



**2010 CONVENTION
DURANGO, CO - FEB 10-12, 2010
DOUBLETREE HOTEL DURANGO**

**8th Annual DARCA Convention Program
Agricultural Water - Reinventing Strategies for a New World**

**Convention Day One
Thursday, February 11**

Focus On. **Laying the Groundwork—What's Ahead for Ag?**

8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast** – Continental breakfast.

9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Phil Bertrand, Superintendent of the Grand Valley Irrigation Company
& President of DARCA

9:15 a.m. **Colorado River Water Availability Study**
Ray Alvarado, Section Chief of the Water Information for the Colorado Water Conservation Board

How Dust-on-Snow is Complicating Ditch and Reservoir Operations
Chris Landry, Executive Director of Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies &
Colorado Dust-on-Snow Program Manager

10:15 a.m. **Networking and Exhibits - Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**

10:45 a.m. **Colorado Water Congress Legislative Update**
Doug Kemper, Executive Director of the Colorado Water Congress

11:30 a.m. **Colorado's Next Generation of Farmers**
The Economics and Carbon Footprint of the New Agriculture
Kyle Baker, University of Colorado

12:00 a.m. **Lunch & Guest Speaker**
John Stulp, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture

Focus On. **What's Happening in Colorado**

1:00 p.m. **Drainage Systems & Districts in Colorado**
Will Hutchins, Bona Fide Ditch & DARCA Board Member
John McKenzie, Executive Director, DARCA

2:00 p.m. **Pressurized Systems - Dolores Project**
Ken Curtis, Engineer, Dolores Water Conservancy District

2:45 p.m. **Networking and Exhibits.—Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**

- 3:15 p.m. **Reinventing the Bureau of Reclamation..Future Strategies**
Bill McDonald, Pacific Northwest Regional Director, United States Bureau of Reclamation
- 4:00p.m. **Ag Efficiency Rules**
Heath Kuntz, Senior Project Hydrologist/Agronomist, Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc.
- 4:45 p.m. **Ag to Urban Transfers Update**
Peter Nichols, Esq. Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer & Freeman, P.C.,
General Counsel of the Super Ditch
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum
and tour of the adjoining machine shop.**
- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner on your own**

Convention Day Two Friday, February 12

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast with the Board**
Join us for "Breakfast with the Board" to help plan DARCA's future!
- 8:30 a.m. **DARCA Annual Board Meeting**
Election of board members and other DARCA business. If you would like to become more involved with DARCA, please consider running for a position on the Board of Directors.

Focus On: **DARCA's Role for Ditch Companies**

- 9:00 a.m. **GIS Opportunities for Ditch Companies**
Mannie Colon, Canon City Hydraulic and Irrigating Company & President of DARCA
- 10:00 a.m. Networking and Exhibits.—Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.
- 10:30 a.m. **Issues Facing the Western Slope**
Aaron Clay, Esq. Clay & Dodson, P.C., Delta
- 11:30 a.m. **DARCA Wrap Up: DARCA Education & Consulting Services**
Facilitated dialogue with participants
Eve Triffo, & John McKenzie, DARCA Board Members
- 12:00 a.m. **Convention Ends.**

**Lunch is on your own.
Please enjoy one of *Durango's fine restaurants.***