



Innovative Water Transfers Workshop

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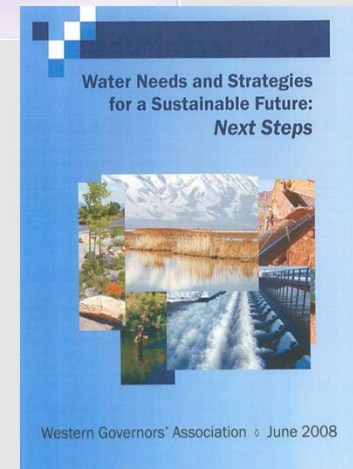
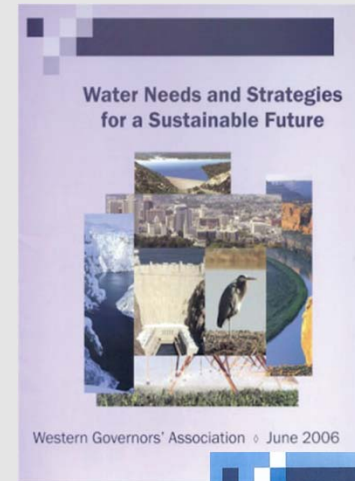
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Innovative Water Transfers

- *WGA Policy:* Western Governors believe states should identify and **promote innovative ways to allow water transfers** from agricultural to other uses (including urban, energy and environmental) while **avoiding or mitigating damages to agricultural economies and communities.**
- WGA and WSWC are undertaking **a year-long project on innovative water transfers**, with an emphasis on activities that can be implemented at the state level.
- Project funding from the *Walton Family Foundation.*



Goals and Work Plan

Goals

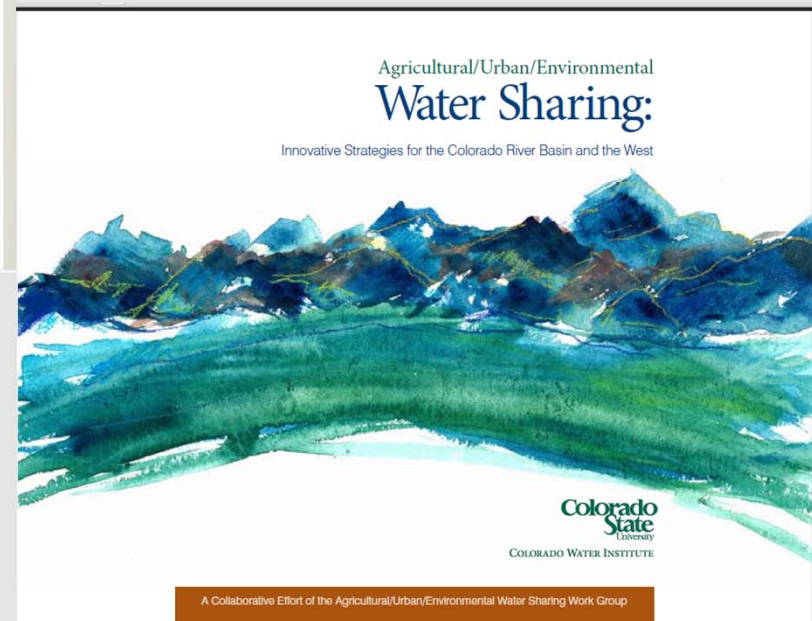
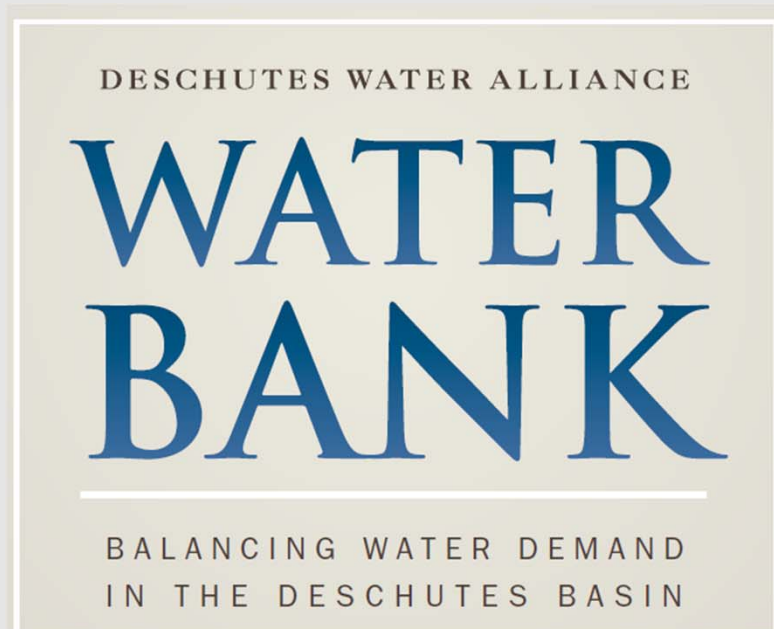
- Provide states with the tools and capacity to improve water transfers or water sharing practices in the West, while avoiding or mitigating damages to agricultural economies, rural communities, and environmental values.
- Not about value judgments, universal consensus, or a blueprint for transfers.

Work Plan

- Three partner workshops – Fall-2011.
- Research, including state surveys, case studies, and literature review – Spring 2012.
- Report to the WSWC and WGA – Fall 2012.
- Outreach and Evaluation.



Building on Current Efforts



Plan for the Workshop

Input on Water Transfers

- Successful models, institutional strategies, data collection and reporting, etc.

Input on Project Execution

- People and partners, schedule and timelines, key objectives and deliverables

