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SECURING ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS ON THE COLORADO RIVER IN AN ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

March 21, 2008
8:30 am to Noon

Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom, University of Colorado, Boulder

The Colorado River is the primary surface water resource of the Southwest, providing water to approximately 30 million residents. Studies and policy decisions associated with a recently completed EIS point to an ever-tightening water supply due to long-standing growth pressures exacerbated by significant climate change impacts. Given these trends, how can the river's environmental needs be satisfied?

8:30 Opening Remarks (Doug Kenney, NRLC-WWPP)

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE & NEW RIVER OPERATIONS

8:45 to 9:30 *Climate Change on the Colorado River: The State of the Science* (Brad Udall, Director, CU/NOAA Western Water Assessment)

9:30 to 10:15 *Implications of the New Shortage Sharing and Reservoir Management Rules* (Terry Fulp, Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, NV)

10:15 to 10:30 Break

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

10:30 to 11:15 *Prospects for Ecological Restoration in the Colorado River Basin* (Robert Adler, Professor of Law, University of Utah)

11:15 to 12:00 *Last in Line: Environmental Flows for the Colorado River Delta* (Jennifer Pitt, Senior Resource Analyst, Environmental Defense)

This is a free, public event organized by the Western Water Policy Program of the Natural Resources Law Center (CU School of Law) as part of the *Hot Topics in Natural Resources* series. The event qualifies for 4 CLE credits.

Co-sponsors include The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, Environmental Defense, the CU/NOAA Western Water Assessment, Western Resource Advocates, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.



Planning to attend? For planning purposes, RSVP's are requested. Send RSVP's (and questions) to: douglas.kenney@colorado.edu.

Planning to park? Some one-day permits for Lot 470 (west of the building) will be available at the door for \$7 (cash only).