Northern Water

Fall Water Symposium

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

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

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 *Board Member, Larimer County* **Dick Wolfe** *Board Member, Broomfield County* **Dave Stewart** *Board Member, Larimer County*

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 *Water Resource Manager, Grand County* **Michael Cassio** *President and Director, Three Lakes Watershed Association* **Jeff Rieker** *Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation Eastern Colorado Area Office*

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 *Chief of Interstate, Federal and Water Information Section, CO Water Conservation Board* **Lisa Thompson** *Northern Water General Counsel, Trout Raley*

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 Oct. 19, 2026