



**Four States Irrigation Council  
70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
January 17-18, 2024  
Hilton Fort Collins  
425 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Colorado**

**Wednesday, January 17**

*Presenting Sponsors - Rubicon Water & SePRO*

7:30 to 11 am

Exhibitor and Sponsor Set Up  
*Coffee and Pastries Available*

8:30 am

Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project Tour - Hilton Lobby  
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. It is located just west of Carter Lake in Larimer County. The Chimney Hollow Dam will be a rockfill structure with a hydraulic asphaltic concrete core approximately 350 feet tall. See the progress made since construction began in August 2021! *Space on the tour is limited and on a first-come basis. Must be registered for the conference to attend. Please pick up your nametag first.*

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 - South Canal Undershot Repair  
Robert Hancock, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association  
Kansas - Upgrading KBID  
Pete Gile, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District  
Nebraska - Milburn Dam Repairs and Upgrades  
Todd Schipporeit, Sargent Irrigation District  
Wyoming - Laramie River Tunnel Diversion  
Nathan Graves, Wheatland Irrigation District

2 pm

History  
*Introduction - Pete Gile, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District*  
Nebraska - Perkins County Canal  
Michael Jess  
Wyoming - Pathfinder Dam  
Stacey Johnston, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Wyoming Area Office

Wednesday - Continued

3 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by Clear Channel Vegetation Management</i>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	“A Review of Weather and Climate in Water Year 2023” Russ Schumacher, Colorado State Climatologist

Thursday, January 18

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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 <i>Introduction - Marlon Duke, Deputy Regional Director, USBR</i> Wyoming Area Office - Lyle Myler Nebraska-Kansas Area Office - Aaron Thompson Eastern Colorado Area Office - Jeff Rieker
9:30 am	State of the States <i>Introduction - Gerry Sheets, Middle Loup Irrigation District</i> Wyoming - Jeff Cowley, Administrator Interstate Streams, Wyoming State Engineer’s Office Nebraska - Jesse Bradley, Assistant Director Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Kansas - Kevin Salter, Interstate Water Engineer Kansas Division of Water Resources Colorado - Tracy Kosloff, Acting State Engineer Colorado Division of Water Resources
10:45 am	Break <i>Sponsored by HDR Engineering, Inc.</i>
11:15 am	Family Farm Alliance Update Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance
11:45 am	State Caucus <i>Introduction - Kevin Strecker, Goshen Irrigation District</i> Meet with FSIC Representatives from your State to offer comments on current agenda topics/format or ideas for future meetings.

Thursday - Continued

12 pm	Lunch <i>Sponsored by Murphy Tractor &amp; Equipment Company</i>
12:30 pm	Honored Guest Speaker Roque Sánchez, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, US Bureau of Reclamation
1:30 pm	Wyoming Association of Irrigation Districts Ryan Allen, Goshen Irrigation District Water Master Colorado Department of Agriculture Robert Sakata, Colorado Agriculture Water Policy Advisor
2:30 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by Nutrien Solutions &amp; Pawnee Buttes Seed</i>
3 pm	“Improving Wyoming’s Irrigation Infrastructure and Fisheries” Nick Scribner, Habitat Biologist, Wyoming Game and Fish Department “The Impact of Habitat Fragmentation on Colorado Fisheries and Approaches for Restoration” Eric Richer, Aquatic Research Scientist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
4 pm	US Department of the Interior and US Bureau of Reclamation Programs <i>Introduction - Marlon Duke, Assistant Regional Director, USBR</i>  WaterSMART Grants and Planning Processes Denis Kelsch, US Bureau of Reclamation
5 pm	Networking Reception in Atrium <i>(cash bar available)</i>
6 pm	Banquet Dinner & Awards Presentations Master of Ceremony - Jeff Stahla, Northern Water <i>Sponsored by</i> <i>Subsurface, Inc.</i> <i>Intertape Polymer Group</i> <i>Colorado Water Conservation Board</i>
7 pm	CW & Twenty Hands High <i>One of Modern and Classic Country Music’s hottest bands in the Rocky Mountain Region! Voted Entertainer of the Year by the Colorado Music Hall of Fame and currently nominated for impressive music awards. Twenty Hands High plays in the Four States region of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska &amp; Wyoming. Their upbeat music will make you want to get up and dance.</i>