



2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND PRE - CONVENTION WORKSHOP
LONGMONT, CO - FEBRUARY 26 - 28
PLAZA EVENT CENTER

Pre-Convention Workshop
Creating Efficiencies and Reducing Transaction
Costs for Ditch Companies
Wednesday, February 26
AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m. **Planning and In-House Capabilities of Larger Ditch Companies**
★ Scott Edgar, General Manager, Farmers Reservoir & Irrigation Company, Brighton
★ Joe Dischinger, Esq., Fairfield and Woods, P.C., Denver
- 10:00 a.m. **Engineering Fixes for Ditch Company Efficiencies**
★ Jim Walsh, President, Stream Team, Longmont
★ Bob Weir, P.E., President, Hydroscreen Co. LLC, Denver
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **The Devil's in the Details- Strategies to Reduce Transactional Cost and Increase Flexibility in the Administration of Water Rights**
★ Andy Jones, Esq., Lawrence Jones Custer Grasmick LLP, Johnstown
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Legislative Fixes for Ditch Companies**
★ Brent Bartlett, Esq., Fischer, Brown, Bartlett & Gunn, P.C., Fort Collins
★ Stuart Corbridge, Esq., Vranesh and Raisch, LLP, Boulder
★ Jeff Kahn, Esq., Lyons Gaddis Kahn Hall Jeffers Dworak & Grant, PC, Longmont
★ Doug Kemper, Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress, Denver
★ Jim Witwer, Esq., Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer & Freeman, PC, Denver
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **A Land Use Perspective of Ditch Companies and Agriculture**
★ Dale Case, AICP, Director, Boulder County Land Use Department, Boulder
- 4:00 p.m. **DARCA Model Land Use Codes**
★ John McKenzie, Executive Director, DARCA
- 4:30 p.m. **Open Forum**
- 5:00 p.m. **Ends**

12th Annual DARCA Convention

From Drought to Deluge- Dealing with Uncertainty

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Convention Day One - Thursday, February 27

Focus On: Laying the Groundwork

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
Continental breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcoming**
★ *Phil Bertrand, Superintendent of the Grand Valley Irrigation Company & President of DARCA, Grand Junction*
- 9:15 a.m. **2013 Flood – Water Supply Impacts**
★ *Sean Cronin, Executive Director, St. Vrain & Left Hand Water Conservancy District, Longmont*
- 10:15 a.m. **Networking and Exhibits**
Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks
- 10:45 a.m. **The Colorado Water Plan**
★ *Rebecca Mitchell, Section Chief, Water Supply Planning, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Denver*
- Noon **Lunch & Keynote Speaker –**
★ *James Eklund, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), Denver*

Focus On: What's Happening in Colorado

- 1:00 p.m. **40 Years of the Endangered Species Act:
What to Expect Next & What This Means to You**
★ *Rob Roy Ramey, PhD., President, Wildlife Science International, Inc., Nederland*
★ *Kent Holsinger, Esq., Holsinger Law, LLC, Denver*
- 2:00 p.m. **Falling Water, Hidden Revenue - The Way of the New Hydro Laws**
★ *Karl Kumli, Esq., Dietze and Davis, P.C., Boulder*
- 2:30 p.m. **Networking and Exhibits**
Enjoy Refreshments & Snacks
- 3:00 p.m. **An Insurer's Perspective of the 2013 Flood**
★ *Charles Hix, Vice President, Insurance Associates, Inc., Boulder*

- 3:30 p.m. **Impacts and Opportunities as a Result of the 2013 Flooding**
★ Richard Van Gytenbeek, Colorado River Basin Outreach Coordinator,
Trout Unlimited, Grand Junction
★ Stephanie Scott, Outreach Coordinator, Colorado Trout Unlimited, Denver
★ Ken Kehmeier, Senior Aquatic Biologist, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Fort Collins
- 4:20 p.m. **The Front Range Floods of September 2013:
An Overview of the Weather, Hydrologic Impacts, and Climate Context**
★ Jeff Lukas, Senior Research Associate,
CIRES Western Water Assessment, Boulder
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception – Drinks & hors d'oeuvres**
Are Your Water Rights in Jeopardy Contest
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner on your own**

Convention Day Two - Friday, February 28

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 or helping DARCA in some other capacity.

Workshop A: Water Accounting for Ditch Companies

- 9:00 a.m. **Accounting Requirements for Augmentation, Municipality Interests and Reservoirs**
★ Caren Aguilar, Accounting and Reservoir Administrator,
Division of Water Resources, Division One, Greeley
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Telemetry and Automaton to Help the Accounting Process**
★ Brent Schantz, River Operations/Compact Commissioner,
Division of Water Resources, Division One, Greeley
- 11:30 a.m. **Water Accounting, Past, Present and Future**
★ Scott Davis, Business Development Manager, TruePoint Solutions, Loomis, CA
- Noon **Convention Ends - DARCA Raffle - Must be present to win.**

Workshop B: Water Efficiency Savings -The Ditch Company Perspective

9:00 a.m. ***Framing the Issue***

- ★ John McKenzie, Executive Director, DARCA, Boulder
- ★ Kathryn Forsmark, DARCA Intern, University of Colorado, Boulder
- ★ Jonathan Culwell, Esq., Denver

9:30 a.m. ***The Economics of Water Conservation***

- ★ Harry Seely, Principal, WestWater Research, LLC, Vancouver, WA

10:30 a.m. ***Break***

10:45 a.m. ***Panel***

- ★ Aaron Citron, Policy Analyst, Environmental Defense Fund, Boulder
- ★ Terry Fankhauser, Executive Vice President, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Arvada
- ★ Kevin Rein, Deputy State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Denver

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Workshop C: Information Technologies – Web Pages

9:00 a.m. ***Creating Your Own Ditch Company Webpage***

- ★ Christian Gilmer, DARCA Intern, University of Colorado, Boulder

This class will get you started in creating and maintaining a web presence for your ditch company. Many DARCA members are successfully using websites to more effectively run their ditch companies. Please bring to class your laptop computer and:

- Register a domain and sign up for website hosting with Bluehost. www.bluehost.com (\$4.95 per month)
- The class will be using WordPress. You can select WordPress when you register with Bluehost.
- For questions, please contact:
 - John McKenzie, john.mckenzie@darca.org
 - Christian Gilmer, christaincharlesgilmer@gmail.com

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