

Libertarian Party of Colorado

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The Platform of the Libertarian Party of Colorado consists of the [National Libertarian Party Platform and Statement of Principles](#) plus the additional planks listed here.

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WATER

We favor the recognition of private rights to ownership of water. Any residual claims of the State to water or its use should be returned to private ownership.

As an interim measure, we advocate water user fees, rather than taxation, to finance the administration of water rights and water courts.

Public utility monopolies in the area of water storage, distribution and use must also be abolished and water as a resource returned to its proper place as a privately owned commodity in a free market. Accordingly, we call for the termination of the monopoly held by the Denver Water Board and similar local government agencies elsewhere in Colorado.

Since government uses tax money to finance water projects, we urge termination of such subsidized engineering jobs in Colorado as federal funded water projects and mine drainage abatement.

In addition, we oppose the exercise of federal reserve rights and interstate compacts to the detriment of any Colorado resident's water rights. To the extent that downstream water users claim the right to Colorado water, disputes should be settled through stipulation, arbitration, or litigation.

SAFETY CLAUSE

We adamantly oppose the routine attachment of a "Safety Clause" to every bill approved by the legislature. Use of the "Safety Clause" limits or circumvents the ability of the courts or the electorate to review or reject improper or unconstitutional bills.

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