



## Demystifying Colorado Water for Colorado Legislators "Level 201" - Colorado River Agenda

March 1, 2023

7:30-8:45am

Colorado State Capitol Room HCR0107

*This session will cover the Colorado River Compact, Upper Colorado River Compact, and additional layered agreements that make up the "Law of the River." It will focus particularly on the multi-decadal drought plaguing the basin and the more recent drought contingency planning among the seven U.S. states that share the river, in cooperation with the nation of Mexico and Native American Tribes. The presenters will address the current crisis and what to expect from negotiations around how to bring the river into balance. Connections will be made to show how what happens on this river affects the entire state of Colorado.*

**7:30am**      **Welcome and Overview**

*Jayla Poppleton, Executive Director, Water Education Colorado*

**7:35am**      **The Colorado River: How We Got Here and What's Coming Next**

*Anne Castle, Senior Fellow, Getches-Wilkinson Center, University of Colorado, and U.S. Commissioner on the Upper Colorado River Commission*

**8:15am**      **Colorado's Colorado River Leadership and Perspectives**

*Zane Kessler, Director of Government Relations, Colorado River District*

*Kyle Whitaker, Water Rights Department Manager, Northern Water*

*Becky Mitchell, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Colorado Commissioner on the Upper Colorado River Commission*

**8:45am**      **Adjourn**