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AGENDA

Convention Day One - Thursday, February 17

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. **Keynote Speaker**
John Stulp
Special Policy Advisory to the Governor and
Director of the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC)
- 10:15 a.m. Networking and Exhibits - Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.
- 10:45 a.m. **Framing Economics in the Context of Ditch Companies – Econ 101**
Will Hutchins, President, Bona Fide Ditch Company & DARCA Board Member
John McKenzie, DARCA Executive Director
- 11:15 a.m. **What do Ditch Companies' Own? How Best to Make Use of their Resources**
John P. Akolt, Counsel for Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company (FRICO)
- 12:00 a.m. **Lunch & Speaker**
Update: Northern Integrated Supply Project & the Windy Gap Firing Project
Eric Wilkinson, General Manager, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Lunch Sponsored by Rubicon Water

Focus On: What's Happening in Colorado

- 1:00 p.m. **The Big Picture, The Long View, and the Alternative**
John Wiener, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado
- 1:45 p.m. **Efficiency and Pre-Alternative Dispute Resolution – The Coase Theorem**
John McKenzie, DARCA Executive Director
- 2:30 p.m. **Networking and Exhibits.—Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**
- 3:00 p.m. **Water and the Colorado Economy**
Tom Binnings & Paul Rochette, Summit Economics
- 3:45 p.m. **Optimization of On-Farm Practices in Response to Urbanization Pressures on Water Rights**
Stephen W. Smith, Regensis Management Group, LLC
- 4:30 p.m. **Short Break – Networking and Exhibits**
- 4:45 p.m. **Historic Ditches and the National Register of Historic Places**
Heather L. Bailey, State and National Register Historian
- 5:30 p.m. **Reception – Drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the Atrium**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner on your own**

Convention Day Two - Friday, February 18

Focus On. **DARCA Business**

- 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. **Ditch Company Business**

- 9:00 a.m. **Tax and Accounting Issues Facing Ditch Companies**
Ray Derr, CPA
- 10:00 a.m. **Networking and Exhibits.—Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks.**
- 10:30 a.m. **Managing the Lateral Ditch Company**
Phil Bertrand, Superintendent, Grand Valley Irrigation Company
Charlie Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Grand Valley Irrigation Company
Robert Raymond, President, Golden Hills Lateral
Eve Triffo, Shareholder, Canon City and Oil Creek Ditch Company & DARCA Board Member
- 11:45 a.m. **DARCA Wrap Up: Open Forum**
Facilitated dialogue with participants
- 12:00 a.m. **Convention Ends - Lunch is on your own.**

Please Visit DARCA'S Exhibitors

- * Advanced Drainage Systems ***
- * Applegate Group, Inc. ***
- * Bendelow Law Office, LLC ***
- * Colorado Water Conservation Board ***
- * Colorado Water Innovation Cluster ***
- * CSU Water Resources Archive ***
- * Custom Linings, Inc. ***
- * Dynotek/ AMCi ***
- * GEI Consultants ***
- * Geo-Spatial Solutions ***
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