

# Inflow Newsletter



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## Announcements

### EPA Requests Comments on Survey for Stormwater Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing a survey to help strengthen stormwater regulations and reduce stormwater discharges from newly developed and redeveloped sites. The draft survey would require detailed information about stormwater management and control practices, local regulations, and baseline financial information. EPA plans to propose a rule to control stormwater from newly developed and redeveloped sites and to take final action no later than November 2012. In support of this rulemaking, EPA is proposing to require three different groups to complete questionnaires about current stormwater management practices: 1) the owners, operators, developers, and contractors of newly and redeveloped sites; 2) the owners and operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems; and 3) states and territories. The proposed survey will be open for public comment for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking>.

### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Standards

As mandated by Senate Bill 01, the Colorado State Forest Service has developed guidelines and criteria for counties to consider in preparing their own Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs). The plans will address wildfire hazard areas within the unincorporated portions of the counties. Visit [110209 Minimum Standards DRAFT.pdf](#) for a draft of the minimum standards for those CWPPs. Please distribute and have any comments or recommendations sent to Ralph Campbell at [rcampbl@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:rcampbl@lamar.colostate.edu) by close of business Thursday, November 5.

### USGS Releases Report: Estimated Water Use in the United States in 2005

A Department of Interior press release regarding the report can be found [here](#). A full copy of the report and other related resources can be downloaded [here](#).

### The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) has been honored with an RBC Blue Water Project™ Community Action Grant

The grant, for the amount of \$5,000, is to support a program aimed at providing school curriculum with hands on learning tools to educate elementary-aged students about the harmful effects of emerging contaminants from personal care products on their watersheds and the social responsibility even children have to help prevent pollution. Please feel free to email Alana Burrow at [Alana@i4es.org](mailto:Alana@i4es.org) with any questions. To read the full news release please visit <http://www.i4es.org/> and click on "IES Receives \$5K RBC Blue Water Project™ Community Action Grant" on the right side of the page under "News".

## Conferences & Events

### Calendar of Events

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

### New Events

#### November 6, 2009: Art on the River Exhibit Opening in Denver

Adult and youth artists citywide have been invited to paint, draw or make prints (lithographs, mono prints, mono types or screen prints) for one week along the banks of the South Platte River. This exhibition will reflect their point-of-view of the River, the park, the people, the mood, the time of day through micro-or macro-representational, abstract or conceptual art. The Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 5:30-8:00 pm at the Art Students League of Denver on 200 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203. The exhibition will run from November 6-December 18, 2009. To view more event details visit <http://www.greenwayfoundation.org/home/artonriver.html>. For more information, call 303-455-7109 or send an email to: [cindy@greenwayfoundation.org](mailto:cindy@greenwayfoundation.org).

#### 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 the fracking process and the adverse health risks facing our communities. [Click](#)

## Roundtable Meetings

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 11/10](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 11/10](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 11/11](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 11/11](#)

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

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

[IBCC Meeting - 12/2](#)

IBCC Homepage:

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

## Flows

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

*Clear Creek near Georgetown:* [21 cfs](#)

*Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins:* [67 cfs](#)

*Cherry Creek in Denver:* [128 cfs](#)

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

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

*Colorado River below Glenwood Springs:* [1,570 cfs](#)

*Colorado River near the Stateline:* [3,970 cfs](#)

*Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel:* [507 cfs](#)

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

*Dolores River Near Slickrock:* [23 cfs](#)

*Yampa River below Craig:* [272 cfs](#)

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

[here to learn more, purchase tickets and view the trailer.](#)

**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 Marriot 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/TR/2010Tamarisk.shtml>.

**Upcoming Events**

**November 5-6, 2009: Mining Conference in Westminster, CO**

There is a mine closure, financial assurance, and final reclamation conference being held at the Westin Hotel in Westminster this November. Follow the following link for agenda and registration information: <http://www.rmmf.org/confnce/IMP2news>, and click on the first link.

**November 9-10, 2009: The 2009 Colorado Brownfields Conference: "Revitalization in the New Economy"**

Event location is the Doubtree Hotel in Westminster, CO. Registration is \$160 until November 1. For more details, to see the schedule, and to register, click [here](#).

**November 10, 2009: Colorado Lake and Reservoir Management Association's (CLRMA) Annual Fall Conference and Awards Luncheon**

This event will be held at the City of Thornton Recreation Center. Come join us for a day of technical presentations related to in-lake water quality and ecological management techniques. An agenda and registration materials can be accessed on the CLRMA website at [www.clrma.org](http://www.clrma.org), or through the following link: <http://www.clrma.org/files/fallconference/fall2009agenda%26registration.doc>. For more information please contact Laurie Rink at 303-777-0188 or [lrink@uos.net](mailto:lrink@uos.net).

**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>.



**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](#).



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

**Antidegradation in the Intermountain West 101/201 webinar recording available online**

If you missed last week's Antidegradation in the Intermountain West 101/201 webinar, you can now [listen and watch online](#). Approximately 30 people were on the webinar, so hopefully you'll find the questions and discussion interesting...even if you can only listen! To see the "homework" for this training and for links to other webinars, etc. please visit the general [Clean Water West training page](#). Future webinars may cover more advanced antidegradation topics, Outstanding Resource Waters (Tier III), 401 water quality certification, or other topics. Got an opinion on what should come next? Email Merritt Frey at

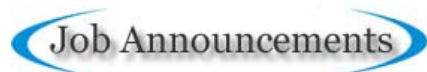
[mfrey@rivernetwork.org](mailto:mfrey@rivernetwork.org).

**November 18, 2009 - 1 p.m. ET-2 p.m. ET: Free Webinar: How Nonprofit Organizations Can Successfully Utilize YouTube and Animoto**

This webinar will demonstrate how nonprofit organizations can successfully design and launch a YouTube Channel—even if the nonprofit isn't currently producing videos. Thanks to a company called Animoto, nonprofits don't need a video camera or video library to launch a YouTube channel. The webinar will also discuss the features of YouTube and Animoto's nonprofit programs, highlight best practices, and demonstrate how to integrate your YouTube channel and YouTube/Animoto videos with your profiles and pages on Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace. To register, click [here](#).

**December 1, 2009 - 12:00-1:00 PM MST: Webinar: Succession Planning**

Workshop participants will learn about organizational sustainability through the lens of solid succession planning practices. It will cover emergency succession planning as a risk management strategy, developing a "leaderful" organization that is prepared for change of all types, the extra steps to be taken in planning for the departure of a long-tenured executive, and how to engage your board of directors and your senior leadership team in the process. The cost is \$25. [Click here to register](#).



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**St. Vrain & Left Hand Water Conservancy District Executive Director Announcement**

The St. Vrain & Left Hand Water Conservancy District is announcing the retirement of Les Williams as Executive Director. The District will be advertising for a new Executive Director in mid-November 2009. If you have questions, please contact St. Vrain & Left Hand Water at (303) 772-4060 or by email: [stvrainwater@peakpeak.com](mailto:stvrainwater@peakpeak.com).

**Colorado Water Trust is Seeking to Fill the Role of Staff Attorney**

Successful candidates should have a demonstrated interest in water, and specifically Western water rights. A law degree and one to three year's experience in legal work related to water is a minimal qualification, although experience gained as a law clerk may be considered. Salary is \$38,000 with a generous benefits package. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, three references, and writing sample to [Ellen Olson](mailto:EllenOlson) by **November 13, 2009**. For further details, visit <http://www.coloradowatertrust.org/news/>.

**Job Opportunity with Adams County Government**

Adams County Government is currently seeking an Open Space Program Manager. If you are interested, please read the job description and apply online by clicking [here](#). Please note the closing date is November 6.



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**Jim Martin named as the new executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources**

Martin currently serves as head of the Department of Public Health and Environment, managing a multitude of public health and environmental protection programs. He will assume his new duties Nov. 16. Martin will replace departing DNR Executive Director Harris Sherman, who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate earlier this month to become the U.S. Department of Agriculture's undersecretary for natural resources and environment, overseeing the Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. From 2004 to 2006, prior to joining the Ritter Administration, Martin served as executive director of Western Resource Advocates. Before that, he was director of the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado School of Law. 10/26/09

To read the full press release visit <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovRitter/GOVR/1251567786922>.

**Public Comment Period for Moffat Firming Project**

The public comment period has begun and the Colorado River Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited is working with National TU to interpret the draft Environmental Impact study as quickly as they can to develop the comment points. They will also be holding a meeting in Grand County in mid November to educate their chapter members and members of the public on the public comment process. There will be public hearings in Boulder (Dec.1) SilverCreek (Dec.2) and Denver (Dec.3). They will prepare everyone to be effective at these hearings and in their written comments. To see a press release by Colorado TU on this topic, click [here](#).

**Huerfano County's Contaminated Water Supply Has Gas Company Playing Defense**

Bernice and Jerry Angely like to show visitors the singed T-shirt a friend was wearing when their water well exploded and shot flames 30 feet high. The friend wasn't hurt. But that and an explosion at another home weeks earlier forced Colorado to suspend natural gas drilling around Walsenburg until someone could find out why dangerous levels of methane were getting into the groundwater. Two years later, Walsenburg and surrounding Huerfano County are still waiting, its residents caught in a collision between two of the West's vital resources: Water and natural gas. Huffington Post; 11/3/09

To read the article, click [here](#).

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