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2014 Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Program Planning and Planting for the Future

Hosted by: City of La Junta and Otero County
Otero Junior College Student Center | 1802 Colorado Avenue | La Junta, CO 81050

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 - COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

- 5:15 - 6:00P Sandwich bar with paid \$10 registration
- 6:00 - 6:10P **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**
Dr. Lorenz Sutherland, *Host Chairperson*
- 6:10 - 7:10P **Landscaping for Drought Tour of Otero Junior College Campus**
Genia Short, *Otero Junior College*
- Drought Tolerant Plants
- Liz Catt, *Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District*
- Xeriscape Principles
- Shelly Simmons, *Colorado State Forest Service*
- Growing Drought Tolerant Trees
- 7:10 - 7:45P **Water 101**
Tracy Kosloff and Kevin Rein, *State Engineer's Office Colorado Division of Water Resources*
- 7:45 - 8:00P Break (coffee and refreshments)
- 8:00 - 8:40P **Federal Support for the Arkansas Valley Conduit**
Erin Mink, *Senator Mark Udall's office*
Brian McCain, *Congressman Scott Tipton's office*
Doris Morgan, *Congressman Cory Gardner's office*
- 8:40 - 9:00P **What is the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and What Does It Do?**
Jeris Danielson, *Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee*

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

- 7:00 – 8:00A Registration, coffee, and refreshments
- 8:00 – 8:20A **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**
Dr. Lorenz Sutherland, *Host Chairperson*
Keith Goodwin, *Otero County Commissioner*
Rick Klein, *City of La Junta Manager*
Presentation of Colors, *Local Color Guard*

Morning Session

- 8:20 – 9:20A **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Colorado's Water Plan - James Eklund, Director,**
Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 9:20 – 9:40A Break (coffee and refreshments)

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- 9:40A – 11:15A **Basin Perspectives on Colorado’s Water Plan**
Moderator: John Stulp, *Special Policy Advisor on Water to the Governor/IBCC Director*
Sean Cronin, *South Platte Basin Roundtable*
John McCLOW, *Gunnison Basin Roundtable*
Mike Gibson, *Rio Grande Basin Roundtable*
Jim Pokrandt, *Colorado Basin Roundtable*
- 11:15 – 11:45A **Bob Appel “Friend of the Arkansas” Award**
- 11:45A- 1:00P Luncheon Buffet
- 12:15 - 1:00P **Luncheon Speakers: Federal Water Rights Bills and Impacts to Colorado’s Water Supply**
Erin Mink, *Senator Mark Udall’s office*
Brian McCain, *Congressman Scott Tipton’s office*
- Afternoon Session**
- 1:00 – 2:30P **“How Did We Get Here?” - Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Panel**
Moderator: Gary Barber, *West Water Research*
James Broderick, *Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District*
Jay Winner, *Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District*
Terry Scanga, *Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District*
Jeris Danielson, *Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District*
- 2:30 - 2:45P Break (coffee & refreshments)
- 2:45 – 4:30P **“Where Do We Go Next?” - Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan Panel**
Moderator: Gary Barber, *West Water Research*
Mark McCluskey, *CDM-Smith*
Mark Shively, *Conservation Consultant*
Kyle Hamilton, *CH2M Hill*
Mark Shea, *Colorado Springs Utilities*
Brett Gracely, *Colorado Springs Utilities*
- 4:30 - 5:30P **CLICKER SURVEY ON ARKANSAS BASIN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND RESULTS**
- 7:00 P **PERCOLATION & RUNOFF**
Otero Museum (Map included in registration packet)
Refreshments and light snacks will be provided (Event is open to the public)

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Thursday, April 24, 2014

7:30– 8:00AM Registration, coffee, and refreshments

Morning Session

8:00 – 8:10AM **INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

Dr. Lorenz Sutherland, *Host Chairperson*

Jim Rizzuto, *President Otero Junior College*

8:10 – 10:10AM **AGRICULTURAL WATER USE PANEL**

Moderator: Kevin Rein, *State Engineer's Office Colo. Division of Water Resources*

Dan Steuer, *Colorado State Attorney General's Office*

- Arkansas River Compact: History, Litigation, and the Subsequent Need for Rules:

Bill Tyner, *Division 2, Colorado Division of Water Resources*

- Primer on Arkansas River Basin Augmentation / Substitute Water Supply Plans: Rule 8 and Rule 10 Plans - What Do The Numbers Tell Us?

Steve Witte, *Division Engineer, Division 2, Colorado Division of Water Resources*

- "The Bucket is Empty" The Legal and Administrative Precepts of Covering Depletions in Periods of Extended Drought

Jack Goble, *Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District*

- Implementation of Rules Governing Improvements to Surface Water Irrigation Systems in the Arkansas River Basin in Colorado: Rule 10 Plans and Use of ISAM (Irrigation System Analysis Model)

Brian Lauristen, *AgriTech Consulting / Knudsen Engineering, Inc.*

- Irrigation Regulatory Reservoir Seepage Study Results

10:10 - 10:30AM Break and Door Prizes

10:30 - 12:00PM **A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL WATER**

Moderator: Kevin Karney, *Otero County Commissioner*

Reeves Brown, *Rancher and Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District*

- Arkansas River Basin Agriculture Water Gap

Speaker, TBD

- Addressing the State-Wide Agriculture Water Gap

Michael Hirakata, *Generational Otero County Farmer*

- A Perspective on the Heritage of Agriculture

Steve Wooten, *Generational Las Animas County Rancher*

- The Value of Working Landscapes in the Arkansas Valley

12:00 - 12:15PM **Student Art Contest Awards**

12:15 – 1:15PM Luncheon Buffet

12:45 - 1:15PM **Luncheon Speaker:** Rick Manzanares, *Canyons and Plains of Southeast Colorado*

- Southeastern Colorado Heritage Designation

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Afternoon Session

1:15 - 2:00PM

ARKANSAS BASIN WEATHER UPDATE:

Nolan Doesken, *Colorado State Climatologist*

2:00 – 3:30PM

PANEL: IMPACTS OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Dr. George Beck, *Colorado State University*

- Historical Perspective on Non-Natives, Southeastern Colorado's Top Invasives, & Healthy Habitats Coalition

Dr. Steve Ryder, *Colorado State Weed Coordinator*

- Overview of State Weed Law and Colorado Department of Agriculture Weed Programs

Dr. Dan Bean, *Colorado Department of Agriculture*

- Tamarisk Leaf Beetle Biocontrol in the Arkansas Basin and Evapotranspiration Reduction Induced by Tamarisk Leaf Beetle Defoliation on the Virgin River Study