

INNOVATIVE WATER TRANSFERS WORKSHOP

Hosted by the Western Governors' Association,

Western States Water Council, and Colorado Water Conservation Board
The Curtis Hotel • Denver, CO • thecurtis.com • 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO
Thursday, Oct. 27, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Friday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. – 12 noon



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Thursday, October 27

- 7:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00-8:30 Welcome and Introductions
JENNIFER GIMBEL, *Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board*
- 8:30-9:30 **Panel I: Fostering Local Solutions for Water Sharing**
This panel will emphasize local-level action involving both transfers and their alternatives, as well as strategies for states to encourage local solutions.
JIM YAHN, *North Sterling Irrigation District*
BRIANNA RANDALL, *Clark Fork Coalition*
MARK PIFHER, *Aurora Water*
- 9:30-10:00 Break-Out Discussion
- 10:00-10:30 Reporting and Group Discussion
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-12:00 **Case Study Presentation: Arkansas River Super Ditch**
PETER NICHOLS, *Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District*
JAY WINNER, *Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District*
DALE MAUCH, *Farmer in LAVWCD and Super Ditch board member*
LARRY PATTERSON, *City of Fountain Utilities*
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch and Keynote
JOHN STULP, *Special Policy Advisor on Water to Gov. Hickenlooper*
- 1:30-2:30 **Panel II: Administration of Water Rights and Transaction Costs**
This panel will discuss the administrative barriers to transfers and strategies to reduce the time and cost associated with them.
DR. BONNIE COLBY, *University of Arizona*
BRAD WIND, *Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District*
MONICA VAN BUSSUM, *Idaho Department of Water Resources*
- 2:30-3:00 Break-Out Discussion
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:00 Reporting and Group Discussion
- 4:00-5:00 Discussion of Project: Definition of Transfers and Survey Results
Moderated by NATHAN BRACKEN (WSWC) *and* TOM ISEMAN (WGA)
- 5:15 Reception in The Corner Office (hotel restaurant and bar)

Friday, October 28

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| 7:30-8:00 | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00-8:30 | CSU Agricultural Water Sharing – Recap and Update MARYLOU SMITH, <i>Colorado State University</i> |
| 8:30-9:30 | Panel III: Impacts to Areas of Origin <i>This panel will focus on the impacts to communities, economies, and the environment in areas where water has been transferred to another use. We will develop strategies to avoid or mitigate impacts to local economies and food production.</i> DR. JAMES PRITCHETT, <i>Colorado State University</i> PAT O'TOOLE, <i>Family Farm Alliance</i> BILL HASENCAMP, <i>Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</i> |
| 9:30-10:00 | Break-Out Discussion |
| 10:00-10:30 | Reporting and Group Discussion |
| 10:30-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Project Discussion and Next Steps |
| 12:00 | Wrap-Up and Adjourn |

Background:

Earlier this year, the Western Governors' Association (WGA) and Western States Water Council (WSWC) embarked on a joint project to investigate innovative strategies for water transfers. Part of the project includes soliciting information at a series of stakeholder workshops.

This workshop will bring together approximately 35 people from across the Western states to discuss the most promising strategies, successful case studies, and data available to promote smart and innovative water transfers in the West. Ideas generated in this workshop will be used to formulate a final report to be presented to the Western Governors in June 2012.

Outcomes:

- Specific input and recommendations on three key panel topics for report to governors.
- Development of a case study in Colorado.
- Guidance/recommendations for next workshop and project execution.