San Luis Valley Water, Soil and Asset Mapping Project

is a local, grassroots endeavor to harness the power & collective wisdom of San Luis Valley farmers, ranchers, & business people.

Who we are.

This is a project of the Colorado Water Plan in partnership with the San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition, local stakeholders and Colorado State University. The group presently consists of a stakeholder committee of nine people. Liza Marron is the executive director and Glen Miller is the water asset mapper and report writer.

What we are up to.

The purpose of this work is to define, quantify, and map all physical and non-material agricultural assets in the San Luis Valley which might contribute to economic growth and sustainability; as well as any gaps in infrastructure for which investment could provide opportunity. This must be done in view of the high likely-hood of future water shortages.

Results will be published in print and on the Internet for everyone, including business, organizational, and government leaders; and most importantly to all the residents of the San Luis Valley.

This work is divided into the following segments...

- WATER Rights, Availability (The Problem)
- Farming Practices (Efficiency and Conservation)
- Non-Traditional Crops and Marketing
- Small Agriculture and organic
- Ranching
- Timber
- Energy (Solar, Wind, Hydro Power, Bio-fuel)
- Tourism

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