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Before we move further into 2017, it is appropriate to thank our Colorado legislators and Gov. John Hickenlooper for approving HB-1233.

Sponsored by Rep. Jennie Arndt and Sen. Larry Crowder and signed into law, this legislation expands the abilities of Colorado water rights holders to voluntarily conserve water – without impacting their historical water use or rights.

Pilot programs, as authorized by this legislation, allow agricultural water users to voluntarily save water to benefit stream flows and potentially boost storage levels, now at record lows in lakes Mead and Powell.

For example, in 2017, Swire Coca-Cola, USA with Coca-Cola North America funded an upper Fraser River project, working with agricultural users to restore millions of gallons of water per year.

This bill became a reality without much news coverage, but is an important step for water management and conservation in an over-allocated Colorado River basin and should not be overlooked.

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