


Colorado Watershed Assembly
Inflow Newsletter



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Water Related Funding

On Friday, October 30, 2009, President Obama signed the 2010 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. This bill appropriates a much needed 15% increase in funding over the previous fiscal year for the Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and other related agencies. The bill provides \$10.3 billion in funding for the EPA alone, \$2.7 billion more than in 2009. **Some water related funding highlights:**

- A total of \$3.6 billion to help communities improve their drinking water and wastewater systems
- \$2.1 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- \$1.38 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

A total of \$641 million to clean up and protect the nation's great water bodies including,

- \$475 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- \$50 million for the Puget Sound
- \$50 million for the Chesapeake Bay
- \$7 million for the San Francisco Bay

Colorado WaterWise Board Recruitment

Colorado WaterWise is seeking nominations for a new board members to serve a 3-year term beginning in January 2010. They have several seats that will be vacated in December 2009. Colorado WaterWise, the voice of Colorado's water conservation community, is committed to promoting and facilitating the efficient use of Colorado's water through the execution of its strategic initiatives. They include:

- * To serve as the primary urban water conservation technical resource for professionals in Colorado
- * To promote urban water conservation to professionals throughout Colorado
- * To ensure organizational sustainability and growth

If becoming part of this organization interests you, please email your nomination and bio to brenda.obrien@comcast.net by Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Nomination review and voting will take place on November 12, 2009. Notification will occur immediately thereafter.

Reserve Your Copy of "Tapped" or Host a Special Screening

Visit the website at <http://www.tappedthemovie.com/> to watch the trailer and learn more.

Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act Approved by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee today approved the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S. 1733) containing significant water efficiency provisions. The bill contains language which authorizes WaterSense, directs federal agencies to make cost-effective water-efficient procurement decisions, and authorizes grants to eligible entities for programs offering incentives to consumers who purchase and install water efficient products and services. For more about this exciting development visit the [AWE Legislative Watch page](#).



Calendar of Events

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

New Events

November 16-18, 2009: Colorado Water Conservation Board Meeting in Denver

The Colorado Water Conservation Board is meeting at the CWCB Offices, 1580 Logan Street, Suite 610, Denver, CO 80203. The agenda is available on the CWCB website, at http://cwcb.state.co.us/Board/MeetingDates/Nov09_Agenda.htm. CWCB staff memos and other materials will be available November 13, 2009, on the website. The meeting will be "streamed" via the internet through the CWCB's website. Click on the "Listen to the meeting LIVE!" link, found on the [home page](#). Presentations are also being made available. To watch presentations that accompany agenda items, click the "Watch Presentations" link on the CWCB website home page. You will encounter a few dialog boxes: 1) click Run for the See-and-Share loader, 2) click Run, to run the software, and 3) enter your name to join the conference and click ok. If you need more information about this Board meeting, please contact Lisa Barr at lisa.barr@state.co.us.



[Colorado basin roundtable - 11/23](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 11/24](#)

[IBCC Meeting - 12/2](#)

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



Big Thompson River in Loveland:
[3.5 cfs](#)

Clear Creek near Georgetown: [19 cfs](#)

Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: [47 cfs](#)

Cherry Creek in Denver: [16 cfs](#)

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

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

Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: [1,450 cfs](#)

Colorado River near the Stateline: [3,220 cfs](#)

Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: [512 cfs](#)

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

Dolores River Near Slickrock: [25 cfs](#)

Yampa River below Craig: [254 cfs](#)

Animas River in Durango: [168 cfs](#)

Upcoming Events

November 14, 2009: "Split Estate" Screening at the Denver Starz Film Festival

Join the Colorado Environmental Coalition on November 14 at 12:45 pm during the [Denver Starz Film Festival](#) for a showing of [SPLIT ESTATE](#) and a discussion about drilling and the west. Split Estate, an award-winning documentary, explores the environmental impacts resulting from the natural gas drilling boom in the central Rockies of Colorado and in New Mexico. The film examines groundwater contamination associated with the fracking process and the adverse health risks facing our communities. [Click here to learn more, purchase tickets and view the trailer.](#)

November 14, 2009: Colorado Youth Outdoors 'GOOSE' Event

The Great Outdoors Outlet Sale, or "GOOSE" is coming! This is a benefit for *Colorado Youth Outdoors*, a group that helps teenagers and their parents connect while participating in outdoor activities. The fundraiser will be held at the Outlets at Loveland. You can bring your sporting goods ahead of time to donate, or you can buy sporting goods there. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information, or visit their website to learn more about the organization and its goals: <http://www.coloradoyo.org>.

November 30-December 1, 2009: The 2009 Ag Water Summit

The 2009 Ag Water Summit will begin with a Reception on Monday evening, Nov. 30th, at the Marriott Denver West. The Summit will be held all day Tuesday, December 1st, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The deadline for the hotel reservations is November 13th. The deadline to register for the Summit is November 20th. Please note that registration forms need to be submitted to Colorado Farm Bureau. They are continuing to seek sponsorship donations of any amount. Sponsors will be listed on the program and announced at the Summit. Sponsors will also be able to display a booth at the JeffCo fairgrounds around the perimeter of the exhibit hall where the Summit will be held if they so desire. For event details and to access the registration form, click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Korrey at ckorrey@colofb.com or (303)-749-7502.

December 3, 2009, from 5:45 - 8:15 pm: Uncompahgre Watershed: Agriculture Forum

At the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, come and learn about the steps local organizations are taking to balance the Uncompahgre Valley's rich agricultural legacy with growing populations, increasing demands on water supplies, and the environment. Food and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:45 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [Ag Save Date.pdf](#) for further details. For more information, contact Sarah Sauter at 303-408-1312 or sarah@coloradowatershed.org.

Presentations include:

- Agriculture and Water Quality - Dennis Reich, CSU Extension
- Ranching Heritage - Linda Ingo, local ranching historian
- Irrigation - Marc Catlin, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association
- Selenium - Sonja Chavez de Baca, Gunnison Basin Selenium Task Force
- Small Acreage Farming - Ron Godin, CSU Extension

January 12-13, 2010: Tamarisk Symposium at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction

For complete details on the Symposium and to register, visit <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/TRA/2010Tamarisk.shtml>.



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](#).

Request for Proposals Recently Released by the U.S. Forest Service for the National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program

There is approximately \$900,000 available for projects within four issue areas: energy conservation and urban forests, climate change and urban forests, public health and urban forests, and green infrastructure assessments. All application information is available on www.grants.gov (Search: Opportunity: USDA-FS-UCF-01-2010, or CFDA, 10.675, Agency Forest Service). A copy of the grant package will also be available on the Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac.html>.

Applicants are encouraged to contact and work with their Forest Service Regional Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager in developing their proposal. The regional program managers will be able to provide assistance with a proposal meeting program authorities, national application and category intent. A contact list of regional program coordinators may be found on the National Urban and Community Forestry website: http://www.fs.fed.us/ucf/contact_regional.html. If you have questions, you can also contact Ms. Nancy Stremple of the Forest Service (202-205-7829).

Funds for Environmental Awareness Marketing Programs

Temper of the Times Foundation

The Temper of the Times Foundation promotes the use of standard marketing concepts to increase environmental awareness. Recognizing that organizations working to protect the environment often have limited access to paid media, the Foundation provides funds to underwrite advertising designed to promote wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000 may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads; to pay for advertising space or airtime; or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. Applications must be submitted via email by **December 14, 2009**. Guidelines for developing application documents are available on the Foundation's website. Click on the above link for more information.

EPA's Environmental Education Grants

The deadline for applying for a 2010 EE grant is **December 15, 2009**. Applications must be sent by mail and postmarked by that deadline. For more details on eligibility and how to apply, visit http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_apply.html.

Grants Promote Hiking Trail Projects

[American Hiking Society: National Trails Fund](#)

The National Trails Fund, sponsored by American Hiking Society, provides funding to grassroots nonprofit organizations throughout the country working toward establishing, protecting, and maintaining foot trails in America. The Fund's grants help give local groups the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools and materials to protect America's public trails. The following types of grants will be considered for the 2010 program: projects that have hikers as the primary constituency; projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote the trails constituency. The application deadline is **December 15, 2009**. Visit the American Hiking Society website at the link above to download the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

Five Star Restoration Grant 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. The application deadline is **2/11/2010**. For more details, click [here](#).



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

NotForProfitsAmerica.com Presents: "The Ten Things Your Non-Profit Must Do to Stay Out of Trouble With the Internal Revenue Service"

Do you know the ten things you must do, as a Non-Profit, to stay out of trouble with the Internal Revenue Service? If you don't, then read this series, taken directly from Internal Revenue public information, presentations, and publications, on the most common problems Non-Profits run into as they operate their organizations. This is a free service. Simply click here: www.notforprofitsamerica.com, and sign up at the bottom of any page. You will receive, via email, ten articles each featuring one of the ten 'problems' that Non-Profits encounter, and how to stay on the right side of the rules. [Click here to read Article #1](#).

November 12, 2009 - 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.: Fall Coffee Chats in Denver: "Should non-profits run more like for-profit businesses?"

Fall Coffee Chats have a new home and are now FREE to both members and guests! Anyone who has fundraising duties in their job description is welcome to attend. For further details including the new location, click [here](#). There is no need to pre-register.

November 17, 2009 at 1 p.m. Eastern: Nonprofit 911 Free Teleconference: Fundraiser's Confidential: How to Adapt Now to the 6 Trends Changing Philanthropy Forever

There are six trends fundamentally transforming the relationship between fundraiser and donor. Do you know what they are? Are you prepared to handle them? Have no fear: Katya Andresen will tell you what is changing, why we have to change (generational, cultural and technological shifts mandate it) and how we survive and thrive in this new philanthropic world order. To sign up for this training, please visit <http://web.networkforgood.org/np911111709>.

November 18, 2009 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Center For Watershed Protection's Urban Watershed Forestry Webcast

Go back to school this November to learn about Urban Watershed Forestry, the art and science of using trees to protect and restore our watersheds. The webcast will cover Urban Tree Canopy 101, Advanced Urban Tree Canopy, and, for those math geeks out there, Urban Tree Accounting, plus a virtual field trip to learn hands-on planting and maintenance techniques from our resident forester. The cost is \$99, and registration closes on 11/11/09. Space is limited, so [register today](#) to secure your spot! For more information about this webcast and the entire 2009 series, visit <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>.

[Measuring the Impact of Your Program](#)

In growing numbers, public and private funders, the government, and donors are calling for clearer evidence that the resources they provide to social service agencies actually produce benefits to the people they are serving. During this webinar, Alice Ruhnke, a nonprofit fund development expert, will discuss the terminology, benefits, and steps inherent in the development of an outcome evaluation system. Resources will also be provided to help participants create and refine an effective system for their organizations. The webinar will be held **Thursday, December 3, 2009**. Visit the link listed above to register.

December 4, 2009 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Colorado Nonprofit Association Leadership Series: "Building a Tradition of Philanthropy"

Join Susan Crites Price, vice president at the National Center for Family Philanthropy and author of *The Giving Family: Raising Our Children To Help Others*, at the Red Lion Hotel, Denver Central for a conversation about building a culture of giving by involving young people and their families in the work of our organizations to build lasting relationships and stronger communities. Register for just \$40 for Association members or \$55 for nonmembers! [Click here to register now](#).

[Creating Time: A Practical Guide to Grants Development](#)

The number one reason people give for not applying for a particular grant is that they don't have the time. And it's probably true. This 90-minute webinar is full of practical advice that can help participants organize

their approach to grantseeking by teaching them how to create the time to do the job and do it well. Cynthia Adams, CEO of GrantStation, will cover everything from big picture thinking and how it can drive grantseeking efforts to how to use volunteers effectively. The webinar will be held **Wednesday, December 9, 2009**. Visit the link listed above to register.

Tracks to Success

[Notes from a Federal Reviewer](#)

This four-part series, written by the reviewer of numerous government grant applications, provides a first hand account of the federal review process. It discusses the process involved in creating a federal Request for Application (RFA), or a Request for Proposal (RFP), and chronicles the journey a submission makes once it reaches the funding agency. The series also describes factors that can summarily disqualify an application and others that can make it memorable. Click on the link provided above to read Part Four: "Submit and Wait."

Job Announcements

Environmental Writing Job

The Media Consortium, which describes itself as "a network of leading progressive independent journalism organizations," is seeking an environmental writer for its environment/sustainability blog. It's a part time, telecommuting kind of thing. Wages run in the \$15 to \$20 per hour range. For all the job details, visit <http://www.themediaconsortium.org/jobs/>.

News That Can't Wait

EPA Study Reveals Widespread Contamination of Fish in U.S. Lakes and Reservoirs

A new EPA study shows concentrations of toxic chemicals in fish tissue from lakes and reservoirs in nearly all 50 U.S. states. For the first time, EPA is able to estimate the percentage of lakes and reservoirs nationwide that have fish containing potentially harmful levels of chemicals such as mercury and PCBs. The data showed mercury concentrations in game fish exceeding EPA's recommended levels at 49 percent of lakes and reservoirs nationwide, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in game fish at levels of potential concern at 17 percent of lakes and reservoirs. These findings are based on a comprehensive national study using more data on levels of contamination in fish tissue than any previous study. EPA; 11/10/09
To read the full news release, click [here](#).

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