



**Four States Irrigation Council
69th Annual Meeting
January 11-12, 2023
Hilton Fort Collins
425 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Colorado**

Wednesday, January 11

- 9 to 11 am Exhibitor and Sponsor Set Up
Coffee and Pastries Available
- 9 am Optional Tour of the Environmental Learning Center Flow Restoration Project
Bernadette Kuhn, CERP, Senior Environmental Planner,
Restoration Project Manager, City of Fort Collins Natural Areas
Tour a diversion structure construction project utilizing an innovative design on the Cache la Poudre River in Fort Collins. Transportation for the approximately 15 min drive from the hotel to the east side of town is on your own. Please consider carpooling. Attendees will gather in the Hilton Atrium at 9 am for group departure. Click for [information](#) or [directions](#).
- 11:30 am Lunch on your own. *The Hilton has a Grill onsite. The registration desk will have a list of other nearby restaurants.*
- 11:30 am Board Meeting for FSIC Directors in CSU Presidents Room
- 1 pm Construction Projects
Introduction - Steve Fletcher, Fire Mountain Canal & Reservoir
Colorado - Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP)
Greg Dewey, Project Manager, Northern Water
Kansas - New Life for KBID: A Case Study for Canal Automation
Pete Gile, Manager, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District
Nebraska - Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn
Amos Lange, Manager, North Loup River Public Power & Irrigation District
Wyoming - Automated Check Structures
Kevin Strecker, Manager, Goshen Irrigation District
- 2:15 pm History
Introduction - Pete Gile, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District
Kansas - History of the Ogallala Aquifer
Brownie Wilson, GIS/Support Services Manager, Kansas Geological Survey
Colorado - History of the Fire Mountain Canal & Paonia Reservoir
Steve Fletcher, Superintendent

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3:15 pm Break
Sponsored by Pawnee Buttes Seed

3:45 - 4:30 pm Colorado River and South Platte River Happenings
Kyle Whitaker, Water Rights Department Manager, Northern Water

Thursday, January 12

7 am Full Breakfast

8 am Welcome Announcements - Steve Fletcher, Four States Irrigation Council
President
Introduction of FSIC Directors

8:15 am U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager Updates
Introduction - Brent Esplin, Regional Director, USBR
Wyoming Area Office - Lyle Myler
Nebraska-Kansas Area Office - Aaron Thompson
Eastern Colorado Area Office - Jeff Rieker

9:30 am State of the States
Introduction - Gerry Sheets, Middle Loup Irrigation District
Wyoming - Jeff Cowley, Administrator Interstate Streams,
Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Nebraska - Tom Riley, Director or Jesse Bradley, Assistant Director
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Kansas - Kevin Salter, Interstate Water Engineer
Kansas Division of Water Resources
Colorado - Kevin Rein, State Engineer
Colorado Division of Water Resources

10:45 am Break
Sponsored by International Water Screens

11:15 am Family Farm Alliance Update
Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance

11:45 am State Caucus
Introduction - Kevin Strecker, Goshen Irrigation District
Meet with FSIC Representatives from your State to offer comments on current
agenda topics/format or ideas for future meetings.

12 pm Lunch
Sponsored by Murphy Tractor, Subsurface Inc. & Control Design Inc.

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1:30 pm	<p>Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund <i>Introduction - Jason Orton, Orton Management Associates</i> Repair and replacement for critical irrigation project needs. Jesse Bradley, Assistant Director, Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources Leroy Sievers, Attorney, Knutsen Law Firm Michael Placke, JEO Consulting Group</p>
2:30 pm	<p>Break <i>Sponsored by Alligare, LLC</i></p>
3 pm	<p>US Department of the Interior and US Bureau of Reclamation Programs <i>Introduction - Marlon Duke, Assistant Regional Director, USBR</i></p> <p>Honored Guest - United States Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Water & Science, Tanya Trujillo</p> <p>WaterSMART Funding Opportunities Marlena Lanini, Civil Engineer, USBR and Denis Kelsch, Civil Engineer, USBR Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Shane Schieck, Program Manager, USBR</p>
4 pm	<p>Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project Update Jeremy Deuto, PE, PG, Northern Water Project Engineer <i>The Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project is a collaborative effort by 12 Northeastern Colorado water providers to improve the reliability of water supplies from the Windy Gap Project. Follow Jeff Drager, Northern Water Engineering Director, Joe Donnelly, Northern Water Project Manager, and Jeremy Deuto, Northern Water Project Engineer in a spectacular, virtual tour of key project components. The video displays construction progress on the tunnel, main dam, cofferdam, saddle dam and the concrete access road bridge.</i></p>
5 pm	<p>Networking Reception in Atrium (cash bar available)</p>
6 pm	<p>Banquet Dinner & Awards Ceremony <i>Sponsored by Intertape Polymer Group & Colorado Water Conservation Board</i></p>
7 pm	<p><i>Michael Carducci "That Just Happened!"</i> Michael Carducci is an internationally award-winning Magician and Mentalist whose performances have taken him around the world. His passion for performing the most entertaining and astonishing magic and mentalism will deliver an unforgettable experience.</p>