



Fall Water Symposium

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Embassy Suites, Loveland

Scan to engage in polls
and ask questions

8-9 a.m. CHECK IN, NETWORKING & PROJECT TABLE ENGAGEMENT

9 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks **Brad Wind**
General Manager, Northern Water

9:10 a.m.  Northern Water's Mission in Motion (5 minutes)

9:15 a.m. Northern Water Board of Directors: Planning with Purpose **Sander Blackburn**
Moderator, Director of Finance & Administration, Northern Water

Panel
Bill Emslie <i>Board Member, Larimer County</i>
Dick Wolfe <i>Board Member, Broomfield County</i>
Dave Stewart <i>Board Member, Larimer County</i>

10 a.m. Northern Integrated Supply Project: Adapting to Change..... **Brad Wind**
General Manager, Northern Water

10:10 a.m. Water Leader Transitions: Recognitions and Introduction..... **Brad Wind**
General Manager, Northern Water

10:30 a.m. BREAK, NETWORKING & TABLE ENGAGEMENT

10:50 a.m.  Three Lakes CLEAR (5 minutes)

10:55 a.m. Three Lakes CLEAR: A Collaborative Effort in Water Clarity **Esther Vincent**
Moderator, Director of Environmental Services, Northern Water

Panel
Katherine Morris <i>Water Resource Manager, Grand County</i>
Michael Cassio <i>President and Director, Three Lakes Watershed Association</i>
Jeff Rieker <i>Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office</i>

11:25 a.m. Water Supply Update: Drought Management and Looking Ahead **Luke Shawcross**
Water Resources Department Manager, Northern Water
Russ Schumacher
Colorado State Climatologist, Colorado State University Department of Atmospheric Science

11:55 a.m. LUNCH, NETWORKING & TABLE ENGAGEMENT

12:40 p.m. Regional River Updates.....**Kyle Whitaker**
Moderator, Director of Engineering, Northern Water

Panel
Amy Ostdiek <i>Chief of Interstate, Federal and Water Information Section, CO Water Conservation Board</i>
Becky Mitchell <i>Colorado River Commissioner, State of Colorado</i>
Lisa Thompson <i>Northern Water General Counsel, Trout Raley</i>

1:20 p.m.  Carter/Chimney Forest Health Project (5 minutes)

1:25 p.m. BREAK, NETWORKING & TABLE ENGAGEMENT

1:40 p.m. Investing in Green Mountain Reservoir.....**Jeff Rieker**
Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office
Jerry Gibbens
Director of Operations, Northern Water

2:05 p.m. Findings from the 2026 Northeast Colorado Intersections Report **Kristin Todd**
President & CEO, NoCo Foundation

2:25 p.m. Chimney Hollow Reservoir: Continued Water Quality Monitoring.....**Chris Manley**
Senior Water Quality Policy Specialist, Northern Water

2:50 p.m. Thank You.....**Brad Wind**
General Manager, Northern Water

3-3:30 p.m. NETWORKING & TABLE ENGAGEMENT

Please stop by the informational tables around the room to visit with Northern Water staff.

- **Northern Water Board of Directors** – Visit with one of our Board members.
- **Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project** – Learn about the latest happenings.
- **Northern Integrated Supply Project** – Learn about the next steps in advancing this project.
- **Environmental Initiatives** – Learn about Northern Water’s environmental commitments that support project operations, such as watershed recovery, Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative and more.
- **Water Preservation** – Learn about Northern Water’s commitment to safeguard water resources for the current and future benefit of Northeastern Colorado.
- **Efficiency & Conservation** – The Water Efficiency program provides regional services to maximize the use of the water we deliver, while doing so in a cost-effective, collaborative and demonstrative manner.
- **Operations & Water Delivery** – Learn about the latest projects from our Collection and Distribution Systems departments, as well as the start of the water year.

All presentations and links to videos will be emailed to attendees following the event.

Agenda revised Sept. 23, 2026