

Colorado Ag Water Summit

December 9-10

Winter Park, Colorado

Headwaters Center

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Thursday, December 9th

2:30-3:30	<p>*Pre-conference Event* – Agricultural Stakeholder Funding Discussion -Jim Yahn, Former CWCB Board Member, General Manager North Sterling Irrigation District</p> <p><i>Discussion for agricultural producers and the ag community on how we can organize ourselves and projects to focus investment on water resources infrastructure around the state</i></p>
4:00	Registration
4:30	<p>Opening Remarks & Welcome -Don Shawcroft, CAWA Chair -Greg Peterson, CAWA Executive Director</p>
4:45	<p>Keynote Speakers Senator John Hickenlooper (tentative) Senator Michael Bennet</p> <p><i>Virtual discussion with the Senators about federal funding on water resources, supporting ag, and how to work across partisan lines for the benefit of the ag community</i></p>
6:00	Dinner
7:30	<p>Colorado's Anti-Speculation Law Moderated by Robert Sakata, Sakata Farms -Joe Bernal, Mesa County Farmer -Lauren Ris, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Deputy Director -Alex Davis, Deputy Director Water Resources Division Aurora Water -Andy Muller, General Manager Colorado River Water Conservation District -James Ecklund, Ecklund Hanlon, LLC</p> <p><i>Discussion on water speculation in general and the recent report from the Anti-Speculation Law Work Group</i></p>
9:00	Drinks and Networking

Friday, December 10th

7:00	Breakfast
8:00	<p>How Can the Ag Community Advance Water Storage?</p> <p>Moderator – Carlyle Currier, Colorado Farm Bureau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Bill McCormick, Chief of Dam Safety, Division of Water Resources-Joe Frank, Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District-Ron Redd, Parker Water and Sanitation-Scott Lorenz, Colorado Springs Utilities-Amy Moyer, Colorado River District, Director Strategic Partnerships
9:15	<p>What Are Voter's View on Funding The Water Plan?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Lori Weigel, New Bridge Strategy
9:45	Break
10:15	<p>Funding Agricultural Projects: Partnerships and Ballot Measures</p> <p>Moderator – Terry Fankhauser, Colorado Cattlemen's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Ted Kowalski, Walton Family Foundation-Aaron Citron, The Nature Conservancy-Sean Cronin, St. Vrain & Left Hand Water Conservancy District-Brian Jackson, Environmental Defense Fund
11:30	<p>Colorado River Compact: A Legal Perspective on the Compact and Upcoming Negotiations</p> <p>John McClow, General Counsel of the Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District, and former Colorado Commissioner on the Upper Colorado River Commission, and Colorado's representative to negotiations among the Colorado River Basin states, the United States, and Mexico.</p>
12:30	Closing Remarks