



Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance

Dear Friends of DARCA:

The Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance (DARCA) will be hosting its 6th Annual Convention February 21-22, 2008 in San Luís, Colorado. A convention brochure will be available next month.

We are pleased to announce that our convention facilities this year allow us to again invite exhibitors and provide plenty of display space. Convention registration (plus meals) is included in the fee for exhibiting.

In addition to exhibitors, we also encourage sponsorship of our event and have several sponsorship options for your consideration. DARCA depends on its sponsors not only for financing the convention itself but also for operating expenses throughout the year. We really appreciate your continuing support of our organization. Our convention has been growing each year and we expect this year to be no exception.

If you wish to sponsor breakfasts or breaks, please respond as soon as possible as these types of sponsorships are limited and fill up quickly.

You may find of particular interest the *Flow Measurement For Ditch Companies* pre-convention workshop on Wednesday, Feb 20 at the Fort Garland Museum in Fort Garland. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend and may set up their displays at that location as well. An agenda is enclosed detailing costs.

Enclosed are information sheets for both sponsors and exhibitors. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (303) 875-2809 or at max.mckenzie@darca.org.

Sincerely,

Max McKenzie
Convention Planner

Enclosures: Sponsorship Application, Tabletop Exhibitor Registration Form, Flyer for Convention, Flow Measurement Agenda, DARCA Brochure

1630A 30th Street, #431, Boulder, CO 80301
Tel: (970) 412-1960 Fax: (303) 516-1202



Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance

Sponsorship Application

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsorship Categories	Sponsorship Benefits	Annual Fee
_____ Supporting Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition for one event (other than the annual conference) 	\$ 250.00
_____ Bronze Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition at two events (other than the annual conference) DARCA website banner ad for one year 	\$ 500.00
_____ Silver Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition at two events DARCA website banner ad for one year Annual Convention sponsorship 	\$ 1,000.00
_____ Gold Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition at two events DARCA website banner ad for one year Annual Convention sponsorship One complimentary annual convention registration One exhibit table at the annual convention 	\$ 1,500.00
_____ Platinum Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition at two events DARCA website banner ad for one year Annual Convention sponsorship Two exhibit tables at the annual convention Two complimentary annual convention registrations 	\$ 2,000.00
_____ Presenting Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor recognition at ALL DARCA events Breakfast sponsor at Annual Convention DARCA website banner ad for one year Annual Convention sponsorship Three exhibit tables at the annual convention Three complimentary annual convention registrations 	\$ 2,500.00

Paying by: Check _____ (Made payable to DARCA) Credit Card _____ (VISA/MasterCard only)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

If you have any questions or if you wish to process your application over the phone, please contact our convention coordinator, Max McKenzie, at (303) 875-2809. He can also be reached at max.mckenzie@darca.org. You may return this form to the address or fax number below:

Ditch & Reservoir Company Alliance
 1630A 30th St. #431, Boulder, Co 80301
 Tel: (970) 412-1960 Fax: (303) 516-1202



Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance

**2008 CONVENTION TABLETOP EXHIBITOR BENEFITS
SAN LUÍS, CO - FEB 21 & 22**

TABLE COST: \$200 FOR DARCA MEMBERS
\$250 FOR NON-MEMBERS

BENEFITS:

- ✓ Vendor table
- ✓ Convention Registration including meals
- ✓ Listing and recognition on Convention Program
- ✓ Company logo and link on DARCA website
- ✓ Unlimited handouts to attendees
- ✓ Recognition by the President from the podium

DARCA Tabletop Exhibitor Registration Form

Exhibitor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Names of Registrant(s) attending for company

1. _____ Email _____

2. _____ Email _____

Paying by: Check _____ (Made payable to DARCA)

Credit Card _____ (VISA/MasterCard only)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date: _____

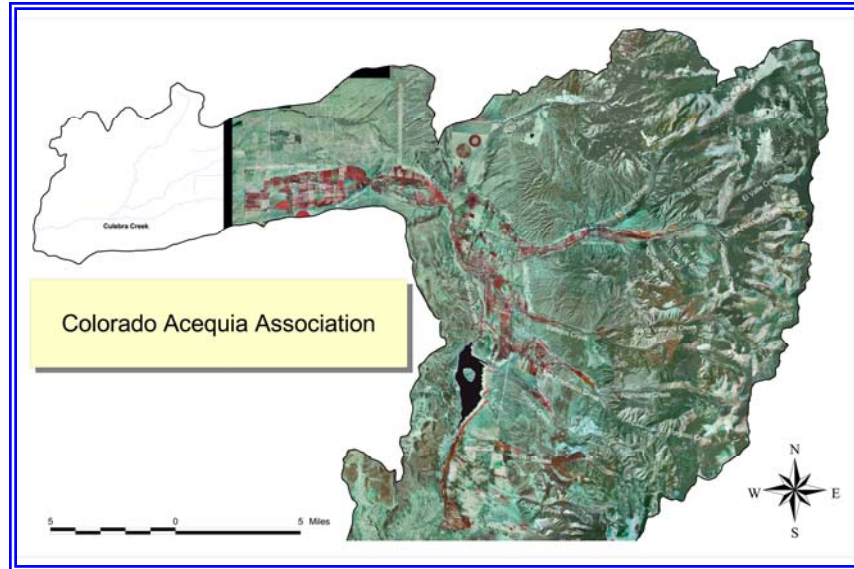
Signature: _____

If you have any questions or if you wish to process your application over the phone, please contact our convention coordinator, Max McKenzie, at (303) 875-2809. He can also be reached at max.mckenzie@darca.org. You may return this form to the address or fax number below:

Ditch & Reservoir Company Alliance
1630A 30th St. #431, Boulder, Co 80301
Tel: (970) 412-1960 Fax: (303) 516-1202

DITCH AND RESERVOIR COMPANY ALLIANCE

“DARCA IS THE DEFINITIVE RESOURCE FOR NETWORKING, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, AND ADVOCACY AMONG MUTUAL DITCH AND RESERVOIR COMPANIES, IRRIGATION DISTRICTS, INCORPORATED LATERALS, AND PRIVATE DITCHES.”



Pre Convention Workshop
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

FLOW MEASUREMENT FOR DITCH COMPANIES

Fort Garland Museum Mess Hall
9 a.m.— 4 p.m. Fort Garland, CO



Acequia Vallejos Parshall Flume

Acequia El Cerro with Adelmo Kaber irrigating his field.

2008 DARCA Annual Convention
February 21-22, 2008

Learning From Others: ACEQUIAS IN COLORADO

Sangre de Cristo Parish Hall
508 Church Place, San Luis, CO

Dinner Speaker— Dr. Devon Peña, Ph.D., The Acequia Institute, San Acacio, Colorado www.AcequiaInstitute.org
Dr. Peña is a professor of anthropology, environmental studies, and Chicano Studies and has authored several books.

Cocktail Reception and Dinner with Live Entertainment

5:30 p.m. - Thursday, February 21, 2008 ~ **American Legion Hall, 342- 4th Street, San Luis**

6 p.m. — Cocktails and dinner featuring live entertainment provided by *Mariachi de San Luis*.

Dance with “*Blue Moon Productions*” Following Dinner until — 11:00 p.m.

6th Annual

Ditch And Reservoir Company Alliance



CONVENTION

www.darca.org

FEBRUARY 2008

San Luis, Colorado



Where Colorado Began in Colorado’s Oldest Town * Home to the Oldest Water Right in Colorado

“Quien a su tierra y las acequias se aquerencia a sus nietos alimenta.

To care for your land and water, is to nourish your grandchildren.”

Become a DARCA Member! To find out about becoming a DARCA member, please visit our website at www.darca.org or contact John McKenzie at 970-412-1960, john.mckenzie@darca.org.
DARCA, 1630A 30th St., #431, Boulder, CO 80301

Experience centuries-old traditional cultural foods that comprise many households. An aromatic feast pleasing the palate, as we serve heirloom foods that produce many of the local culinary delicacies; grown by local acequia farmers & harvested from the Costilla County villages.

“Las Comadres de San Luis y el Condado de Costilla County,”
LasComadresSanLuis@yahoo.com 719.672.3152

REGISTRATION and

Sponsors , Exhibitors, & Vendors

If you would like to have a Vendor or Exhibitor table, or participate as a DARCA convention sponsor, contact Max McKenzie, Convention Coordinator at 303-875-2809, max.mckenzie@darca.org.

FLOW MEASUREMENT FOR DITCH COMPANIES

6th ANNUAL DARCA CONVENTION PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOP

- When:** Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Where:** Fort Garland Museum
29477 Hwy. 159 (just south of Hwy 160)
Fort Garland, Colo.
- Cost:** \$100 for DARCA/CWC members; \$150 for non-members
If you are registered for the 2008 Convention, please subtract \$25 from the workshop price.

Flow Measurement is the pre-convention workshop before the 6th Annual Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance Convention in San Luis on Feb. 21-22, 2008. The workshop is essential for ditch company personnel interested in learning about the latest technologies of measuring, recording, and reporting water flows in canals and for on-farm delivery applications. The workshop begins with flow measurement fundamentals: the common units of measurement and the operational benefits of flow measurement. Historical measurement devices, including the Parshall flume, and basic operation of all critical flow measurement devices and details on measurement accuracy are on the agenda.

The course covers the design and installation of long-throated (Replogle) flumes and broad-crested weirs. These types of flumes have several advantages over the Parshall, They can be custom designed to the needs of the user, cost less to construct, and are more accurate. Participants are invited to bring their laptop computers to class. WinFlume, a powerful, easy to use software program will be provided. The program allows users to perform a rating analysis on an existing flume or a new flume can be designed. The participants will be instructed in the use of the software and will be able to solve exercises in the afternoon session of the class.

Flow meters for piped systems will be presented as well.

Recording devices of all types will be described and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, better known as SCADA, will be discussed and presented for flow recording and reporting. These technologies can provide monitoring and control of canal operations from a centralized location. Data and information, such as canal flows and reservoir storage data, can be easily posted to the canal company's Web site for management and shareholder access.

DARCA member Stephen Smith with Aqua Engineering, Inc. will organize and lead the workshop. Other presenters will be engineers from other DARCA member companies and Tony Wahl from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Hydraulics Laboratory in Denver.

Lunch and handouts are included. Limit: 80 attendees.

The Flow Measurement workshop is sponsored by: Aqua Engineering Inc. and Southwestern Water Conservation District.

Membership Dues

For water delivery organizations, your annual membership dues are on a sliding scale according to your organization's annual revenue.

- ❑ \$50 for unincorporated ditches or lateral companies whose 'parent ditch' is a DARCA member
- ❑ \$100 for incorporated ditch companies/irrigation districts with annual revenue less than \$100,000
- ❑ \$300 for incorporated ditch companies/irrigation districts with annual revenue less than \$250,000
- ❑ \$500 for incorporated ditch companies/irrigation districts with annual revenue greater than \$250,000
- ❑ \$250 for corporate/municipal membership
- ❑ \$75 for individual membership

To request a membership registration form, please call (970) 412-1960, email request to info@darca.org, or register online at www.darca.org.

Joining DARCA is Easy!

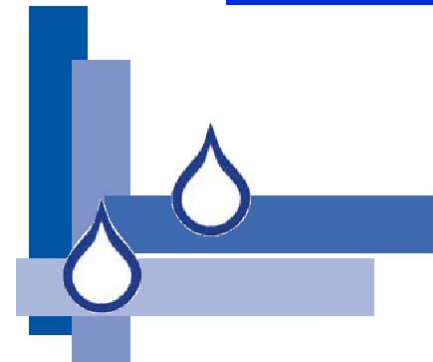
www.darca.org

1630A 30th St., #431
Boulder, CO 80301

Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance



DARCA is the definitive resource for networking, information exchange, and advocacy among Mutual Ditch & Reservoir Companies, Irrigation Districts, Incorporated Laterals, and Private Ditches.



What is DARCA?

The Ditch & Reservoir Company Alliance is a non-profit organization, established in 2001, that is dedicated to serving the needs of mutual ditch and reservoir companies, irrigation districts, lateral companies, and all other types of private ditch associations. Think of DARCA as a 'trade association' for ditch companies providing the following services:

- Research and advocacy to support the operation and management of ditches and reservoirs in the 21st century.
- Educational programs, including training workshops and handbook publications, for board members, shareholders, engineers, attorneys, company secretaries, superintendents and ditch riders. Please check www.darca.org for the current schedule.
- Online reference library with current information on court cases, sample legal agreements, cross-company comparison data, changes in law, and management tips.
- Access to a network of ditch companies all across the state, giving you the opportunity to learn from your peers.
- Someplace to go for answers to your questions.

It's tough to run a ditch company these days.

Your ditch company was likely formed before 1900 — a simpler time. Your “founding fathers” thought it unnecessary to obtain crossing agreements. They never anticipated urban encroachment into your service area. They didn't have to worry about the tax implications of receiving recreation lease payments. Times have changed. You know how expensive it is to have private legal counsel keeping you up to date on these issues. Wouldn't it be great to have an organization like DARCA working for you?

Wouldn't it be great to compare notes with other ditch companies around the state who might be facing these same issues? Wouldn't it be great to send your new staff person to a specialized workshop for training?

Some things you might not know about running a ditch company.

Most likely, your ditch has been running on “autopilot” since the early 1900's. Here are some important considerations for operating a modern ditch company:

- If your ditch is unincorporated, there may be significant benefits associated with incorporating as a mutual ditch company. The process is easy and relatively inexpensive; DARCA has the resources to show you how.
- If incorporated, are you a mutual ditch company or a Colorado non-profit corporation? DARCA can explain the difference for you.

- What steps has your company taken to protect its easement? DARCA has tools to help you keep your ditch free from encroachment and accessible for maintenance and repair.
- Recent Supreme Court rulings have changed the rules — for the better — for ditch companies. DARCA can show you how to benefit from the latest court rulings.

Our Board & Staff

DARCA is governed by an experienced board of directors comprised of ditch company superintendents, managers, board members, and water experts from all across the state.

- Matt Cook, President (Rocky Mountain Water Company, Golden)
- Phil Bertrand, Vice-President (Grand Valley Irrigation Company, Grand Junction)
- Greg Ten Eyck, Treasurer (Leonard Rice Engineers Inc., Denver)
- Karen Rademacher, Secretary (Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Berthoud)
- Ron Brinkman (Greeley and Loveland Irrigation Company, Greeley)
- Carrie Ciliberto (Ciliberto and Associates, LLC, Golden)
- Mannie Colon (Canon City Hydraulic Ditch Company, Canon City)
- Janet Enge (Animas Consolidated Ditch Company, Durango)
- Dale Trowbridge (New Cache La Poudre Irrigating Company, Lucerne)
- Craig Ullmann, Applegate Group, Inc., Glenwood Springs)

John McKenzie is DARCA's Executive Director. He can be contacted at (970) 412-1960 or at john.mckenzie@darca.org. Please give him a call!