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June 7th to 9th, 2000

Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado School of Law

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 - Evening

6:30 – 9:30 Early Registration

7:30 – 9:30 Readings, Book Signings and Reception

A celebration of recent books produced by colleagues of the Natural Resources Law Center

- Jim Corbridge and Teresa Rice: *Colorado Water Law*
- Bob Frodeman: *Earth Matters*
- Larry MacDonnell: *From Reclamation to Sustainability*
- Charles Wilkinson: *Fire on the Plateau*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 Begin Registration

8:30 Welcome & Introductory Remarks

SESSION 1: WATER, LAND-USE, AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado School of Law

8:45 ***Key Trends in Population, Land-Use and Water Consumption in the West.*** William Riebsame, Professor of Geography, University of Colorado

9:30 ***The View from Indian Country.*** Jerilyn DeCoteau, Director, Indian Law Clinic, University of Colorado School of Law

10:15 Break

10:45 ***Coordinated Planning for Water and Land-Use: Is It Worth Considering?*** Larry Morandi, National Conference of State Legislatures

11:15 ***Regionalized Water Management: An Evolving Hydrocommons?*** Gary Weatherford, Weatherford & Taaffe

11:45 Discussion and Q&A for Session I Speakers

12:15 Lunch (provided)

SESSION 2: IMPACTS AND ISSUES

Moderator: Gary Bryner, Natural Resources Law Center

1:20 ***Growth Pressures and TMDLs.*** David Davis, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

2:00 ***Water, Growth and the Endangered Species Act.*** Holly Doremus, Professor, University of California-Davis School of Law

2:40 Break

3:10 ***Growth, Water, and Environmental Values.*** Bruce Driver, Executive Director, Land and Water Fund of the Rockies

3:50 ***Equity and the Zero-Sum Game: The Social Costs of Moving Water in Northern New Mexico.*** David Benavides, Attorney, Northern New Mexico Legal Services

4:30 Discussion and Q&A for Session 2 Speakers

6:30 **Evening Barbecue on Flagstaff Mountain**

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

SESSION 3: TOOLS FOR DOING BETTER: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Moderator: Doug Kenney, Natural Resources Law Center

- 8:00 Coffee
- 8:30 *Doing More with Less: Remaining Opportunities for "Tuning the System."* Greg Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Natural Heritage Institute
- 9:15 *Protecting Instream Flows in Prior Appropriation States: Legal and Policy Issues.* Janet Neuman, Professor, Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 *Groundwater Management in the West: Evolving Law and Practice.* A. Dan Tarlock, Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law
- 11:15 *Groundwater Management in Tucson, Arizona.* Rita P. Pearson, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)

SESSION 4: A LARGER PERSPECTIVE

Moderator: Kathryn Mutz, Natural Resources Law Center

- 1:20 *Case Studies of the Water Development / Growth Relationship.* Edward F. Harvey, Managing Director, BBC Research and Consulting
- 2:00 *Municipal Demands as the Stimulus for Innovation: Tales from the Lower Colorado River Basin.* Jerome C. Muys, Muys & Associates
- 2:40 Break
- 3:10 *Climate Variability and Western Water: What Can We Expect?* Roger Pulwarty, Program Manager, Office of Global Programs, NOAA
- 3:50 *Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for Improvement*
Moderator: David Getches, University of Colorado School of Law
- 5:00 – 6:30 **Reception on the West Lawn**
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FRIDAY, JUNE 9

SESSION 5: GROWTH AND WATER IN COLORADO: A WINDOW ON THE WEST

8:00 Registration

Life After Two Forks: A New Confluence of Issues and Options

Moderator: Doug Kenney, Natural Resources Law Center

8:30 *Keynote Address: Growth in Colorado and the West: Trends and Issues*

Jim Corbridge, Professor, University of Colorado School of Law

9:15 *Chronic and Emerging Water Issues in the South Platte / Front Range Corridor.*

Jim Lochhead, Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland

10:00 Break

Searching for New Water ... but not without controversy

Moderator: Peter Nichols, Natural Resources Law Center

10:30 *Opening Remarks and Introductions of Panelists*

10:40 *New Demands in the Headwaters.* Taylor Hawes, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

11:00 *Policy and Legal Issues Associated with New Developments and Transfers: The West Slope Perspective.* Eric Kuhn, General Manager, Colorado River Water Conservation District

11:20 *Gunnison River: A Local Perspective on Union Park.* John Hill, Bratton and McClow

11:40 *Impacts of Water Transfers on the Agricultural Sector.* Don Ament, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture

12:00 Discussion and Q&A

12:20 Lunch (provided)

New Solutions?

Moderator: Gary Bryner, Natural Resources Law Center

1:10 *Opening Remarks and Introduction of Panelists*

1:20 *What is the State Role?* Ken Salazar, Colorado Attorney General

1:40 *Activities of the Eagle River Forum.* Doug Kemper, Manager of Water Resources, City of Aurora

2:00 *Conjunctive Use in the Denver Basin: The Three-Party Agreement.* Peter Binney, CH2MHill

2:20 *Potential for Coordinated Facilities Management Along the Northern Front Range.* Marc Waage, Manager of Raw Water Supply, Denver Water

2:40 *Environmental Consequences of Various Solution Strategies.* Lori Potter, Kelly Haglund Garnsey & Kahn, LLC

3:00 Break

3:30 *Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A: Opportunities for Doing Better*

Moderator: Jim Corbridge, University of Colorado School of Law

4:30 Adjourn