

WHAT IS FOUR STATES?

Four States Irrigation Council, established in 1952, serves as a forum for irrigators, irrigation and water districts and ditch companies to exchange ideas and information, discuss specific water-delivery and irrigation-related issues, and learn from others.

Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming are the member states. Four States was created to provide an opportunity for its members to study challenges pertaining to the operation and maintenance of irrigation and conveyance systems, and to develop solutions by means of an annual conference and biannual tours. These events provide members with educational materials, technical and product information, a variety of informational workshops, and a place to exchange ideas with fellow attendees.

Four States promotes the wise use of the nation's water resources and encourages effective and diverse use of this limited resource. Improving agricultural conservation, promoting more efficient use of water, and balancing these needs with aquatic and wildlife concerns are all priorities of Four States.



WHO BELONGS TO FOUR STATES?

Four States members include farmers, ditch and irrigation company and water district employees and board members, engineers, university professors, extension agents, government officials and others with an interest in irrigation.

Four States currently has approximately 300 members.

Membership is open to any person interested in irrigation system operations or irrigated agriculture. There are no annual dues or membership fees. To become a member, simply attend the annual meeting or request to be added to the Four States mailing list.



HOW IS FOUR STATES OPERATED?

Four States operates through a board of directors.

To direct the board's work, a president, vice president and treasurer are elected, along with a director of each state. Directors and officers are elected for two-year terms.

A coordinator assists the board with Four State's principal function of planning and implementing the annual meetings and biennial summer tours.



WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Since 1952, Four States has grown considerably. Fifty-two people attended the first meeting, while almost 200 now attend.

With irrigation issues in the West drawing so much national attention, both in the media and by politicians, it is imperative that Four States members stay informed on the latest developments.

Four States pledges to promote conservation through improved irrigation techniques and to find new ways that members can address today's challenges.

To learn more or to become a Friend of Four States, please visit www.4-states-irrigation.org.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Four States annual meeting is held each January at a site selected by the board of directors with input from the membership. Costs to attend are held to a minimum to encourage as much participation as possible. The annual meeting provides members with an opportunity to meet others who share similar concerns.

Program speakers include federal and state officials, irrigation company officials, individual farmers and educators. They cover such topics as new developments in water measurement, alternative crops, weed and pest control, remote-control canal operations, dam safety, on-farm irrigation efficiency, project financing, legal challenges and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation activities. Exhibitors showcase the latest innovations at the conference, where Four States members can get up-to-date information on new products and services.

ANNUAL BANQUET AWARDS

Additionally, Headgate and Ditchrider awards are presented at the annual meeting banquet. These awards are given to individuals who have been active and supportive of irrigation and water resource development in the Four States area.



SUMMER TOURS

Four States hosts a summer tour every other year on a rotating schedule to each of the four states. The tour offers members an opportunity to view irrigation projects and facilities at different locations throughout the Four States area, and serves as a great networking opportunity.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Four States considers offering \$2,000 in scholarships to qualified undergraduate or graduate students who, among other requirements, are currently enrolled at an accredited university or college in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska or Wyoming, and are pursuing a degree in an agricultural water and/or irrigation-related field.

Learn more about this opportunity, when available, at www.4-states-irrigation.org.



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