



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 21st Century
Wednesday, February 22

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m. **Colorado Dam Safety: Program Introduction & Mission**
Bill McCormick, PE, PG, Chief of Dam Safety Branch
- 9:10 a.m. Colorado Dam Safety: Fundamentals of Dams; Notable Dam Failures; Dam Inspection Basics
John Hunyadi, PE, Dam Safety Engineer, Colorado Dam Safety Branch
- 9:50 a.m. Colorado Dam Safety: Monitoring and Instrumentation; Maintenance; Emergency Action
Plans; Overview of Design Review & Construction
Mark Perry, PE, Dam Safety Engineer, Colorado Dam Safety Branch
- 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.

10th 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 - DARCA Raffle - Must be present to win.**
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