



40th Annual Spring Water Symposium

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Embassy Suites, Loveland

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and ask questions

8-9 a.m. Check in and Networking

9 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks..... **Dennis Yanchunas**
Chair, Northern Water Board of Directors
Brad Wind
General Manager, Northern Water

9:30 a.m. Northern Integrated Supply Project: Moving Forward

Panel
Lisa Thompson <i>Attorney, Trout Raley</i>
Brad Wind <i>General Manager, Northern Water</i>

9:45 a.m. Three Lakes MOU: Adaptive Management Update **Esther Vincent**
Director of Environmental Services, Northern Water

10 a.m.  A Holistic Strategy for Improving Three Lakes Water Quality (10 minutes)

10:10 a.m. Colorado River: A Changing River **Kyle Whitaker**
Moderator, Colorado River Programs Manager, Northern Water

Panel
Becky Mitchell <i>Colorado River Commissioner</i>
Amy Ostdiek <i>Section Chief of Interstate, Federal and Water Information Section, CO Water Conservation Board</i>

10:40 a.m. **BREAK, NETWORKING & PROJECT TABLE ENGAGEMENT**

11 a.m. Water Roundup
Water Efficiency Services for Drought Response **Darren Nowels**
Senior Water Efficiency Planner, Northern Water
Introducing the Colorado Water Center Team **Karen Schlatter**
Director, Colorado Water Center
2026 Rate Study **Sander Blackburn**
Director of Finance & Administration, Northern Water

11:20 a.m. Chimney Hollow Reservoir: Our Commitment to You **Chris Manley**
Senior Water Quality Policy Specialist, Northern Water

11:40 a.m. **LUNCH, NETWORKING & PROJECT TABLE ENGAGEMENT**

12:25 p.m. Water Year Outlook
 Division Engineer Update.....**Michael Hein**
Lead Assistant Division Engineer, Division 1, Colorado Division of Water Resources
 Water Supply Update: Spring 2026 **Luke Shawcross**
Water Resources Department Manager, Northern Water

1:15 p.m. Colorado-Big Thompson Project Quota Discussion **Brad Wind**
General Manager, Northern Water
Luke Shawcross
Water Resources Department Manager, Northern Water

1:30 p.m. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Update**Jeff Rieker**
Eastern Colorado Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

1:45 p.m. **BREAK, NETWORKING & PROJECT TABLE ENGAGEMENT**

1:55 p.m.  Preparing the Colorado-Big Thompson Project for Water Deliveries (5 minutes)

2 p.m. AI in Our Future: A Conversation on Data Center Development.....**Kyle Whitaker**
Moderator, Colorado River Programs Manager, Northern Water

Panel
<p>Sarah Ruen <i>Vice President Regulatory & Origination, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association</i></p> <p>Karen Burgi <i>Regional Planning Leader, Infrastructure Planning Department, Black & Veatch</i></p> <p>Jim Yahn <i>Logan County Commissioner</i></p>

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

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

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

- **Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project** – Learn about the latest happenings on the project.
- **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 March 27, 2026*