinations along the corridor and with all of the local and regional transit stations. Currently, the SH 119 commuter bikeway preliminary engineering work is underway and is being funded by Boulder County with assistance from regional grants. This federal request will fully fund the remaining steps in the corridor development process, including final design, engineering, pre-construction documents and permitting processes. This work can be completed within the specified timeframe in FY2022. The completion of this work will position the SH 119 bikeway to be ready to receive construction funding beginning in 2023.

The SH 119 commuter bikeway and First and Final Mile strategic connections are complementary with each other and serve as two of the foundational elements and “quick action” items necessary to achieve the overall SH 119 corridor vision. Funding for these two projects will advance the multimodal mobility goals for the Northwest region as well as support our ambitious Vision Zero safety targets and Colorado’s critical air quality and climate goals.

Thank you for your consideration of the northwest metro region’s Community Project Funding request. We look forward to a strong partnership between your agency and the communities along this important corridor.

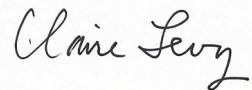
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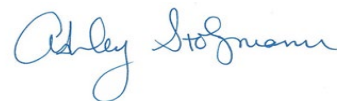
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