



STATE OF COLORADO

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Dear Conservation Trust Fund Officer:

The State Demography Office (SDO) within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs has prepared the July 1, 2011 *draft* population estimates. The population estimates, once finalized, will be the basis for the distribution of Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) lottery funds to your jurisdiction. The draft estimates, detailed descriptions of the methods, and additional data for all entities are posted on the SDO website at: <http://dola.colorado.gov/demog/ctf2011draft.html>.

The July 1, 2011 estimates are based on the April 1st, 2010 census plus annual data on births, deaths, net migration and change in group quarters facilities. The estimates for the previous year-July 1, 2010 will be different than the one released last year because of the updated census migration estimate data.

Counties and municipalities should review Table 2 in particular. Special districts, municipalities with special districts, and counties should review Table 4. Please also provide any updates to contact information.

Local governments are provided thirty (30) days in which they can review and challenge the population estimate for their entity. **In order to file a challenge, you must send a letter to Tamra Hooper, Conservation Trust Fund Administrator, 1313 Sherman St., Room 521, Denver, CO 80203 or tamra.hooper@state.co.us, no later than June 29, 2012. The letter should indicate your concern about the estimate, describe the basis of your concern with supporting data, if possible, and the name of a contact person that staff can work with to resolve any differences.**

The challenges are most effective when entities are able to provide more accurate data than those available to the SDO. In the absence of such data, local governments are still encouraged to contact the office to resolve any issues. Contact Deying Zhou of the State Demography Office via email: deying.zhou@state.co.us, phone: (303) 866-4989 or fax: (303) 866-2660, or Elizabeth Garner, 303-866-3096, elizabeth.garner@state.co.us with any information. The sooner you contact us, the more time our staff will have to address your concerns.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tamra Hooper".

Tamra Hooper
CTF Administrator