



2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION  
AND PRE - CONVENTION WORKSHOP  
COLORADO SPRINGS - FEB 22-24  
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

**Pre-Convention Workshop**  
***Is Your Great-Grandpa's Dam Ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***  
***Wednesday, February 22***

- 8:00 a.m.      **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m.      **Colorado Dam Safety Branch: Those Dam Engineers**  
Bill McCormick, PE, PG, Chief of Dam Safety Branch
- 9:10 a.m.      **Colorado Dam Safety Program Introduction & Mission: Fundamentals of Dam Design; Why Dam Safety?; Notable Dam Failures & Dam Inspection Basics**  
John Hunyadi, PE, Dam Safety Engineer, CO Division of Water Resources, CO Springs
- 9:50 a.m.      **Monitoring and Instrumentation; Maintenance, Repair, & Design Review Process; Emergency Action Plans; Liability & Risk**  
Mark Perry, PE, Dam Safety Engineer, CO Division of Water Resources, Pueblo
- 10:30 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.      **Reservoir Recreational and Storage Leases**  
Scott Holwick, Esq., Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall, PC
- 11:30 a.m.      **Liability Insurance for Reservoirs**  
Charles F. Hix, Vice President, Hix Insurance Associates, Inc.
- Noon              **Lunch**

**Developing Your Reservoir**

- 1:00 p.m.      **Hiring an Engineer**  
Kirk Russell, PE, Engineer/Manager, Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 1:30 p.m.      **Storage Rights Water Law**  
Marcus J. Lock, Esq, Wilderson Lock & Hill, LLC
- 2:00 p.m.      **Financing a Project**  
Anna Mauss, PE, Marketing, Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 2:30 p.m.      **Break**
- 2:45 p.m.      **Section 404 Permitting for Reservoir Construction, Expansion and Maintenance**  
Steve Dougherty, Principal, ERO Resources
- 3:15 p.m.      **Case Study: Overland Ditch and Reservoir Company**  
Phil Ceriani, President, Overland Ditch and Reservoir Co.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual DARCA Convention *Are Your Water Rights in Jeopardy?*

## AGENDA

### Convention Day One - Thursday, February 23

#### *Focus On:* Laying the Groundwork

- 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. **Welcome to DARCA Members**  
*Senator Mark Udall (videotaped)*
- 9:30 a.m. **Feeding the Future: Keeping Water in Agriculture**  
*Chris Woodka, Editor & Water News Reporter, Pueblo Chieftain*
- 10:15 a.m. **Networking and Exhibits - Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**
- 10:45 a.m. **Huerfano Cucharas Irrigation Company**  
*Gary Barber, President, Two Rivers Water Company*
- 11:30 a.m. **Update on Legislation**  
*Douglas Kemper, Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress*
- 12:00 a.m. **Lunch & Speaker: Our Riches of Ditches**  
*Elizabeth Black, Artist and producer of "The Ditch Project"*

#### *Focus On:* What's Happening in Colorado

- 1:00 p.m. **Nuts and Bolts of Colorado's Call System**  
*Steven J. Witte, Division Engineer for Division 2, Colorado Division of Water Resources*
- 1:45 p.m. **Update on Micro & Low Head Hydro**  
*Lindsay George, PhD, PE, Water Resource Engineer, Applegate Group, Inc.*
- 2:00 p.m. **Benefits and Risks of Ditch Wide Analyses –Lessons Learned from Previous Cases**  
*Jeffrey J. Kahn, Esq., Lyons Gaddis Kahn & Hall, PC  
Mark A. McLean, PE, Deere & Ault Consultants, Inc.*
- 2:45 p.m. **Networking and Exhibits.—Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**
- 3:15 p.m. **Keynote Speaker**  
**Prior Appropriation: Does It Meet Changing Needs**  
*Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Colorado Supreme Court*
- 4:00 p.m. **Keeping the Next Generation on the Farm**  
*Eve Triffo, Moderator  
Britt Colon, Manager, Colon Orchards  
Beki Javernick Guion, Farmer/Owner, Javernick Family Farms  
Fred Hefley, Owner, H2O Farms*
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception & "Are Your Water Rights in Jeopardy Contest" – Drinks and hors d'oeuvres**
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner on your own**

## Convention Day Two - Friday, February 24

### *Focus On.* **DARCA Business**

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast with the Board**  
*Join us for "Breakfast with the Board" to help plan DARCA's future!*
- 8:00 a.m. **DARCA Annual Membership 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.*
- 8:30 a.m. **Low Altitude Aerial Waterway Mapping**  
*Aaron Bliesner, Keller-Bliesner Engineering, LLC*

### *Workshop A.* **What Directors and Officers Need to Know**

- 9:00 a.m. **Directors and Officers in the Hot Seat**  
*Eve Triffo, Board Member, DARCA  
John McKenzie, Executive Director, DARCA*
- 10:00 a.m. **Are Your Bylaws Outdated and Will They Hurt You?**  
*Eve Triffo, Board Member, DARCA*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Strategic Thinking and Decision Making**  
*John McKenzie, Executive Director, DARCA*
- 12:00 a.m. **Convention Ends - Lunch is on your own.**

### *Workshop B.* **Water Quality and Stormwater Issues**

- 9:00 a.m. **Storm Water Engineering**  
*Rich Belt, PE, PH, Senior Water Resource Analyst, Xcel Energy*
- 10:00 a.m. **Water Quality and Stormwater**  
*John P. Akolt, Esq., Law Firm of John P. Akolt*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Water Quality and Stormwater Issues**  
*John P. Akolt, Esq., Law Firm of John P. Akolt*
- 12:00 a.m. **Convention Ends - Lunch is on your own.**

### *Workshop C.* **Managing the Ditch Company**

- 9:00 a.m. **Bookkeeping Issues for Ditch Companies**  
*Dan Grant & Angie Swanson, Dan Grant Bookkeeping LLC*
- 10:00 a.m. **The Unique Tax Issues and Challenges Facing Mutual Ditch and Irrigation Companies**  
*Patricia T. Dow, The Dow Law Firm*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Risk Reduction and Loss Control for Ditches and Reservoirs**  
*Dennis McShane, Director of Risk Control Services, Glatfelter Public Practice*
- 12:00 a.m. **Convention Ends - Lunch is on your own**



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<p><b>CONVENTION REGISTRATION (FEBRUARY 23-24)</b></p> <p>Early Bird DARCA/CWC Member Registration by Feb 1.....\$125          Early Bird non-members by Feb 1.....\$250          Regular DARCA/CWC Member Registration.....\$150          Regular non-member Registration.....\$300</p> <p><b>PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION (FEB 22)</b>  <i>Is Your Great-Grandpa's Dam Ready of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workshop</i></p> <p>DARCA/CWC Member.....\$100          Non-member.....\$200          (If you are also registered for the Convention, please subtract \$25.)</p> <p><b>OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS</b> — A rate of \$79 per room has been arranged with the DoubleTree Colorado Springs – World Arena Hotel, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. Please mention DARCA when reserving your rooms.  <u>Please book your room as early as possible before the DARCA block runs out.</u>          DoubleTree Tel: (719) 576-8900 Website: www.cosdoubletree.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOUR WAYS TO REGISTER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Phone: (970) 412-1960</li> <li>◆ Mail: 1630A 30<sup>th</sup> St.,#431 Boulder, CO 80301</li> <li>◆ Fax: (303) 516-1202</li> <li>◆ Online: www.darca.org</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTACT DARCA FOR PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLEASE REGISTER AND BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY</u></p>
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Names of other Participant(s) attending for company

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