

## Filing for a Water Right Under Case 06CW0127

1. **Determine depletion rate** - If necessary, contact the Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) to arrange a time to discuss your proposal. The DWR officials will be able to help calculate the depletion rate for the proposed use.
  
2. **Submit Notice of Intent** - Submit a “Notice of Intent to Make Absolute” (NOI) application to the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices. The application form can be obtained from the LPC Planning Department, DWR, or the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices. The SWCD will assign a NOI number, review the application, and forward a signed copy to the LPC Planning Department. The LPC Planning Department will also review and sign the NOI and return it to the SWCD. SWCD will then return an approved, signed NOI to the applicant.
  
3. **Obtain water court decree** – File to make a Conditional Water Right an Absolute Water Right with Colorado Water Court Division 7 (Form JDF300W). The form can be obtained at [http://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/Forms\\_List.cfm?Form\\_Type\\_ID=10](http://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/Forms_List.cfm?Form_Type_ID=10). The application must be filed within 6 months of putting the water to beneficial use or within 6 months of filing the NOI if the water has already been put to beneficial use prior to the filing of the NOI. The court will process the application and issue a water right decree.
  
4. **Request quit claim deed** - Send a letter requesting a final quit claim deed to SWCD and include a copy of the water court decree. SWCD will coordinate with the LPC Planning Department to issue and record the deed. The final deed will be mailed to you.

### **Contact information**

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