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The Colorado Foundation for Water Education was created in 2002 by the Colorado General Assembly. It holds the unique position of being the only statewide, non-governmental, non-advocacy, non-profit organization working to provide water resource information and educational programs to the people of the State of Colorado.

The Foundation's dedication to an even-handed representation of water issues is central to its mission. The educational publications and programs offered are designed to benefit public decision-makers, water professionals, business people, and the citizens of Colorado at large.

A key facet of achieving this mission is the CFWE Board of Trustees. Comprised of 21 water and education leaders from across the state, the Board contributes not only expertise to the Foundation, but a diversity of geography and interest. Having a board comprised of environmental, agricultural, industrial and legal experts affords the Foundation the leadership necessary to achieve its mission.

Consequently, all programs and publications coming from the CFWE are subject to a rigorous and structured review process. Publications, including our magazine *Headwaters*, and our *Citizen's Guide* series, are submitted to outside experts for technical assistance and input on balanced representation of the issues. In non-publication activities, like our Water Leaders Program, we strive to bring rising water professionals with unique interests and agendas to the table to focus on professional development. The goal is to provide individuals within the water community and citizens at large the information and perspective necessary to successfully manage our most precious resource into the 21st century.

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Mission Statement

Promote better understanding of Colorado's water resources and issues through balanced and accurate information and education.

Vision Statements

- *Citizens of Colorado make sound water management decisions by working together in an economic, social and environmentally sound manner*
- *People understand limitations to water availability and act accordingly*
- *Children know where their water comes from*
- *Water resource issues remain important in the public consciousness even after periods of drought*

Citizen's Guide Series

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education has published a new Citizen's Guide for 2006-2007. It is a complement to the 6 other guides in the series. Beginning with our flagship *Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Law*, the series has become a go-to source for water information in the state.



Citizen's Guide to Denver Basin Groundwater

The seventh guide in the series, *The Citizen's Guide to Denver Basin Groundwater* provides an in depth look at the Denver Basin's underground water resources. In addition to exploring the geology and hydrology of the aquifer, there is an in depth discussion of the legal framework which informs the basin's governance and administration. The current development of the resource is probed with an eye on the limitations and sustainability of development, especially in the South Metro Denver region.

Headwaters Magazine

Published three times a year, *Headwaters* magazine has become a trusted source for up-to-date news from the world of Colorado water. This year, the magazine focused on groundwater, energy and added a special report edition that complements the *Citizen's Guide on Colorado Water Law* by discussing court decisions affecting the law since the Guide's publication.



Issue 12, Summer 2006

Issue 12: Summer 2006

The Groundwater Puzzle

Legal Brief • In the News • A River In Debt • San Luis Valley Waits for Judicial Ruling • Denver Basin Aquifers • South Platte Well Owners In Crisis • Colorado Ground Water Commission • River of Words Poetry Winners

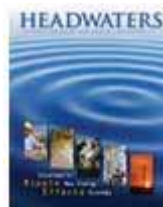


Issue 13, Fall 2006

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Special Report: A Decade of Colorado Supreme Court Water Decisions

Introduction • Water is a Public Resource • Instream Values Recognized • Importance of Adjudication and Administration • Federal Involvement in Colorado Water Law & Interstate Compacts • Groundwater and Aquifers Play an Increasingly Important Role • Conclusions



Issue 14, Winter/Spring 2007

Issue 14: Winter/Spring 2007

Ripple Effects - Colorado's New Energy Economy

Surface Concerns • Run of the River • Oil Shale Deja Vu • Legislature and Governor's Office Lead the Way • Significant New Energy Legislation in the General Assembly's 2007 Session • Corn-Based Ethanol Recasts Water's Role • Produced Water Generates Doubts, Data, Disussion • Colorado Students Write Winning Water Poems

Gunnison River Headwaters Tour June 25-26, 2007

Continuing its rich history of informative and educational river basin tours, the CFWE chose the Gunnison for this year's outing. Over two days, a diverse group of water professionals, educators, lawyers and legislators toured the Gunnison. Some of the tour highlights included an investigation of the Aspinall unit and the Uncompahgre project. Also, experts spoke on river recovery, reserved water rights and the Endangered Fish Recovery Program.



Here is what some of the attendees had to say:

"Incredibly informative. I learned a lot, made great contacts, and had fun!"

"A good, diverse agenda -- very balanced and non-biased."

"Far exceeded my expectations."

"It was wonderful to get to see things in the field for the first time."

"Excellent mix of speakers. Presentations were excellent, and timely topics."

"For content and format, this is the best tour I've been on."

"A good tour with good balance on agricultural, municipal, industry, recreation and environmental needs."

"Highly informative and educational."

"Worth doing it again!"



The Inaugural Friends of Water Education Golf Classic

In June of 2006, the Foundation held its inaugural golf tournament. The tournament served as a networking opportunity for leaders in the water field as well as a fundraiser for the Foundation. In the end, 96 golfers took to the links at Arrowhead golf course in Littleton. The tournament raised \$9,000 for the Foundation.

With the help of sponsors like MWH, CH2M Hill, The Applegate Group, Aqua Engineering, Balcolm & Green, P.C., Brown and Caldwell, CWRPDA, Inter-Mountain Corporate Affairs, JR Engineering, Leonard Rice Engineers, North American Golf Experience and Patton Boggs, P.C., the tournament was a great success.



With a shotgun start, Foundation supporters teed off at 7:30 a.m. at the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole Arrowhead course. MWH's teams dominated the winners' circle. Its Americas Team No. 2 and Americas Team No. 1 placed first and second, respectively. Third was Black & Veatch and fourth, Stanek Constructors. Other standouts: closest to the pin, men, Jerry Pena and George Martin; closest to the pin, women, Tara Schutter; longest drive, men, Jason Wolfe; longest drive, women, Donna Alengi. There were no winners in the hole-in-one, putting contest or the shootout.



The Water Leaders Program

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education is committed to providing education and leadership opportunities to professionals throughout the West. The Water Leaders Program was created in 2006 to offer emerging Colorado professionals the opportunity to develop their leadership potential with a focus on water resources issues. The year-long

program provides training in conflict resolution, communication and negotiation to participants from across Colorado. The program also includes extensive self-assessment and networking opportunities.

By identifying emerging leaders in the water field and nurturing their professional development, the CFWE hopes to create a situation where

water leaders from across the state possess the appropriate managerial tools to navigate the contentious world of water.

With professional development training provided by respected management consultants, the water leaders program allows up-and-comers in Colorado water to forge their path with greater connections and confidence.

2006 Participant Roster

Jacob Bornstein—Colorado Watershed Network

John Carney—Colorado Water Trust

Sasha Charney—Boulder County Parks and Open Space

Jeffrey Crane—Crane Associates, LLC

Greg Dewey—City of Loveland, Dept. of Water and Power

Emily Hunt—City of Thornton

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The President's Award



John Fetcher started his working life as an engineer in Philadelphia before buying a ranch with his brother in the Elk River Valley in 1949. In the 1950s he and three partners began developing the Steamboat Ski Area, which they sold in 1962. Today, Fetcher is one of Routt County's leaders and a proponent of preserving family ranches from the forces of resort sprawl.

In March of 2007, John was awarded the Colorado Foundation for Water Education's President's Award and a ceremony was held in his honor.

About the President's Award

Each year the Foundation's Board of Trustees solicits nominations from our members for our annual President's Award. The award is bestowed on a Coloradoan who meets a predetermined set of criteria, including: a body of work in the field of water resources benefitting the Colorado public; reputation among peers; commitment to balanced and accurate information; geographical, gender, ethnic, and constituency diversity; among others.

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education would like to thank its members, who make the pursuit of water education possible

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