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I am so proud of all that the Colorado Foundation for Water Education achieved in Fiscal Year 2010. We produced outstanding water education in many parts of Colorado and made significant progress implementing the 2009-2014 strategic plan. We developed a number of new partnerships, sources of financial support and new programs to meet our goals.



It's the little things that make this job worth it. This year, CFWE Board Member John Porter surprised Foundation staff with our very own 'Certified Water Buffalo' hats

Our staff, board and members were an integral part to our success. In particular, I would like to thank the following individuals and organizations:

- The Colorado Water Conservation Board staff and board. The Board has been stalwart in its support of CFWE, and CWCB staff has contributed greatly to our success.
- Members of the Yampa, White & Green Basin Roundtable. Their financial support of the Winter 2010 *Headwaters* magazine focused on those basins, as well as the immense amount of time they put into its planning and review, made for a great educational product.
- The local planning committee, sponsors and speakers who helped put on the Southwest Basin Tour. In particular, the Southwestern Water Conservation District's significant financial support helped deliver a great tour at a reasonable cost.
- The numerous individuals that donated their time and expertise to produce 2010's *Citizen's Guide to Interstate Compacts*, as well as its editor, Rebecca Cantwell. A special thanks to the Water for the West Foundation and Blaine Dwyer at AECOM for their significant sponsorships.
- The 2010 participants and sponsors of Water Leaders. Their dedication to ongoing professional development bodes well for the future of Colorado water. Thanks to Brown & Caldwell, Southwestern Water Conservation District and the Dolores Water Conservancy District for their donation of full tuition for two class members who could not otherwise participate.
- Russell George and Eric Hecox for allowing us to honor them at the spring President's Award Reception, and Sue Morea at CDM for their title sponsorship of the event.
- Retiring CFWE Board members Matt Cook, John Porter and Tom Cech, and late CFWE Board member Dale Mitchell. All have been with CFWE in some capacity for many years, and their guidance and insight will be missed.
- The CFWE team of David Harper, Kristin Maharg, Alyson Kimzey and Aaron Parker, our trusty *Headwaters* team of Jayla Poppleton and Emmett Jordan and our Water Leaders consultant Len Loudis. Every one of them has gone above and beyond their job to produce excellent programs and raise the bar on water education in Colorado.
- Everyone else who has given their time, money and good wishes to CFWE.

Thank you for an outstanding 2010! I am excited and hopeful as we begin 2011.

Nicole Seltzer
Executive Director

Headwaters Magazine

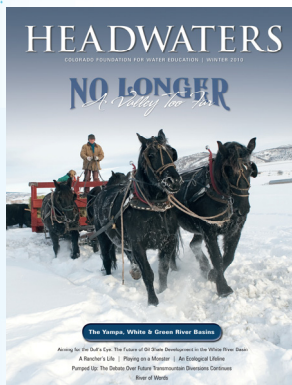
Headwaters magazine is published three times a year and allows members and stakeholders to keep up-to-date on specific issues in Colorado water. This year, *Headwaters* focused on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the Yampa, White and Green River basins and grassroots watershed groups.

Fall 2009—Water Policy's Unfolding Future & the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Expanding Roll



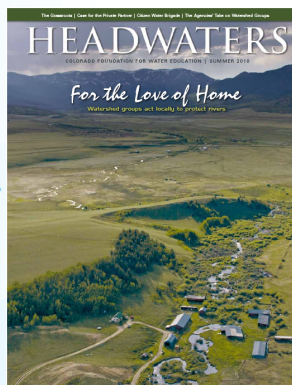
In the Fall 2009 issue of *Headwaters*, CFWE explores the Colorado Water Conservation Board, a state agency whose staff and Board members often meander through our stories. The CWCB is involved in almost every facet of water in Colorado. It works with the Colorado Attorney General's Office and State Engineer's Office to ensure compliance with our interstate compacts. It works with the Division of Wildlife and Colorado State Parks to identify streams for instream flow protection. It works with local water users to plan for Colorado's future water needs and improve municipal conservation and drought preparedness practices. The list goes on.

Winter 2010—No Longer A Valley Too Far—The Yampa, White & Green River Basins



In the Winter 2010 issue of *Headwaters*, CFWE visits the Yampa, White and Green river basins of northwest Colorado. The Yampa River retains a distinction not afforded to any other major river in Colorado—It is essentially undammed. This makes its biology unique and its recreational opportunities world-class. The largely agricultural basin, however, is faced with many modern problems, including energy development, in-basin growth and trans-basin diversion prospects.

Summer 2010—For the Love of Home—Watershed groups act locally to protect rivers

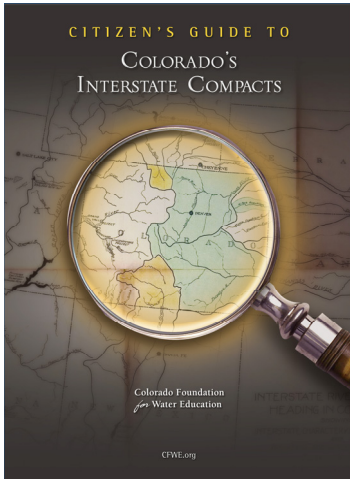


In the Summer 2010 issue of *Headwaters*, CFWE explores the world of volunteerism and grassroots river protection. There are over 80 community watershed groups in Colorado. Their purposes are as varied as the environments they are working to study, restore and protect. Watershed groups provide so many services: they bring our communities together through promoting volunteerism; they provide data on water quality, habitat integrity and recreational use that is needed by state and federal agencies to make informed decisions; and they work collaboratively to achieve land and water protections that can be embraced by stakeholders of many different viewpoints.

Citizen's Guide Series

In 2009-2010, CFWE continued to offer its *Citizen Guides*—desk references to critical water topics such as water law, water quality and water conservation. In early 2010, it also released the 9th Guide in the series, *The Citizen's Guide to Colorado's Interstate Compacts*, providing a go-to source for information on all of the Compacts and Equitable Apportionment Decrees that determine how Colorado shares water with the rest of the West.

The Citizen's Guide to Colorado's Interstate Compacts



Colorado straddles the Continental Divide, giving birth to four great rivers - the Platte, the Arkansas, the Rio Grande and the Colorado. They nourish cities and farms, industry and recreation, and tens of millions of Americans living in 18 states. But in the arid West, there is rarely enough water to satisfy all desires.

Colorado and its neighboring states have argued for more than a century over who gets how much water from these rivers. Nine interstate compacts and two U.S. Supreme Court equitable decrees govern how much water Colorado is entitled to use and consume within its boundaries. These water-sharing charters have fashioned enduring relationships between sister states.

New in 2010, the *Citizen's Guide to Colorado's Interstate Compacts* explores how they came into being, how they succeed and fail and how we adjust to them -- and they to us.

Previous Citizen's Guide Titles

- *Citizen's Guide to Colorado Climate Change*
- *Citizen's Guide to Colorado's Environmental Era*
- *Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Conservation*
- *Citizens Guide to Colorado's Water Heritage*
- *Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Law*
- *Citizen's Guide to Denver Basin Groundwater*
- *Citizen's Guide to Colorado Water Quality Protection*
- *Citizen's Guide to Where Your Water Comes From*

Ripple Effects

Waves of Water Information for CFWE Stakeholders

Members and stakeholders found it easier to stay abreast of upcoming events and recently completed educational programs thanks to *Ripple Effects*—CFWE's new eNewsletter. *Ripple Effects* helps the Foundation engage its constituency and allows partner organizations and members to stay connected to the pulse of water education in the state.

Annual River Basin Tour

Every year, CFWE takes a group of roughly 100 legislators, concerned citizens, engineers and water providers through a different river basin in the state. Previous tours have focused on the Rio Grande, the South Platte and others. This year's tour took participants to Southwest Colorado.

Tour 2010—The San Juan and Dolores River Basins

State Senator and CFWE Rock Southwestern Colorado



Sen. Bruce Whitehead displays his multi-dimensional talent.

by David Harper

"That guy rocks" is not a phrase you often hear in reference to an elected official. Theirs is generally the realm of quiet deliberation, careful analysis and well-measured restraint. Anyone who was lucky enough to be at Blue Lake Ranch on the second night of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education's annual river basin tour, however, saw state Sen. Bruce Whitehead welcome tour participants to Southwestern Colorado by rocking out some river songs with Pagosa-area musician Robin Davis and his backing band.



Marsha Porter-Norton, facilitator of the Dolores River Dialogue, discusses regional issues with participants.

The Foundation's annual river basin tour is more than just revelry and tune though. This year's journey through the San Juan and Dolores river basins also struck a chord with attendees hoping to learn about current water issues from what one participant described as a "plethora of expert speakers," including Sen. Whitehead after he put his six-string back in its case. The events started on June 9th with three pre-tour activities—an in-depth look at the Animas-La Plata Project, a tour of Mesa Verde with lectures on the paleohydrology of the cliff ruins, and rafting on the Animas River.

From the San Juan Chama Diversion to McPhee Reservoir to the Anasazi Heritage Center, participants gained valuable knowledge about the current water issues impacting Southwestern Colorado. Whether it was water quality concerns, agricultural and municipal supply, tribal agreements, interstate compacts or energy development, the collaborative approach to problem solving in the region was on full display. After these few days, 90-plus participants walked away with universal lessons drawn from this unique area's region-specific issues.

In the end, translating the unique into the universal is what made this tour truly rock. Well, that and the support of our generous sponsors, without whom this tour would not have been possible:

Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District
San Juan Water Conservancy District
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Colorado Water Institute
Animas La-Plata Water Conservancy District
Harris Water Engineering
San Juan Citizens Alliance

Next year CFWE will rock the Rockies with a tour of the Colorado River Basin. We hope to see you there.



See CFWE's Southwest Basin Tour photos at cfwe.org.

Mini-Tours

For the first time, 2009/2010 saw CFWE offering mini-tours—one day educational events that brought participants up to speed on specific issues by allowing them to explore sites first-hand with expert speakers providing context along the way. Continuing education credits for teachers were offered for these mini-tours through the Colorado School of Mines.

Climate & Colorado's Water Future: Mini-Tour of the National Ice Core Laboratory



Learning about climate science inside the lab



Ice cores from both poles, waiting for analysis

The Climate & Colorado's Water Future workshop gave participants diverse perspectives on how climate change may effect Colorado's future water supply. Featuring speakers from CSU, Western Water Assessment and USGS, the workshop culminated with a tour of the U.S. National Ice Core Laboratory facility at the Federal Center in Lakewood.

In addition to learning about the operations of the Lab from Laboratory staff, tour participants got to hear from long-time lab chief Todd Hinkley about the importance of core sampling in climate research and the current state of global evidence gathering for mapping historical climate patterns.

The Laboratory houses core samples from sites in Greenland and Antarctica and is one of the largest laboratories of its kind in the world.

In addition to explaining the importance of these ice cores to analyzing historical climate patterns, experts also discussed how the data plays into current climate modeling and how that modeling may affect the state of Colorado.

Restoring Fountain Creek: A Watershed Tour of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education

In June of 2010, CFWE took a group of interested individuals through the restoration efforts on Fountain Creek. A long beleaguered urban watershed, Fountain Creek drains an area that contains over half a million residents.

This tour provided information on erosion control, wetland mitigation, fish monitoring, sediment removal and water quality while exploring the dynamic effort underway to restore Fountain Creek.

Put on in partnership with the Fountain Creek Watershed district, this one-day tour covered a lot of ground and subject matter.



Participants view a water quality testing demonstration

2009 Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference

Thriving in Challenging Times



City of Boulder's Curry Rosato Speaks to Conference Participants

CFWE partnered with the Colorado Watershed Assembly, the Colorado Riparian Association, the Colorado Lakes and Reservoir Management Association, and AWARE (Addressing Water And natural Resource Education) to put on the 2009 Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference. The conference addressed public policy, practitioner and technical issues in watershed science. Held over 3 days at the Vail Cascade Resort and Spa, the conference attracted over 100 participants from all over the state.



CFWE ED Nicole Seltzer (left) enjoys a frosty, cold one with conference goers

2010 President's Award Ceremony

Honoring Russell George and Eric Hecox

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education honors a different individual every year who has made a significant contribution to water education in his or her career. This year, two awards were given. The CFWE Emerging Leader Award went to CWCB Water Supply Planning Section Chief Eric Hecox and the President's Award went to CDOT Executive Director Russell George. George and Hecox were instrumental in incorporating the concept of inter-basin compacts into the 2005 Water for the 21st Century Act. The resulting IBCC and Roundtable process has brought greater diversity of representation to the water supply planning process and been a great benefit to water education in the state.



Emerging Leader Award Recipient Eric Hecox (left) with President's Award Recipient Russell George

Water Leaders

In 2010, the Colorado Foundation for Water Education ushered in a new class of Water Leaders from across the state. Founded in 2006, the Water Leaders program offers a cohort of emerging Colorado water professionals the opportunity to develop leadership potential and management skills.

The program lasts a full year and provides training in conflict resolution, communication and negotiation. The program includes extensive self-assessment and is a great networking opportunity. By identifying emerging water leaders and nurturing their professional development, CFWE hopes to provide future leaders with the appropriate managerial tools necessary to navigate the contentious world of Colorado water.

With management training provided by respected consultant Len Loudis of Leadership Excellence, Water Leaders can forge their career paths with better connections and greater degree of confidence.

Class of 2010

Richard Belt—Aqua Engineering
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Eric Hecox—CWCB
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Andrew Todd—USGS



Water Leaders Class of 2010

Working with the IBCC and Basin Roundtables

Through its facilitation of the Public Education, Participation and Outreach Workgroup of the IBCC, Colorado Foundation for Water Education produced a Headwaters magazine on "Cooperation vs. Competition: Colorado's Water Supply Future." This issue focused on the work of the IBCC and the basin roundtables, including online companion content such as interviews and photos with IBCC members.

The Foundation also re-energized the Basin Roundtable Education Liaisons during a day-long workshop where the recommendations from the Education Survey resulted in the idea of Education Action Plans for each roundtable. Initial work for the plans included setting up Education & Outreach Committees and a process for receiving state funds for educational activities.

The PEPO Workgroup had numerous meetings over the course of the year and brainstormed statewide priorities for education, resulting in the initial planning of a statewide summit. The Foundation also distributed \$5,000 in scholarships and developed 300 new member notebooks as part of an orientation program. Through a competitive bid process, the Foundation is pleased to have been awarded the contract to continue facilitating PEPO for an additional three years.

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Thank You!

Statement of Financial Position¹

June 30, 2010 with comparative totals for 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents—unrestricted	\$ 68,375	\$ 78,986
Cash and cash equivalents—temporarily restricted	-	1,400
Contracts receivable	86,220	78,846
Grants receivable—temporarily restricted	-	7,000
Publication inventory	15,008	29,995
Prepaid expenses	5,006	7,861
Total Assets	<u>\$ 174,609</u>	<u>\$ 199,958</u>
<u>Liabilities and net assets</u>		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,013	\$ 6,110
Payroll accruals	12,168	13,585
Line of credit	-	-
Deferred event income	-	3,750
Commitments	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>16,181</u>	<u>23,445</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted operating	\$ 158,428	\$ 168,113
Temporarily restricted	-	8,400
Total Net Assets	<u>158,428</u>	<u>176,513</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 174,609</u>	<u>\$ 199,958</u>

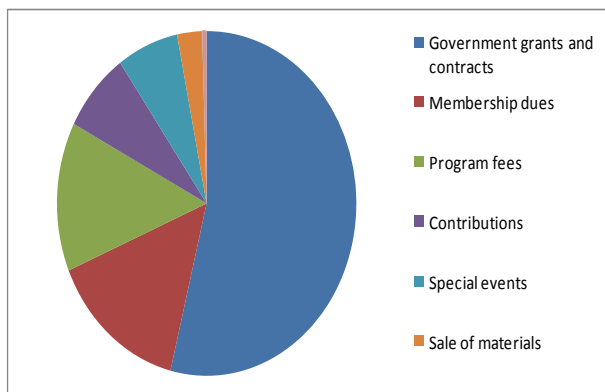
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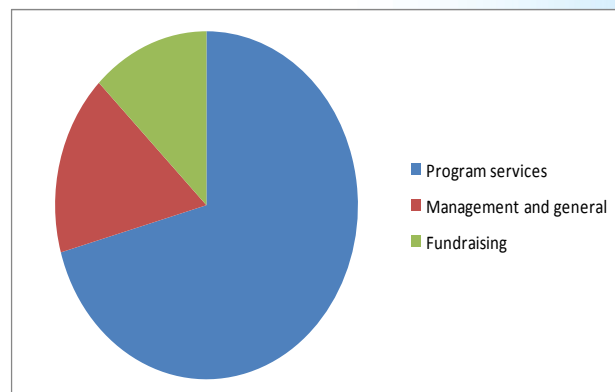
For the year ended June 30th, 2010 with comparative totals for 2009

	2010			2009
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Total
<u>Revenue and other support</u>				
Government grants and contracts	\$ 240,714	\$ -	\$ 240,714	\$ 244,465
Membership dues	65,921	-	65,921	68,035
Program fees	62,184	-	62,184	89,204
Contributions	33,773	-	33,773	35,375
Special events	29,740	-	29,740	35,620
Sale of materials	11,995	-	11,995	17,439
Interest	88	-	88	18
Grants	-	-	-	23,375
All other	2,114	-	2,114	4,938
Net assets released from restriction	8,400	(8,400)	-	-
Total revenue and other support	454,929	(8,400)	446,529	518,469
<u>Expense</u>				
Program services	328,249	-	328,249	344,651
Supporting Services				
Management and general	77,769	-	77,769	118,723
Fundraising	58,596	-	58,896	36,016
Total expense	464,614	-	464,614	499,390
Change in net assets	(9,685)	(8,400)	(18,085)	19,079
Net assets, beginning of year	168,113	8,400	176,153	157,434
Net assets, end of year	\$ 158,428	\$ -	\$ 158,428	\$ 176,513

Revenue



Expense





*Promoting better understanding of Colorado's water
resources through balanced and accurate education and
information.*