

## WATER

In a county where annual precipitation nearly meets desert standards water becomes a very important aspect to the daily life of Chaffee County citizens. It is the “life blood” of our economy as well as our personal needs. Chaffee County Democrats support efforts that enhance the quality and quantity of water in the county.

Therefore Chaffee County Democrats Support:

- # All efforts to conserve our use of water and to use it more Efficiently.
- # Colorado Water Law – “First in Time, First in Priority”.
- # The concept of “Beneficial Use” to include Recreation.
- # Accountability from officials who make Water Policy that affects Chaffee County.
- # Strategies to keep Native Water Rights in Chaffee County, including “Basin of Origin” protection.
- # Measures to insure Aquifer Recharge adequate to maintain present groundwater supplies.
- # Minimum in-stream flows, riparian protection and land steward practices that reduce sedimentation runoff.
- # Insuring that new developments meet standards for water quality, quantity and dependability.
- # Protecting ground water by encouraging developments to Connect to municipal sewage systems.