

**Colorado Ag Water Summit**  
 Loveland, CO  
 Larimer County Fairgrounds – McKee Building

*Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>*

<b>Pre-conference Event: Master Irrigator Workshop</b>	
<i>This half-day workshop will focus on the hydrology of the South Platte, include presentations from farmers who have been implementing improvements on their farms, and discussion among the participants. Space is limited and this event is only available to irrigators.</i>	
<b>8:30 – 8:50</b>	<b>What is the Master Irrigator Program?</b> Brandi Baquera, Colorado Master Irrigator
<b>8:50 – 9:50</b>	<b>Hydrology and the South Platte River Compact</b> – Corey DeAngelis, Division 1 Engineer
<b>9:50 – 10:00</b>	Break
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Farming with Water Allocations and Making It Work</b> - Gerald and Tim Franklin, Producers, Goodland, KS
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Sensors and Other Options to Drive Return on Investment</b> -Roric Paulman, Producer, Sutherland NE
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 – 1:00</b>	<b>Discussion on "What are practices you have experimented with in the past or now?" and Opportunities to Implement New Practices on Your Farm</b>

*Registration is between 1:00 and 4:00*

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<b>4:00 – 4:15</b>	<b>Welcome and What Has CAWA Been Doing?</b> – Greg Peterson, CAWA Executive Director
<b>4:15 – 5:45</b>	<b>The Colorado River: Building a Statewide Ag Response</b> - Matt Heimerich - Crowley County Farmer, Gerald Koppenhafer – Montezuma County Farmer, Robert Sakata – Adams County Farmer, Carlyle Currier – Mesa County Rancher
<b>5:45 – 6:00</b>	<b>Drought Resilience Project: Year One and Request for Proposals</b> – Greg Peterson, CAWA Executive Director
<b>6:00 – 6:20</b>	<b>Drought Project: Mapping Ditch Assets</b> – Blake Osborn, Corriente Environmental
<b>6:20 – 7:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>7:00 – 8:00</b>	<b>Is WOTUS (Water of the United States) Dead?</b> - Sean Cronin – Executive Director for the St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District, John Kolanz – Attorney for Otis & Bedingfield, LLC
<b>8:00</b>	Networking and Drinks

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8:00 – 9:00	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Taking Advantage of Federal Funding and Investing in Irrigation Infrastructure for The Future</b> - Daniel Boyes – Executive Director of the Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project, Callie Hendrickson – Executive Director of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, Steve Pope – General Manager of the Uncompahgre Water Users Association, Grace Brofman, Farmers Conservation Alliance
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Colorado State University TAPS (Testing Ag Performance Solutions): Lessons from Year One</b> – Tim Martin, Colorado State University, Zach Thode – Larimer County Farmer, Brian Lengel - Kit Carson County Farmer, Joe Newton – Yuma County Farmer
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Break</b>
11:15 – 11:35	<b>Drought Project: Biochar Injection in Mesa County</b> – Michael Lobato, Mesa County Farmer
11:35 – 12:30	<b>Understanding Recent and Future Challenges to the Prior Appropriation System</b> - Lee Miller – General Counsel of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
12:30 – 1:00	<b>Closing Remarks and 2024</b>