



# Interstate Council on Water Policy 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

September 26-27th, 2023 | Denver, CO

SpringHill Suites Denver Downtown – 1190 Auraria Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

## Day 1: Monday, September 25th – (Optional) Water Resources Field Tour

**11:30AM**      **Northern Water Field Tour\*** (*includes lunch*) – Learn about and visit highlights of Northern Water's vast system that collects supplemental water west of the Continental Divide and delivers it to more than a million people in Northeastern Colorado.

*\*Optional, free to all registered attendees. Transportation provided. Departure is at 11:30am from the hotel lobby at SpringHill Suites.*

**6:00PM**      **Return** to SpringHill Suites – 1190 Auraria Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204

**6:00 – 8:00**      **Happy Hour Meet-and-Greet** – Rhein Haus Denver (5 min walk from hotel) – 1415 Market St., Denver, CO 80204

**8:00**              Groups may form to head to dinner informally

## Day 2: Tuesday, September 26th – Panel Discussions – *Salon B&C*

**7:15AM**      **Registration opens** (continental breakfast – *Salon B&C*)

**8:00**              **General Session**  
Welcome and Introduction – Matt Unruh, ICWP Chair, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office

- Welcome from Susquehanna River Basin Commission — Andrew Dehoff, Executive Director and ICWP Immediate Past Chair
- Greetings from ICWP's Executive Director – Beth Callaway

**8:20**              **Panel 1**  
**Welcome to the West: Regional Highlights from the Feds – Matt Unruh, Moderator**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Integrated  
Drought Information System (NIDIS) – Veva DeHeza and Elizabeth  
Ossowski  
US Geological Survey  
Water Observing Systems Portfolio Budget Overview – Cory Angeroth  
Water Resources Availability Portfolio Budget Overview – Brian Clark  
Drought Prediction Project Activities – Brian Clark  
Water Use Model Development Activities – Brian Clark  
Wildfire Activities in Western US – Sheila Murphy  
National Water Availability Assessment Report Activities – Lori Sprague  
Overview of USGS Colorado Water Science activities – Matt Ely  
Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 -- KC Becker

**10:15**      **BREAK** (refreshments)

**10:30**      **Panel 2**

**Water Planning – Bob Bacon, *Moderator***

Oklahoma State Water Plan – Owen Mills, Oklahoma Water Resources  
Board  
Colorado State Water Plan – Russ Sands, Colorado Water Conservation  
Board  
Denver One Water Plan  
Dave Jula, City of Denver  
Kevin Reidy, Colorado Water Conservation Board  
Colin Haggerty, Mile High Flood District  
Denver One Water Plan Implementation – Jessica Brody, Denver Water  
Aging Infrastructure – Jason Mead, Wyoming Water Development Office

**12:00PM**      **LUNCH** – *Salon B&C*

**1:15**      **Panel 3**

**Ecosystems, Climate and Watershed Protection – Amy Shallcross, *Moderator***

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – Brandon Gebhart, Wyoming  
State Engineer  
Wildfire Mitigation and Source Water Protection  
Kelly Norris, Wyoming State Forester  
Ogallala Aquifer – Weston McCary, Kansas Water Office  
South Platte Waterway Resiliency Project – Ashlee Grace, City & County of  
Denver

**2:45**      **BREAK** (refreshments)

**3:00**      **Panel 4**

**Colorado River/Interstate Issues – Mabel Jones, *Moderator***

CO River policy issues

Chuck Collum, Upper Colorado River Commissioner Executive Director

John McClow, Upper Colorado River Alternate Commissioner (CO)

Brandon Gebhart, Upper Colorado River Commissioner (WY)

CO River ecosystem programs

Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program & Salinity Control

Forum – Jeff Cowley, Wyoming State Engineer’s Office

Science in the CO River Basin

Upper Colorado Basin Integrated Water Availability Assessment Activities

– Matt Miller, USGS

Snow Monitoring in Upper Colorado Basin – Suzanne Paschke, USGS

**5:00**            **ADJOURN**

**6:00-8:00**      **Chairman’s Reception** – *Reception Hall* (optional walk to dinner after reception)

## **Day 3: Wednesday, September 27th – Annual Meeting and Panel Discussions – *Salon B&C***

**7:15AM**            **BREAKFAST** (continental breakfast – *Salon B&C*)

**8:00**                **ICWP Annual Business Meeting** (all are invited and encouraged to attend)

**9:30**                **Panel 5**

**Water Science, Research and Transbasin Diversions – Wes Cattoor, *Moderator***

National Center for Atmospheric Research – Sarah Tessendorf

Colorado State University/Colorado Water Center -- John Tracy

National Hydrologic Warning Council – Bruce Rindahl

City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities -- Brad Brooks

**11:30**                **Chairman’s closing remarks and adjournment** – See you at the **2024 Washington DC Roundtable** on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024!\*

*\*Be sure to take boxed lunches to go – courtesy of ICWP\**