AGENDA: Water and Growth in the West

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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
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
10:00 Break
10:30  Groundwater Management in the West: Evolving Law and Practice. A. Dan Tarlock, Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law
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
Sponsored by Hydrosphere Resource Consultants, Ltd.
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, CH2M-Hill

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