

Inflow Newsletter



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Announcements

Clean Water Network's First Annual Dirty Water Stories Contest

Clean Water Network is sponsoring a Dirty Water Stories writing contest for aspiring journalists and current journalism students. To enter, send Clean Water Network's Gordon Culver

(gordonculver@cleanwaternet.org) a story about polluted water and/or water shortages in your community. They are looking for compelling stories that will help communicate to federal, state and local decision makers the gravity of America's water crisis. The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize of \$300. All finalists' entries will be published in the CWN Dirty Water Stories compendium and be posted on Clean Water Network's website. The submission deadline is March 1, 2010. For contest details and more information click [CONTEST GUIDELINES!](#)

Nonconsumptive Needs Assessments Survey

This concerns the Water for the 21st Century Act's nonconsumptive needs assessments being implemented through the Basin Roundtables. These needs assessments are attempting to evaluate what environmental and recreational water needs exist throughout the state. The nonconsumptive needs will be balanced with the water supply needs of agriculture, industry, and communities. The CWCB is extremely interested in projects and planning efforts that you have completed to protect environmental and recreational values in your watershed. They would also like to know what projects and planning efforts you have in mind to complete in the future. The CWCB will create a master list of past projects and planned projects. This will help them focus funding towards what you are planning and where additional resources are needed. To complete the survey, visit [Nonconsumptive Survey](#). The deadline for completion of this survey is February 5th.

2010 Instream Flow Recommendations and ISF Workshop

CWCB staff is now accepting new instream flow recommendations through February 28, 2010 for potential incorporation into Colorado's Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program. All recommendations will be posted on the CWCB's website. Note that previously submitted recommendations that have been postponed for various reasons do not need to be resubmitted. Staff will continue to process these recommendations and address issues with the recommending entities and stakeholders. For more information on the new appropriation process, please visit: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/StreamAndLake/NewAppropriations/>. The CWCB staff will not hold an ISF workshop this year. Based upon preliminary discussions with the major recommending entities, it appears that there will be few new recommendations for discussion at a workshop. However, public outreach efforts will continue as staff processes the recommendations that it receives. Staff will discuss all new recommendations with the Board at its March 2010 meeting. If you are interested in more information regarding new instream flow and natural lake level recommendations, please contact Jeff Baessler at 303-866-3441 x3202 or Robert Viehl at x3237.

Announcement for Public Comment on the List of NPS Proposals

The Administrative Action of the Commission will be on March 9th (approval of the 319 funding list). The full list of all proposals can be found [here](#). The recommended list for funding will be presented on the 9th, after the review.

CFWE seeks stories for upcoming Headwaters magazine on "the grassroots"

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education will focus its Summer 2010 edition of Headwaters magazine on the work of grassroots watershed groups in Colorado. CFWE is seeking stories focused on the successes, challenges and history of watershed groups and citizen action in the state. If you have an idea for a relevant story, please submit it to Nicole Seltzer at nseltzer@cfwe.org by Friday, January 29. Groups whose stories are selected will receive up to 100 copies of Headwaters to distribute to their stakeholders.

Conferences & Events

Calendar of Events

For a comprehensive calendar of events, please visit the Assembly's [website](#).

New Events

February 18, 2010: Selenium Task Force "Climbing the Selenium Summit" in Delta

Roundtable Meetings

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 2/1](#)

[Metro roundtable - 2/4](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 2/9](#)

[Nonconsumptive Meeting - 2/10](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 2/10](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 2/16](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 2/22](#)

[IBCC Meeting - 3/5](#)

IBCC Homepage:

<http://ibcc.state.co.us/>

Flows

Big Thompson River in Loveland:
[Ice](#)

Clear Creek near Georgetown: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: [21 cfs](#)

Cherry Creek in Denver: [38 cfs](#)

South Platte above Cheesman Lake: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Arkansas River at Parkdale:
[Seasonal Operation](#)

Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: [1,280 cfs](#)

Colorado River near the Stateline: [2,570 cfs](#)

Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: [829 cfs](#)

North Fork of the Gunnison below Paonia: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Dolores River Near Slickrock: [Ice](#)

Yampa River below Craig: [Ice](#)

Animas River in Durango: [185 cfs](#)

This event will be from 9:30am to 3pm. For complete details, visit [Save the Date Flyer_Final.pdf](#).

March 20, 2010: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers 11th Annual Spring Potluck Celebration

They have planned a **very fun event** with great food, live music, a **silent auction**, and more. You can donate a service, fun event, or special item for the silent auction. Simply download the [Donation Form](#) to your computer and fill it out. Then, email your donation form to jessica@wlr.org as soon as possible to help the auction preparations and **no later than March 8**. See the [Auction Page](#) for more information about how to donate something for the auction. Call 303-543-1411 if you have questions. To sign up for this event, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

January 25-29, 2010: Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days Kick-Off Training Event

The training series will help assess your needs in: Governance, Planning, Transparency and Accountability, Fundraising, Financial Management, Human Resources, Evaluation, Advocacy, and Strategic Alliances. This session is being offered at five locations:

Jan. 25 - Telluride Academy, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Jan. 26 - Montrose Library, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Jan. 27 - Hotchkiss Memorial Hall, 9:00 am - Noon

Jan. 28 - Palisade Community Center, 9:00 am - Noon

Jan. 29 - Gunnison Aspinall-Wilson Center, 9:00 am - Noon

The sessions are free, but space is limited. Please call 970-497-2826 to reserve your spot. For additional info. contact Brian Krill at 970-349-2830 or brian.krill@peakeducationconsulting.com.

February 2-4, 2010: Garfield County Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Garfield County is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan and has a second series of public meetings now scheduled. All meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be used to discuss where future growth should occur and other issues such as the economy, protection of river corridors and preservation of rural character. For more information about the meetings, visit [Flyer1.pdf](#). For more information about the Comprehensive Plan visit www.garfieldcomprehensiveplan2030.com.

February 10, 2010: Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment Meeting

The meeting will be from 10am - 3pm at the Silverthorne Pavilion, 400 Blue River Pkway, Silverthorne, CO. For the meeting details, visit [Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment Update](#).

February 10-12, 2010: Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance's Annual Convention, "Agricultural Water - Reinventing Strategies for a New World" in Durango

For the complete agenda and registration details, visit <http://www.darca.org/2010DARCAConventionProgram&Registration.pdf>. For more information and to register online, visit <http://www.darca.org/content/view/160/81/>.

February 11, 2010: Consortium for Research and Education on Emerging Contaminants Meeting in Fort Collins

The next CREEC meeting will be sponsored by Thomas Borch at Colorado State University. The meeting will be held in the Lory Student Center Senate Chambers and run from 2:00-5:00 PM. The planned speakers are: **Theo Colborn**, author of *Our Stolen Future* and a visionary in the world of endocrine disrupting chemicals and their effects on humans. Theo will speak via phone from her home in Southwest Colorado on health effects, recent research, and the politics of the Kerry/Moran Bill. **Mike Focazio**, USGS Office of Water Quality and Toxics Substances Hydrology Program, will talk about recent studies of contaminants of emerging concern by the USGS. Folks that are planning on attending this meeting **MUST CONTACT** Thomas (borch@colostate.edu) or Bill (wbattagl@usgs.gov) prior to the meeting.

February 19, 20, 2010: Water Education Partnerships Workshop and CSU Water Tables

The Water Education Partnerships Workshop will be targeted at water education providers who have **at least one seasoned tool and/or program in use with K-12 audiences**. The day will be spent on building collaborative partnerships to make Colorado's water education programs more vibrant and sustainable. They have scheduled the Water Education Partnerships Workshop for Friday, February 19 from 10am-4pm in Denver. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, 1/20** by following [this registration link](#). CSU's Water Tables in Fort Collins, a fruitful discussion on "Across State Lines: Sharing the Resource", will take place on February 20. Visit lib.colostate.edu/wt10 for more information.

February 22, 2010: Algal Workshop Sponsored by the Colorado Lakes & Reservoir Management Association

For complete details and to register, visit [CLRMA Algal Workshop Packet 2010.pdf](#).

February 24-26, 2010: 2nd Annual Exceler8s Festival to benefit Colorado Water Trust project

The 2nd Annual Exceler8s Festival is a charity ski event taking place in Winter Park. This year's event will benefit the [Priority Waters Project](#) -a partnership project of the Colorado Water Trust, The Nature Conservancy and other partners. Festival events include:

- Guided backcountry skiing/snowboarding on Jones Pass
- Private transportation to Vasquez Cirque
- Seminars on avalanche awareness, water conservation, and leadership
- Dinner and silent auction at Devil's Thumb Ranch
- Discount tickets to Winter Park/Mary Jane and lots of SWAG!

Register Now! to take advantage of early bird registration. Or see more of the [great events](#) lined up for the festival.

February 25-28, 2010: 15th Water Conservation/Xeriscape Conference and Expo in Albuquerque

To see the agenda, speaker information, and other information, please visit xeriscapenm.com. To register, click [here](#).

March 12, 2010: Evapotranspiration Workshop: "Using the Best Science to Estimate Consumptive Use"

The workshop will take place in Fort Collins. Attendees will learn how to improve ET calculation among private and public entities. Instructors include ET experts from Colorado State University, the CO Division of Water Resources, Rick Allen from the University of Idaho and Marvin Jensen. Luncheon speaker will be Dick Wolfe - Colorado State Engineer. The registration fee is \$200. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

April 16-18, 2010: Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education's Teaching Outside the Box Conference in Denver

Teaching Outside the Box is an action-packed workshop that brings together the best in environmental education for a weekend of engaging presentations, networking, resource sharing, and more. This conference is for Teachers, Interpreters, Environmental Educators, Youth Group Leaders, Naturalists, and anyone who appreciates and wants to learn about environmental education. The deadline to apply to be a presenter is Dec 21st. Visit their website at <http://www.caee.org/development/conference> for complete details.

May 16-21: Tamarisk Coalition 2010 Trip

Join the Tamarisk Coalition and O.A.R.S. on the river trip of a lifetime through Utah's stunning Cataract Canyon in the spring of 2010! For complete details, visit [Tamarisk Coalition 2010 Trip Flier.pdf](#). For questions, please contact Tamarisk Coalition Education Intern: Sarahlee Lawrence at sarahlee.lawrence@gmail.com, or (541) 279-0841.

May 21-24, 2010: River Network's 2010 River Rally in Snowbird, UT

For all the information you need including workshops and presenters, logistics, and registration, visit <http://www.rivernetwork.org/programs/national-river-rally>.



Funding Opportunities List:

The Colorado Watershed Assembly has compiled a list of governmental and non-governmental funding sources for restoration projects and organizational capacity building. The list can be found on our [website](#).

Colorado River District expands grant program for water supply projects in 2010

Beginning December 1, 2009, the Colorado River District will be accepting grant applications for projects that protect, enhance or develop water resources in their 15-county area within the Colorado River Basin; this includes all tributary watershed areas in Colorado, except the San Juan River basin. The application deadline is **Jan. 29, 2010**. For the complete details, visit http://www.crwcd.org/page_193.

River Network/MillerCoors Watershed Protection Grants

Projects that are eligible for funding will be focused on agricultural and water issues. This may include working with agriculture organizations, individual farmers, Soil & Water Conservation Districts or others involved with the farming community. Projects will be expected to provide long-term benefits to water quality, quantity and/or public education. Proposals are due on **February 8, 2010**. [Download a PDF of the Criteria and Application](#) or request one by emailing [Matt Burke](#).

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program

This program supports community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects throughout the United States. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000 are provided to projects that build diverse partnerships and foster natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, and training activities. Partnerships should include at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success through funding, land, workforce support, technical support, and/or other in-kind services. Projects that can leverage the amount of funds requested with significant cash or in-kind contributions from project partners are given priority. The application deadline is **February 11, 2010**. For full details, click [here](#).

EPA Five-Star Restoration Program

This program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Proposals for Five Star Restoration Grants are due in **mid-February** each year. For eligibility and application instructions, visit <http://www.epa.gov/wetlands/restore/5star/>.

Grants Preserve Natural Areas in Colorado

[Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund](#)

The mission of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund is to help preserve and manage Colorado's wildlife, park, river, trail, and open space heritage. In the spring of 2010, the Fund will provide support through the following grant programs: Local Government Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants assist in the establishment or expansion of park, outdoor recreation, and environmental education facilities. (Mini-Grants are provided for projects in communities of 5,000 people or less.) Open Space Grants support projects that protect natural areas such as urban open space, wildlife habitat, etc. Conservation Excellence Grants target activities which improve the capacity of land trusts to achieve quality land conservation. Planning Grants help communities develop plans to protect open space, wildlife habitat, and parks. The application deadlines are as follows: Open Space Grants: **February 22, 2010**; Local Government Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants, Mini-Grants, and Planning Grants: **March 2, 2010**; and Conservation Excellence Grants: **March 8, 2010**. Click on the link above for information about each of the grant programs.

Volunteer Community Improvement Projects Supported

Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program

The Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Grants support community improvement projects that include activities such as building, rebuilding, painting, or refurbishing; increasing energy efficiency or sustainability; landscaping or planting of native trees; community facility improvements; and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants of up to \$2,500 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials. The application deadlines for 2010 are **March 1, July 1, and November 1**. Visit the Home Depot website at the link above to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

EPA seeks applications for Environmental Community Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is making \$2 million available in 2010 to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a community-based program that works with county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. Applications for the CARE grants are due **March 9, 2010**. EPA will conduct three Webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process on Feb. 2, 23, and 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information about the grants: <http://www.epa.gov/care/>. If you have questions, you may contact Dennis O'Connor at oconnor.dennis@epa.gov or 202-343-9213.

EPA Requests Grant Applications to Fight Climate Change

EPA announced it is making up to \$5 million in grants available to U.S. and international organizations to fund innovative, international methane reduction and use projects that cut global climate pollution. Non-profit or government organizations in any country may apply for grant funding, but projects should take place in the following Methane to Markets Partner countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine, and Vietnam. Proposals are due by **April 15, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. EST**. EPA estimates that awards would be made at the end of 2010. More grant information: <http://www.epa.gov/methanetomarkets/grants.htm>.

Colorado Watershed Restoration Program Grant Cycle

The Watershed Restoration Program objective is to provide planning, engineering, and construction services for watershed/stream restoration studies and projects. The Program also provides support for flood mitigation. Special consideration is reserved for planning and project efforts that integrate multi-objectives in restoration and flood mitigation. This may include projects and studies designed to restore stream channels, provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species, restore riparian areas, reduce erosion, reduce flood hazards, and increase the capacity to utilize water. For guidance and application instructions, visit <http://cwcb.state.co.us/WatershedProtectionFloodMitigation/Watershed/>.



For a comprehensive list of trainings visit the Assembly's [website](#).

Water Course Coming in January!

The Mesa County Water Association invites community leaders and interested citizens to attend a 3-evening "Water 101" course. The Water Course, held from 6-9pm on **Tues 1/19, Wed 1/27, and Tues 2/2**, will provide an introduction to water law, water quality and the challenges of balancing competing water demands. Qualifies for CLE credits. Special attention will be given to water issues in the Grand Valley, including how Grand Valley water rights relate to Denver and California rights; who is responsible for irrigation water after it leaves a canal; and how our local drinking water is protected and treated. Course program and registration form are available at <http://www.mesacountywater.org> or by calling Hannah Holm at 683-1133.

The Development Plan - The Foundation of Success

Is your organization stuck in the special event mode? Does your board refuse to accept its fundraising responsibility? If so, this webinar is for you. In this session, Linda Lysakowski, an award-winning philanthropic consultant, will discuss the reasons a development plan can help ensure success in your fundraising efforts; how to involve your organization's leadership, both staff and volunteers, in the process; how to ensure that the plan will be implemented; and how to evaluate success. The webinar will be held **Thursday, January 28, 2010**. Visit the link listed above to register.

February 2, 2010 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm: NonprofitNext: Five Trends that are Transforming the Future

This Colorado Nonprofit Association Luncheon will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver. NonprofitNext is a La Piana Consulting research initiative that explores five key trends that will fundamentally reshape the nonprofit sector. Learn what they are, what they mean for you, and what you must do now to prepare your organization for the future. We'll find out why transformation is not optional; if we do not move at the speed of change, we will be left behind. Visit www.ColoradoNonprofits.org/LeadershipLuncheon to learn more and to register.

February 4, 2010: Denver Nonprofit Leadership Series - "Organizational Transition" in Denver

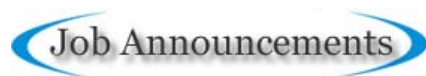
If your organization is in the midst of a transition, and you are looking for the most effective tools to ensure that it succeeds, this session is not to be missed. For the agenda, directions, registration, and more, visit http://www.cfnp.org/Denver_Nonprofit_Leadership_Series_03.aspx.

February 9, 2010: Economic Recovery Workshop in Montrose

This FREE workshop provides your organization an opportunity to look at strengthening your capacity, honing key government relationships, and identifying opportunities to emerge stronger from the current economy. In addition, your organization may be selected to receive free technical assistance and on-line support for two years. There are two trainings to attend: "Grant and Contract Alert" from 8:00-10:00 am, and "Know your neighbors! Know your Government Officials" from 10:15-11:30 am. The workshop will be held at the Montrose County Health and Human Services, 1845 S. Townsend Ave. Reservations are required. If you wish to attend, click [here](#) to RSVP. If you have questions contact Amy Humble at ahumble@ColoradoNonprofits.org.

Developing Your Case for Support

Whether your organization is embarking on a capital campaign, preparing grant proposals, or developing annual fund materials, the case for support is the first critical element in your fundraising program. Join Linda Lysakowski to discuss the importance of the case and how it is used, list the key elements in a case for support, and learn how to evaluate case statements. The webinar will be held **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**. Visit the link listed above to register.



Development Position With the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

The position is based in Basalt, and the application deadline is February 1, 2010. For the complete job description and how to apply, visit <http://rfov.org/developmentdir>.

Job Posting-Director of Natural Resources / City of Denver

Please be aware this recruitment is only open for 10 business days, until February 4, 2010. The City and County of Denver Parks & Recreation Department is seeking a Natural Resources Director to exercise administrative oversight over the natural resource-related programs within the Parks and Recreation Department. For the full job posting and to apply, visit <http://www.denvergov.org/jobs>.

Job: Online Marketing Specialist

World Wildlife Fund is seeking an online marketing associate to perform a variety of tasks to assist the online marketing team with meeting its fundraising goals in the areas of email marketing and online projects. This is an exceptional opportunity to gain online marketing skills and contribute to the growth of the world's leading conservation organization. The closing date for posting resumes to this position is February 11, 2010. To learn more and submit your resume, visit [Environmental Communications Job](#).

Middle Park Land Trust Seeks an Executive Director

Join this 15 year old conservation organization if you are an experienced leader with proven fundraising, marketing and complex transactional skills and you are passionate about the outdoors! Qualifications include fundraising and marketing experience, excellent oral and written communication skills, successful management of complex projects, and active in outdoor pursuits. Details at www.middleparklandtrust.com. Send resume and cover letter to char.heins@gmail.com. Review of applications will commence February 15, 2010 with an estimated start date of April 1, 2010.

Educator/Ranch Hand with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies

The position will be based in Basalt and the application deadline is March 15, 2010. For the full job posting and application instructions, click [here](#).

Combined Youth Team Leaders/Parks and Open Space Workers

Position will be based in Boulder County and is open until filled. For the complete job posting, benefits, and to apply, click [here](#).

Fellowship in Natural Science Education at the Gore Range Natural Science School in Avon

This multi-faceted fellowship is a full-time, 15-month professional development program that focuses on K-12 field science education, curriculum development, leadership, and helping to grow a reputable nonprofit organization. For more information, click [here](#).

The Boulder County Land Use Department is seeking a Community Wildfire Protection Planner

This is a grant funded position for 30 hours per week with funding for 18 months. For the full job posting, visit [Community Wildlife Protection Planner.pdf](#).

Job opportunity in the Teton Valley

Friends of the Teton River is hiring for a Streamflow Restoration Director. For a detailed job description, visit [FTR Flow Restoration Job Description](#).



Letter Report Assessing the USGS NAWQA Program's Science Framework

The U.S. Geological Survey's National Water Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Program provides an understanding of U.S. water-quality conditions and how they change over time, and how natural features and human activities affect those conditions. This letter report provides near-term advice to NAWQA as it enters its third decade (Cycle 3) of water quality monitoring. The report recommends that activities in this cycle be organized around two drivers of indirect and direct stress water supplies and related ecosystems around the nation: (1) change in land use due to population and other demographic changes and (2) climate variability

and change. To read the report, click [here](#). The full report will be produced in about a year or so.

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