



2018 Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance Conference

Biographies

Tour Speakers:

Matt Heimerich, Crowley County Farmer, Palmer Land Trust Conservation Director – Lower Arkansas Valley

Matt has been working with the Palmer Land Trust since November 2014. His work is focused on preserving working ranches and offering alternatives to farmers faced with pressures to separate water rights from the land. He served as a three-term county commissioner for Crowley County from 1999-2011. Matt and his wife's family farm approximately 1,100 irrigated acres. He serves on the board of directors of the Colorado Canal Company and the Lake Meredith Reservoir Company.

Tom Simpson, Water Resources Supervisor, Aurora Water, Arkansas Valley Range Project

Tom began his career in water resources in 1979 working as a hydrographer for the Colorado Division of Water Resources in the Arkansas River Basin. In 1985 he became the Arkansas River Operations Manager and served in that capacity until 1990. He left the Colorado Division of Water Resources in 1990 for a position as the Water Resources Manager for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and served in that capacity from 1991 until 2001. He has worked for Aurora Water in the Arkansas and Colorado River Basins since 2001. He has primarily worked on water rights protection and administration issues, development and acquisitions, revegetation, and alternative transfer methods during his employment with Aurora.

Greg Peterson, Executive Director, Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Greg grew up in Littleton, CO, where he still lives after gallivanting around the world. He studied history and political economy. The past few years, Greg has been knee-deep in farmers and ranchers, learning more about water, agriculture, Colorado and the digestive habits of cattle than he thought possible. Greg reads and runs incessantly. He is also growing vegetables, so he is learning to dislike hail.

Jerred Hoffman, Superintendent, Fort Lyon Canal

Jerred graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy & Animal Sciences from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He has farmed and ran cattle in the Las Animas area from 1998-2014. He worked for Agskill as a crop field scout from 1995-1998 and for Two Rivers Water and Farming

Company from 2010 - Jan. 2014 as their Senior Farm Manager. Jerred also ran the Huerfano Cucharas Irrigation Canal for them. He is currently the Superintendent of Fort Lyon Canal from February 2014 to present.

Bill Tyner, Assistant Division Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Bill received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in 1982. He has served as a Professional Engineer employed by the State of Colorado since 1985 and by the Colorado Division of Water Resources since 1996. He has served as Lead Engineer of the Ground Water Information Team in the Arkansas River Basin during the initial implementation of the rules that govern the use of high capacity wells and as Assistant Division Engineer responsible for Surface Water Operations in the Arkansas River Basin which includes directing storage and release operations for several major reservoirs, administration of surface water under the priority system along the main portion of the Arkansas River, operation of the real-time stream gaging satellite network within the Arkansas River Basin in Colorado and administration of augmentation plans and substitute water supply plans.

He has also served as an expert witness in the Kansas vs. Colorado Supreme Court case where he gave testimony on behalf of the State of Colorado concerning the work he supervises to keep Colorado in compliance with the interstate compact and concerning a project he supervised to update irrigated acreage using satellite imagery in the Lower Arkansas River Basin in Colorado.

Phillip Chavez, Local farmer and manager for Diamond A Farms

Phillip represents Otero county for the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District board of directors after 16th District Chief Judge Mark MacDonnell appointed him to a four-year term. Chavez completed his undergraduate work at the ag school at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and earned a Master's degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management (affiliated with Arizona State University) in Glendale, Arizona. He's traveled the world growing food and promoting American products to establish American agricultural markets in 45 countries including growing melons in Mexico and Central America. Chavez relocated to the Arkansas valley full time following the death of Frank Milenski in September 2015. However, Chavez is no stranger to Rocky Ford and has spent several months of each year since 2009 helping run Diamond A Farms before taking over as manager. For years, Diamond A has specialized in alfalfa hay but branched out and began leasing water through the Arkansas Valley Super Ditch and growing hemp. Conservation is a priority to Diamond A Farms and Chavez leading West Otero Conservation District to name Diamond A Farms as their Conservationist of the Year at their annual meeting held November 13, 2017

Daren Harmel, Director, USDA-ARS Center for Agricultural Resources Research

Daren is a fourth-generation farmer. He has worked as a Research Agricultural Engineer with the USDA-ARS. In this role, he oversees ARS research in Fort Collins, Greeley, and Nunn, CO and Cheyenne, WY. Daren represents USDA-ARS on the National Water Monitoring Council's Methods and Data Comparability Board. His research interests include: 1) hydrologic and water quality data collection methodology, 2) measurement uncertainty, and 3) land use impacts on water quality and hydrology.

Program Speakers:

Keynote: Kevin Rein, State Engineer and Director, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Kevin Rein is the State Engineer and Director of the Colorado Division of Water Resources, also known as the State Engineer's Office. Kevin directs the performance of the division's responsibilities, which include administration of water rights in Colorado, issuing well permits, performing administrative approvals for water use, administering programs that ensure the safety of dams and the safe construction of water wells, managing compliance with interstate compacts, and providing information and education resources to the public. He has worked at the Division of Water Resources for 20 years.

John Cyran, Hoskin Farina Kamph

John practices out of the Hoskin Farina Kamph Denver office. He represents clients on water and other matters in every part of the State. He joined the firm in June 2017. John is one of the most experienced water law attorneys in the State, with extensive experience in every area of water law, in all seven water divisions, and in both federal and interstate water matters. Prior to joining the firm, John represented the State of Colorado for 15 years with the Colorado Attorney General's office, serving as the chief advisor to the Colorado State Engineer on all intrastate water matters, and the State's lead attorney on interstate matters involving the Colorado River. John also served as water referee for the Division 1 Water Court, and as Managing Partner for a boutique firm in Denver, with primary focus on water rights litigation, real estate, and tribal law. Prior to beginning his legal practice, John was a Judicial Clerk for Judge Jim Carrigan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. He is a graduate of Cornell University and an Order of the Coif graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law.

Alan Curtis, White and Jankoski

Alan represents municipal, agricultural, industrial, commercial and private water rights holders in a variety of water matters before Colorado courts and state and federal agencies, including issues related to impacts of oil and gas production and hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" on water quantity and quality.

Alan has extensive experience in complex water rights litigation, having negotiated settlements for clients in over a hundred cases before the Colorado water courts. Where settlement is not possible, he has substantial experience as lead trial counsel. Alan has also prosecuted numerous water rights appeals through the Colorado Supreme Court.

In addition, Alan represents clients before the Colorado Ground Water Commission, in rulemaking before the Colorado State Engineer and in administrative proceedings before the Environmental Protection Agency, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and other state and federal agencies. He also advises clients in transactions involving the purchase and sale of water rights, including ownership issues, preparation of documents for closing and resolution of disputes.

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Jeff Kahn, Lyons Gaddis

Jeff has dedicated his professional career to assisting clients solve their water-related problems. He has assisted municipality special districts, water conservancy districts, irrigation companies, landowners and developers. His clients have benefited from his expertise in completing transactions, and his representation in water court. Jeff has been practicing water law in Colorado for over 35 years.

Jeff’s experience includes working for the State of Colorado in drafting and assisting in the promulgation of the nontributary ground water rules. He is the past president of the Board of Directors of the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, having served on the Board of Directors since 2010. A past chair and current member of the Natural Resources Section of the Boulder County Bar Association, Jeff is also a member of the Water Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

Douglas Kemper, Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress

Doug began service as Executive Director of the Colorado Water Congress in 2005. Active involvement with the Colorado Water Congress spans most of his career including leadership positions on the CWC Board. Doug’s professional experience includes 20 years of direct responsibility for planning, development, and operation of a major Colorado municipal raw water supply system. His proficiencies include water policy development, surface and ground water resources management, and collaborative negotiations. Doug has Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Civil/Water Resources Engineering. His Master’s work focused on agricultural irrigation efficiency and water quality studies. He is a Colorado registered Professional Engineer.

Lauren E. Hix, CIC, F&W Insurance, A Division of Gallagher

Lauren is a fourth-generation insurance professional, with over 10 years’ experience representing Colorado water. She grew up in northern Colorado and studied business and political science at Western State. Her father, Charles Hix, developed an insurance program for water entities in Colorado

in the 1980's, and being just as passionate about water, Lauren has continued his legacy. She specializes in Risk Management and Insurance consulting for Water (Reservoir & Irrigation/Water & Sanitation/Engineering), Public Entities (Municipalities/Utilities), and Agriculture (Farm & Ranch/Dairy). She obtained her Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation in 2016 and will complete her Certified Risk Manager (CRM) designation in 2020. She was awarded *Young Insurance Professional of the Year* in 2013. She truly loves being immersed in the water community and events to help educate fellow Coloradoans and volunteers a multitude of hours annually. *"Water is the best of all things."- Pindar (c. 476 B.C.)*

Greg Felt, Chaffee County Commissioner

Greg has spent his adult life working on the Arkansas River, as a rafting and fly-fishing guide and outfitter and as an advocate for the fishery, the recreational experience, and for the integration of those non-consumptive beneficial uses of water into the greater water management regime of the basin. In this capacity, he has served twelve years on the board of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, chaired the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Citizens Task Force, chaired the Colorado River Outfitters Association, and served on the Colorado board of the Trust for Public Land and in numerous roles by appointment of Colorado governors or directors of the state's Department of Natural Resources. In 2016 he was elected Chaffee County Commissioner and in 2017 he was appointed to the board of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

Nolan Doesken, Colorado Water Center and the Colorado Climate Center

Nolan retired as State Climatologist for Colorado at Colorado State University in 2017. After obtaining degrees from the Univ. of Michigan and Univ. of Illinois in the 1970s, Nolan began his work as a climatologist at CSU in 1977 and was appointed State Climatologist in 2006. He has long been fascinated with climate monitoring and long-term climate trends, but pays particularly close attention to precipitation including floods and drought. After the Fort Collins flash flood of 1997, Nolan established a volunteer rain gauge network to track and map the local variations in northern Colorado precipitation. This project -- the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network (CoCoRaHS) -- has since grown internationally and involves thousands of volunteers across many parts of North America. Nolan is a past president of the American Association of State Climatologists and was a founding board member of the Citizen Science Association.

Russ Schumacher Colorado State Climatologist

Russ is an associate professor in the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University, the director of the Colorado Climate Center, and the Colorado State Climatologist. He graduated from Valparaiso University in Indiana with majors in meteorology and humanities, and then came to Colorado as a graduate student at CSU in 2001. He completed his M.S. in 2003 and Ph.D. in 2008 in atmospheric science. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder and two years at Texas A&M University, Russ returned to CSU in 2011 to join the faculty in the department of atmospheric science. He received an CAREER award from the National Science Foundation in 2010 and was selected as Outstanding Professor of the Year by the students of the department in 2012. He currently serves as editor of the journal *Monthly Weather Review*. Russ's research interests include mesoscale meteorology, mesoscale convective systems, weather analysis and forecasting, the climatology of precipitation, precipitation extremes, flash floods, and societal impacts of

weather. Outside of work, Russ has been a frequent contestant on the TV quiz show Jeopardy! After his first successful run, he won the Tournament of Champions in 2004 and made it to the semifinals of the Battle of the Decades tournament in 2014. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Fort Collins with their four-year-old son.

Robert Walters, Invasive Species Specialist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Robert coordinates CPW's Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination program. The primary mission of this program is to protect wildlife, recreation, natural resources, infrastructure and the economy by preventing the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels, and other invasive species, by containing current Infestations and stopping the spread into new waters.

Matthew (Matt) Lopez, Pesticide Enforcement Manager, Colorado Department of Agriculture

Matt has been the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Enforcement Manager for eight years. In this capacity Matt is responsible for oversight of all pesticide use complaints and investigations in the State of Colorado. In 2013, Matt was named the US EPA Region 8 States FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group representative to the US EPA in Washington, DC, where he represented and spoke on behalf of several headwater states and their issues with the Waters Of The US (WOTUS) definition in the context of pesticide applications among other pesticide related issues.

Matt received a Bachelor of Science in biology with a botany concentration and chemistry minor and an MPA in environmental policy, management and law. Prior to joining the CDA, Matt performed commercial pesticide applications in and around the Denver Metro area for several years, three of which as a licensed Qualified Supervisor in the Ornamental Category.

John Nieland, Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

John has been an employee with the Water Quality Control Division at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for 15 years. His experience includes 10 years as a permit writer, where he wrote permits for legacy mining sites and industrial and domestic wastewater. He has also been responsible for writing certifications for many sectors of general permitting such as Construction Dewatering, Industrial Discharges and Sand and Gravel operations. In 2012, John was tasked with pesticide permitting, compliance and oversight as they relate to the 6th Circuit Court mandate to develop a Pesticide General Permit to cover discharges of pesticides to aquatic environments. John received a Master of Science in environmental science from the University of Wisconsin and a Bachelor of Science in environmental biology from the University of Colorado.

His background is primarily in the areas of cartography, photogrammetry, and remote sensing pertaining to domestic and international mapping and monitoring. He has been involved with UAS operations since 2008 and in 2014, he took over as the Project Leader for the USGS National Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office in Lakewood, Colorado.

Joe Bush, CHS

CHS is an international grain, agronomy, feed and energy company headquarter in Minneapolis, MN. The local offices are based out of Sharon Springs and Tribune, KS. CHS services all of Western Kansas, SW Nebraska and SE Colorado.

Joe graduated from Texas A & M University in 1977 with a B.S. degree in Agronomy. He has worked in the field of agronomy and crop science his entire career. Joe's work experiences have covered the areas of location manager, agronomist, sales manager, agronomist & product development manager for the SW United States & Mexico. He has worked extensively with both field and vegetable crops. Over the last several years he had spent considerable time working in the areas of weed resistance issues. Educating growers and promoting both cultural, rotational and chemical methods of dealing with and reducing herbicide resistant weed species.

Mike Weber, Staff Engineer, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District

Mike Weber is working towards his Professional Engineering License under Jack Goble. He has a background in agriculture and an engineering degree from Colorado State University. He grew up in the Lower Arkansas Valley where he was, and is, involved in many different projects and extracurricular activities centered around rural development and sustainability.

At the district, he has helped initiate many water quality projects and has assisted Jack with the Catlin Leasing-Fallowing Pilot Project, Rule 10, and other water quantity projects in the valley. Along with helping the agricultural community with water quantity and quality issues, Mike has also worked on Conservation Easements to help keep agriculture viable in the valley. His work on conservation easements includes assisting Bill Hancock with mapping, stewardships, and educational outreach. Through all of this work, Mike has worked diligently to uphold the mission of the District which is: "To acquire, retain, and conserve water resources in the Lower Arkansas River Valley."

Mr. Jeff Sloan, Project Leader, U.S. Geological Service, National Unmanned Aircraft Systems Project Office

Jeff holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography from the University of Northern Iowa (1981-85) and continued graduate work in Geographic Information Systems at the University of Denver in Denver, Colorado (1991-92). He has worked as a Cartographer in the U.S. Federal Government for 33 years beginning with the U.S Dept. of Defense - Defense Mapping Agency, with U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security - Operations Center and the Customs and Border Protection in Washington D.C, and a majority of his career with the Dept. of the Interior – USGS in Denver, Colorado.

Steven M. Smith, Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Mines in Economic and Business.

Steven's research has focused on water and the rules and organizations humans devise to manage it. He has written on the prior appropriation doctrine, irrigation districts, acequias, and in stream flow rights. As part of a National Science Foundation research project, he leads a team of researchers in assessing the evolution and impact of a groundwater fee implemented in San Luis Valley, Colorado.

Eric Wilkinson, General Manager, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Eric Wilkinson was appointed General Manager of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water) and its Municipal Subdistrict in January 1994. Mr. Wilkinson has worked for Northern Water since 1987. From 1984 to 1987, Mr. Wilkinson worked for the City of Greeley Water Department as a Water Resources Engineer. From 1973 to 1984, he was employed by the Colorado Division of Water

Resources, Office of the State Engineer in the Dam Safety Branch. In 1972, Mr. Wilkinson served as the Deputy Water Commissioner for the Cache la Poudre River.

In March 2000, Mr. Wilkinson was appointed as the South Platte Basin representative on the Colorado Water Conservation Board and served in that capacity until February 2012. In 2003 and in 2011, he served as Chairman of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. He served as one of two representatives of the South Platte Basin on the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) from the creation of the IBCC in 2005 until December, 2015. Mr. Wilkinson also serves on various advisory boards and committees and is on the Board of Directors of Colorado Water Congress.

Mr. Wilkinson was born and raised in the Fort Collins, Colorado, area and currently resides in the Windsor area. He attended Colorado State University and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Chris Woodka, Issues Management Program Coordinator, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Chris Woodka, 62, joined the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District in Pueblo, Colo., in September 2016. His present duties involve project management, communications, governmental liaisons and strategic planning. He previously worked as an editor and reporter for The Pueblo Chieftain for 31 years, primarily focusing on all phases of water reporting, including water resources, water quality, watershed management, and natural events such as snowpack, drought and floods. During the course of his career, he won numerous awards for his reporting on these topics. Woodka worked at newspapers in Arizona, California, Colorado and Indiana prior to joining The Chieftain in 1985. He is a 1977 graduate of Northern Arizona University, where he was named Outstanding Senior Journalist.

Kelley Thompson, P.E., R.P.C.V., Colorado Division of Water Resources, Lead Modeler, Modeling and DSS team

Mr. Thompson is a lead modeler in the Denver office for the Colorado Division of Water Resources. He is responsible for the Hydrologic Institutional (HI) model to determine Colorado's compliance with the Arkansas River Compact and is the technical lead for the GIS and modeling components of the new Arkansas River Decision Support System (ArkDSS) project. Kelley developed the Lease Following Tool and is continuing to update data and improve coding for this model. He also developed the coding for the modeling tool that supports Rule 10 plans under the Division 2 Irrigation Improvement Rules. He provides technical expertise on crop water use, use of remotely sensed data, GIS, and programming; and has assisted DWR staff in evaluation of water rights, consumptive use estimates, and groundwater models. Mr. Thompson grew up on a farm in the San Luis Valley where he also worked as an engineering consultant for 12 years before joining DWR in late 2011. He attended Colorado State University and the University of California at Davis.

Craig Ullmann, Applegate Group

Craig has over 17 years of experience in water resource engineering at Applegate Group. During this time, he has worked on a wide variety of raw water infrastructure projects including numerous canal rehabilitation projects including canal lining, head gate reconstruction, pipe installation, inverted siphon design, canal modernization and flow measurement structures. Craig has also worked on dam design, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, dam breach analysis and a variety of dam rehabilitation projects. His

experience includes feasibility studies, final designs, construction and bid document preparation, and contract administration. Craig has also served as a DARCA board member since 2008. He currently lives on the western slope of Colorado in the Town of Hotchkiss and is a shareholder in a mutual ditch company in that area.

Shawn Honaker, Yeti Farms

Yeti Farms founder Shawn Honaker has come a long way in life. An Indiana Native raised in a loving but strict home, he learned early the value of hard work. Typical of the farming agricultural community he grew up in, Shawn had his first job at 9 years old.

As Shawn came of age he had many jobs and businesses ranging from car maintenance to lawn care, later commenting this experience was priceless in cementing his focus on self-sufficiency. Once at college with his entrepreneurial experience and drive he focused on Business Finance as his major. A year away from graduating with a Degree in Business Finance he dropped out to start his career in Finance.

After a few years working in corporate finance sales, Shawn had saved enough money to start his first business. With some strategic purchases and moves Shawn developed commercial property in Rifle, Colorado and built up a thriving trucking business by his late twenties.

Living in Colorado since he was 20, Shawn experienced the Colorado lifestyle and jumped in full-heartedly, operating a small hobby ranch in Rifle while running his businesses. Shawn then watched the legalization of marijuana, both medical and recreational, and realized he was the perfect person to work in the industry.

Shawn then started the long process of building Yeti Farms. Over the next few years Shawn perfected his grow skills, specializing in soil grows using Colorado's natural sunlight.

The Pueblo-based Yeti Farms is an anomaly in the marijuana business as it grows outdoors in the sun. In an industry where much of the product is grown in hi-tech, indoor, artificial lighting, Shawn went back to his agricultural roots and started farming again. All of Yeti Farms' marijuana is grown outdoors in Shawn's proprietary soil and under the natural sun.

Today with his wealth of cultivation knowledge and experience, he has focused on extracting from Yeti Farms Cannabis the finest shatter and wax. The cornerstone of Yeti farms is his high-quality, private label product "Blonde Sugar", Yeti Farms has raised the bar on quality and consistency in the extraction marketplace.

Rachel Zancanella, Assistant Division Engineer for Litigation, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Rachel is originally from Glenwood Springs, CO. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO in 2008. After graduation she spent a couple years in water resources consulting with URS Corporation before she began her career with DWR as a Deputy Water Commissioner in Colorado Springs in 2011. Rachel joined the Pueblo DWR office as an Engineer 1 leading the Groundwater Team in 2014. Coincidentally, that move coincided with the law change allowing any Colorado resident to apply for a license to grow recreational marijuana. This became a learning opportunity for both the new marijuana industry as well as the Division of Water Resources as we worked together to understand how to adapt a new industry to our existing water

paradigm. In 2016, Rachel was appointed to her current position as Assistant Division Engineer but continues to work to develop and refine Division of Water Resources policies related to marijuana.

Anna Mauss, P.E., Water Project Loan Program, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Anna is a registered professional engineer in Colorado and works for the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) in the Finance Section. Anna is responsible for marketing the CWCB Water Project Loan Program offered to agricultural, municipal, and commercial borrowers throughout the State of Colorado. She is also responsible for reviewing the financial and design/construction components of projects funded by the loan program. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in civil engineering. Prior to joining the CWCB in 2007, she worked for 9 years as a consulting engineer.

Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Senior Water Judge for the Colorado Courts

Greg Hobbs, a Senior Water Judge for the Colorado Courts, served as a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court from May 1, 1996 to August 31, 2015. Distinguished Jurist in Residence, he Co-Directs the Environmental and Natural Resources Program at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law.

With a history degree from the University of Notre Dame (1966) and law degree from the University of California, Berkeley (1971), his law practice emphasized water, environmental, land use and transportation with Hobbs, Trout & Raley 1992-1996; Davis, Graham & Stubbs 1979-1992; Assistant Attorney General State of Colorado Natural Resources Section 1975-1979; Enforcement Attorney Region 8 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1973-1975; Associate, Cooper, White and Cooper (San Francisco) 1972-1973. He served as a Law Clerk to Judge William E. Doyle United States 10th Circuit Court of Appeals 1971-1972.

Vice President of Water Education Colorado and a member of the Colorado Author's League, his books include *In Praise of Fair Colorado The Practice of Poetry, History and Judging* (Bradford 2004); *Colorado Mother of Rivers, Water Poems* (Colorado Foundation for Water Education (2005); *The Public's Water Resource, Articles on Water Law, History, and Culture, Second Edition* (CLE of the Colorado Bar Association 2010); *Living the Four Corners, Colorado Centennial State at the Headwaters* (CLE of the Colorado Bar Association 2010); and *Into The Grand* (CLE of the Colorado Bar Association 2012).