



**Four States Irrigation Council**  
**71st Annual Meeting**  
**January 29 & 30, 2025**  
**Delta Hotel**  
[10 East 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Northglenn, Colorado](https://www.deltahotel.com/locations/northglenn)

Wednesday, January 29

***Presenting Sponsor - SePRO***

- 8 to 11 am Exhibitor and Sponsor Set Up  
*Coffee and Pastries Available*
- 8:15 am Optional Tour - Transportation On Your Own - Check In First at FSIC Registration  
*Map and information available at FSIC Registration Table*  
Bureau of Reclamation - Technical Service Center - Starts at 9 am  
[Denver Federal Center, 6<sup>th</sup> & Kipling, Bldg 67, Denver, CO](https://www.fws.gov/denver-federal-center)  
*The TSC is home to hydraulic engineering laboratories where Reclamation staff is pioneering groundbreaking solutions to water and power challenges.*
- 11:30 am Lunch on your own. Many restaurants nearby.
- 11:30 am Board Meeting for FSIC Directors in Executive Board Room
- 1 pm Construction Projects  
*Introduction - Steve Fletcher, Fire Mountain Canal & Reservoir*
- Colorado - Chimney Hollow Reservoir Project  
Rachel Stevens, Northern Water
- Kansas - New Courtland Kansas Central Valley Agriculture Grain Shuttle Facility  
Pete Gile, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District
- Nebraska - Lower Superior Canal East Diversion Project  
Sage Sanger, Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District
- Wyoming - Automation and Structure Funding  
Tony Jensen and Joan McGraw, Casper Alcova Irrigation District
- 2 pm History  
*Introduction - Pete Gile, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District*
- Kansas - Irrigation Management Through Policy, Education and Technology  
Wes McCary, Kansas Water Office
- Colorado - History of the Uncompahgre Project & Gunnison Tunnel  
Robert Hancock, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association  
Steve Fletcher, Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir

## Wednesday - Continued

- 3 pm Break *Sponsored by  
Aquatic Control  
Xylem*
- 3:30 pm Cloud Seeding and Its Potential Impact on Water Supplies:  
Advances in Hydroclimate Research  
Sarah Tessendorf, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research,  
Project Scientist and Interim Director of the Hydrometeorological Program
- 4 pm A Look at Climate in the Four States Region  
Russ Schumacher, Colorado State University,  
Colorado State Climatologist and Professor
- 5 pm Dinner on your own. *Map of nearby restaurants available at Registration Table.*

## Thursday, January 30

### *Presenting Sponsor - SePRO*

- 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 Break *Sponsored by  
Atmax Equipment Company  
Trihydro*
- 10 am State of the States  
*Introduction - Gerry Sheets*  
Wyoming State Engineer's Office  
Jeff Cowley, Administrator Interstate Streams  
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
Jesse Bradley, Interim Director  
Kansas Division of Water Resources  
Kevin Salter, Interstate Water Engineer  
Colorado Division of Water Resources  
Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, Director

## Thursday - Continued

11:15 am	Family Farm Alliance Update      Virtual Attendance Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance
11:45 am	State Caucus Introduction to FSIC Representatives from your State to offer comments on current agenda topics/format or ideas for future meetings.
12 pm	Lunch <i>Sponsored by</i> <b>Harrison Western Construction</b> <b>Murphy Tractor &amp; Equipment</b> <b>Nutrien Solutions</b>
1 pm	Honored Guest Speaker Dr. David Raff, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioners Office
1:30 pm	Improving Stream Health & Fish Ecosystems <i>Introduction - Kevin Strecker, Goshen Irrigation District</i>  Fish Ladder Projects with Irrigation Districts Nick Scribner, Wyoming Game and Fish Colorado River Connectivity Channel Kevin Lock, Northern Water
2:30 pm	Break <i>Sponsored by</i> <b>Subsurface, Inc.</b> <b>International Water Screens</b>
3 pm	Colorado River Update Raquel Flinker, Colorado River Water Conservation District
3:30 pm	U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Programs <i>Introduction - Marlon Duke, Assistant Regional Director, USBR</i>  WaterSMART Grants and Planning Processes Dawn Culley, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Denis Kelsch, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
5 pm	Networking Reception in Atrium ( <i>cash bar available</i> )
6 pm	Banquet Dinner & Award Presentations Master of Ceremony - Jeff Stahla <i>Sponsored by</i> <b>Intertape Polymer Group</b> <b>Clear Channel VM</b>

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**Thank You For Attending!**

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