



Fall Water Symposium

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

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8-9 a.m. CHECK IN, NETWORKING & RESOURCE 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 & RESOURCE 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 & RESOURCE 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 & RESOURCE 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**Jodie Riesenberger**
Vice President, Community Impact, 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 & RESOURCE TABLE ENGAGEMENT

Resource Tables
Northern Water Board of Directors – Visit with a member of the Board of Directors. Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project – Hear more about the water quality data we're collecting and what's next for the newly-constructed reservoir. Northern Integrated Supply Project – Chat with an expert about the next steps in advancing this critical storage project. Environmental Initiatives – Find out more about Northern Water's environmental commitments that support project operations, such as watershed recovery, Kawuneeche Valley Restoration Collaborative and Three Lakes CLEAR. Water Preservation – Learn about our 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 – Check out the latest projects from our Collection and Distribution Systems departments and hear about the start of the water year.

Agenda revised Sept. 25, 2026