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**Southwestern Water Conservation District's
39th Southwest Water Seminar**

Seeking Common Ground in Crisis
March 31, 2023
Sky Ute Casino Resort – Ignacio, CO

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Friday, March 31, 2023
AGENDA & PROGRAM

SWCD'S 39TH Southwest Water Seminar: Seeking Common Ground in Crisis

For 39 years, the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) has hosted the Southwest Water Seminar, a well-established venue for water education and community engagement. We hope today's discussions spark conversation and contemplation and hold lessons to share with your community. Please join us in thanking our speakers and moderators who have committed time and energy to share their knowledge and experience with us.

8:00 Registration & Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks: Your District at Work

Steve Wolff - General Manager, Southwestern Water Conservation District
Melvin J. Baker – Chairman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Opening Blessing
Lorelei Cloud - Vice-Chair, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Jenny Russell - Board President, Southwestern Water Conservation District

9:00 Water Reuse - Treating Wastewater and Using it Again– A Deeper Look

Moderator: Peter Butler

Jolene Walsh - Director, Policy and Governmental Affairs, Eastern Municipal Water District
Brandi Honeycutt - Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Molly Morris - Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE)
Helen Katich - Senator Hickenloper's Office - Funding in the Drinking Water Space

Even though the snowpack looks positive this year, we cannot forget that decades of data show that the available water in our system is decreasing. Water reuse (also commonly known as water recycling or reclamation) reclaims water from various sources and then treats and reuses it for beneficial purposes such as agriculture and irrigation, potable water supplies, groundwater replenishment, industrial processes, and environmental restoration. Water reuse can provide alternatives to existing water supplies and be used to enhance water security, sustainability, and resilience.

10:00 Networking Break

10:20 Mancos Watershed Video Debut – Slowing the Water Down

Introduction: Christi Bodi Skeie – Moxicran Media

10:30 Seeking Common Ground along the Colorado River

Moderator: Steve Wolff, General Manager - Southwestern Water Conservation District
Chuck Cullom, Executive Director - Upper Colorado River Commission
Tanya Trujillo - Assistant Secretary for Water & Science, U.S. Department of Interior -
Manuel Heart – Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Andy Mueller - Colorado River Water Conservation District

The Colorado River weaves across the landscape - small streams pouring their snowmelt into rivers, rivers spreading their tentacles across public lands, private fields, metropolitan mega centers, states, native lands, and countries. Seven Western US states and two states in Mexico, including some of the nation's fastest-growing urban areas, get some of their water from the Colorado River. How water is distributed has come under intense scrutiny in recent years as a two-decade-long drought has shrunk supply even as demand has risen. It is easy to see why managing such a complex system is challenging. Balancing the diverse needs of all the users of the Colorado River Basin will take collaboration, some compromise, and a lot of communication. How can we find common ground on a system that touches everyone so differently?

12:00 Lunch

12:50 Audience Quiz: Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?
Elaine Chick – Water Information Program
Buck Skillen – 5 Rivers Trout Unlimited - Water Wizard

1:00 West Slope-East Slope, Lower and Upper Basins Food and Water Connection
Moderator and Speaker: Ken Curtis – Dolores Water Conservancy District
Robert Sakata - Sakata Farms
Simon Martinez - Ute Mountain Ute Farm and Ranch
Paul Bruchez - Reeder Creek Ranch
Bart Fisher – Palo Verde Irrigation District

Agricultural production in the West is an irreplaceable, strategic national resource that is vital to U.S. food security, the ecosystem, and overall drought resilience. However, as the west continues to dry, many continue to look to agriculture as the primary place to reduce water use to allow cities to continue to grow. Water is of key importance to the American West. Food security is as vital to our homeland security as our nation's other strategic interests. The domestic production of food and fiber, especially on Western irrigated lands, is critical to our nation's ability to affordably and safely feed itself. We will be asking our panelists how they propose we protect agriculture as we face continued competition for our water resources.

2:00 **Statewide and Regional Environmental Issues**
Moderator and Speaker: Celene Hawkins - The Nature Conservancy
Jake Kurzweil, Associate Director of Water Programs – Mountain Studies Institute
Alex Funk - Director of Water Resources - Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

We continue to hear that the available supply of water may not be able to provide enough water for traditional consumptive uses, while society also wants additional water to satisfy environmental and recreational needs. The issues are complex - from rural communities adapting to a changing climate, safeguarding our headwaters, endangered and invasive species, and tributaries flowing in different directions. How do we protect the whole system and not just the water? How do we make resilient communities in the face of climate change? Two things are for certain, our solutions will have to be adaptable and community-based.

2:45 **Snack Break**

3:05 **Conversation: The Role of Communication in a Water Crisis**
Moderator: Jerd Smith - Fresh Water News
Jonathan Romeo - Durango Telegraph
Alex Hager - Reporter, Colorado River Basin - KUNC
Christi Bode Skeie – Executive Producer, Moxiecran Media

The 'media' plays a crucial role in how most people perceive the water crisis. Panelists join us from a variety of outlets including print, radio, and independent media - to discuss how they sift through sources to find the truth and how to make water matter to the general public. In our most interactive panel of the day, bring your questions and thoughts to this space and, just maybe, we can find that common ground we have been working towards.

3:45 **Closing Remarks**
J R Ford, Vice-President - Southwestern Water Conservation District

Thank you for joining us! What did you like? What could we do better? What topics do you want to hear about next? Please complete the feedback form included here and return it to the registration desk.

PRESENTER BIOS

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Your District at Work

Steve Wolff - Steve Wolff became General Manager of the Southwestern Water Conservation District in June 2021. Prior to this position, Steve served as the Interstate Streams Division Administrator in the Wyoming State Engineer's Office. The Interstate Streams Division provides primary oversight for Wyoming's rights and responsibilities relative to the seven interstate water compacts and three interstate water decrees the State is signatory to. Steve has a B.S in Fisheries Biology and an M.S. in Water Resources/Hydrology, both from the University of Wyoming. He also did additional graduate study at Virginia Tech University in Public Administration and Policy of Natural Resources.

Melvin Baker - Chairman Melvin J. Baker has previously served 9 years on Tribal Council, including as Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman. Baker was born and raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Throughout his political career, Baker worked on the development and implementation of the new Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum and served on various tribal and state committees including the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority.

Lorelei Cloud – Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Vice-chairman Cloud is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and proudly serves the Tribal Membership on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. Born and raised on the Southern Ute Reservation, Cloud was first elected to Tribal Council in December 2015. During her first term on Tribal Council, she welcomed the opportunity to serve as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. After being re-elected in December 2018, Cloud continued her service to the Tribal Membership as a member of Council and Treasurer. On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Ms. Cloud was once again sworn into office, serving her third term on Tribal Council. She also serves on the Water and Tribes Initiative and is Co-Chairman of the Indigenous Women's Leadership Network. She is very passionate about helping the Southern Ute youth, women, and elders.

Jenny Russell - Jenny Russell serves as the President of the Southwestern Water Conservation District board. She was appointed by San Miguel County and has been a Director on the Board since 2014. She has long played an active role in regional water discussions. Ms. Russell was member of the Southwest Basins Roundtable and sat on its sub-committee for non-consumptive uses. Previously, she represented the Southwest Basin on the Interbasin Compact Committee. Ms. Russell also serves on the board of the San Miguel Watershed Coalition. Currently, Ms. Russell practices law at Russell & Pieterse, LLC. Her past and present representation of water clients around the state includes water districts, developers, realtors, golf course owners, large and small landowners, ranchers and farmers, and large and small municipalities.

Water Reuse - Treating Wastewater and Using it Again– A Deeper Look Panel

Moderator - Peter Butler - Peter has been involved with various water issues in Colorado for almost 40 years. He was a founding member of the Animas River Stakeholders Group which for 25 years led efforts to improve water quality through remediation of abandoned mines in San Juan County. He coordinated the group for a number of years and is currently the chair of the Bonita Peak CAG, which represents local interests with regard to the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site. Peter served for nine years on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission, three years as chair. He has also served on the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission and Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. He holds bachelor's degree in physics, a master's degree in economics, and Ph.D. in natural resource policy - a combination of economics, water law, hydrology and water quality management.

Jolene Walsh - Jolene Walsh, a southern California native, is the Director of Policy and Governmental Affairs at Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) where she has worked on water policy since 2000. She works on federal and state policy and legislative issues, with a focus on securing funding for EMWD's many capital improvement projects, especially projects like water recycling and brackish groundwater desalination, that promote sustainability. As a fervent advocate for arid west water issues, Jolene is on the executive committee of the Western Urban Water Coalition and the National Water Resources Association, the vice chair of Association of California Water Agencies' Federal Affairs Committee, on the national WaterReuse Association Policy and Legislation Committee and other federal affairs committees for national and state associations. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Master of Business Administration. Prior to starting her career, Jolene lived in Jamaica serving on water and sanitation projects for the U.S. Peace Corps.

Brandi Honeycutt – Brandi is an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division. She has spent over a decade of her career working in water conservation and reuse in Colorado, and works extensively with stakeholders to develop water reuse regulations for the state. Brandi formally managed water conservation projects and programs for Denver Water's Conservation Section. She has a B.S. in environmental management and policy from the University of North Carolina, and during her career at Denver Water she earned a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Colorado.

Molly Morris - Molly is the Home H2O Program Manager at Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) in Durango Colorado and is currently working on a Laundry to Landscape graywater ordinance for La Plata County. In addition to the Home H2O Program, Molly also manages 4CORE's residential energy efficiency programs, CARE and Energy Smart. She enjoys working in the Four Corners region to support energy and water efficiency programming. Before moving to Durango, Molly worked for Colorado Springs Utilities where she developed and implemented water conservation programs in outdoor water use, including an online water-wise plant database, and taught adult and youth water education. She also owned and operated a landscape company that specialized in water-wise plants and practices.

Helen Katich – Helen Katich is a public servant with over a decade of experience leading non-profit, advocacy, and community organizing groups. She currently serves as US Senator Hickenlooper's Western Colorado Director, who sits on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. She lives in Durango, Colorado and rarely says no to an invitation to float trips.

Seeking Common Ground along the Colorado River Panel

Moderator - Steve Wolff - See bio above

Chuck Cullom – Mr. Cullom is the Executive Director of the Upper Colorado River Commission. He brings more than 30 years of experience in water resources management and policy. He most recently served as Colorado River Programs Manager for the Central Arizona Project. There, he developed and implemented programs, policies, and partnerships at the interstate and binational levels to address risks and vulnerabilities to the Colorado River water supply and focused on new approaches to improving Colorado River system resiliency. He received his Masters of Science from Northern Arizona University.

Tanya Trujillo - Tanya Trujillo serves as the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science for the US Department of Interior. Trujillo is a water lawyer with more than 20 years of experience working on complex natural resources management issues and interstate and transboundary water agreements. She most recently worked as a project director with the Colorado River Sustainability Campaign. Before then, she served as the Executive Director of the Colorado River Board of California. She has served as Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and as Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at Interior. A native New Mexican, Tanya attended Stanford University and the University of Iowa College of Law.

Manuel Heart – Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - As a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Manuel Heart was raised on the Ute Mountain Reservation in Towaoc, Colorado. He is happily married with six children and 16 grandchildren. With 23 years commitment to his tribe, of this 10 years committed to council and 12 years commitment to Chairman. Mr. Heart was first elected into council in 1995, since then he has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary Custodian. Manuel Heart is a strong advocate for Education, housing, Water, and Economic Development. Mr. Heart is also recognized by many Native American Organizations for his leadership and service on a National and State level as past Chairman of the 10 Tribes Partnership, former Area Vice President NCAI for Southwest region, Health Board, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Utah Tribal Leaders, New Mexico Indian Affairs, and Colorado Energy Resource Tribes, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board, and Native American Finance Officers Association.

Andy Mueller - Andy Mueller is the General Manager of the Colorado River Water Conservation District. Prior to taking the helm at the Colorado River District he spent 23 years in private law practice on the West Slope of Colorado. His work ranged across the breadth of critical western Colorado topics: water, natural resource, land use and community issues. For nine years from 2006-15, he was Ouray County's Director on the Colorado River District Board, his last two as Board President. His combined experience prepared him to lead the River District, whose work is to lead in the protection, conservation, use and development of the waters of the Colorado River for the residents of the West Slope and to safeguard for all of Colorado all waters of the Colorado River to which the state is entitled. Andy also serves on the advisory board of the Family Farm Alliance and as an ex-officio member of the Water for Tribes Initiative Advisory Board.

West Slope-East Slope, Lower and Upper Basins Food and Water Connection Panel

Moderator - Ken Curtis – Ken is the General Manager of the Dolores Water Conservancy District. After graduation from the Colorado School of Mines, Ken worked 13 years moving around New Mexico constructing heavy-highway civil projects. Ken next settled down to become the City Engineer for the booming suburb Rio Rancho, New Mexico for eight years. Finally in December of 2007 he was lucky enough to join the Dolores Water Conservancy District as Chief of Engineering and Construction. Ken led the District's hydrology operations and major replacement projects on Reclamation's Dolores Project (McPhee Reservoir) for twelve years before becoming the General Manager in September of 2019.

Robert Sakata – Robert T. Sakata is President of Sakata Farms Inc. in Brighton, Colorado which was started by his father Bob, and currently cares for 2,500 acres of irrigate farm ground between Brighton, Platteville and Hudson. Growing up on the family farm his parents were a great example of how important involvement in the community is. Following their footsteps Robert has been involved in numerous activities with the most recent in 2014 he was the founding President of the board of directors for the Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association which aims to fill a need for a common voice representing produce growers across the state. Currently Robert serves on the board of directors for the Fulton Irrigation Company, Treasurer on the Brighton Ditch Board and is the President of the New Brantner Irrigation Ditch Company Board of Directors. In 2021 he was appointed by Colorado Governor Jared Polis to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Robert has

served on many prestigious boards, committees and councils. In the Fall of 2022 Colorado Farm Bureau awarded Robert the “Outside of Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture Award”.

Simon Martinez - Simon Martinez is the General Manager of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise and Bow & Arrow Brand LLC. Bow & Arrow Brand LLC launched in 2014, and mills and packages all non-GMO corn products. Simon started in 1991 as the construction superintendent for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Farm and Ranch Enterprise. The farm now consists of 110 center pivot sprinklers ranging from 45 acres/145 acres which irrigates 7,700 acres of farmland. They grow and harvest alfalfa hay, non- GMO corn products and range feed for a 650 cow/calf operation. Products consist of yellow, white, and blue cornmeal; grits; polenta; yellow corn flour and clean, shelled corn and cracked corn feed. Simon holds a Bachelor in Business Administration and minor in Human Resource Management. Simon currently serves as the Vice President of the Dolores Water Conservancy District and serves on the State Agricultural Commission.

Paul Bruchez - Rancher, Reeder Creek Ranch - Paul is the 5th generation of the Bruchez family to farm and ranch in Colorado. He operates the family ranch near Kremmling with his brothers and father. Paul is currently spearheading a 12-mile restoration of the Colorado River with 12 landowners collaborating to sustain agriculture and the environmental health of the river. Paul has worked closely with the Colorado Basin Roundtable for a decade, he was recently appointed to represent the mainstem of the Colorado River for the Colorado Water Conservation Board, is on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Water Trust, and serves on the Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Advisory Committee.

Bart Fisher – Palo Verde Irrigation District - Bart Fisher is a third generation farmer from Blythe California. He graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1972, where he served as Student Body President from 1970-1971. His family owns 12,000 acres of farmland in Blythe, California. He also owns Fisher Ranch Corporation, a leading vegetable, cantaloupe and honeydew melon packer and shipper located in Blythe, with melon shipping operations in Arizona, and Central and Northern California. Mr. Fisher has served 25 years as Trustee, and presently serves as Board President of the Palo Verde Irrigation District. He also serves as a member of the Colorado River Board of California. He served as Colorado River Commissioner for California and Chairman of the Colorado River Board of CA for 14 years until resigning in 2019. He is also a long-standing member and past Chair of the California Melon Research Board, and vice-Chair of the California Cantaloupe Board.

Statewide and Regional Environmental Issues Panel

Moderator - Celene Hawkins - Celene is a conservation professional and attorney with experience in Colorado River and Tribal water and natural resource management. She serves as The Nature Conservancy’s Colorado River Tribal Partnerships Program Director, where she leads the Conservancy’s efforts to effectively and ethically partner with Tribal Nations and indigenous peoples on freshwater conservation projects in the Colorado River Basin. She serves on the leadership team of the Water and Tribes Initiative and served two terms on the Colorado Water Conservation Board in her personal capacity (2017-2023). Celene enjoys living near the Animas River in Durango, Colorado with her family and rescue dog.

Jake Kurzweil - Dr. Jake Kurzweil is an Ecohydrologist and Associate Director of Water Programs at the Mountain Studies Institute, based in Silverton, Colorado. Jake's research includes wetland and fen restoration, observing and modeling the relationship between forest structure and snow accumulation and retention, and modeling possible impacts of climate and forest change on hydrologic systems. Jake has expertise in watershed and snow science, statistical analysis, computer modeling, geospatial and remote sensing analysis, and wetland ecology. Jake is also incredibly passionate about community outreach and STEM education. Jake is currently an adjunct professor at Fort Lewis College in the Environment and Sustainability program and is a volunteer for Protect Our Winters Science Alliance.

Alex Funk – Alex Funk serves as the Director of Water Resources for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. In his role with the TRCP, Funk works on a wide range of federal and state water policy issues affecting the hunting and fishing community with a focus on western water management. Funk previously served as the Agricultural and Rural Resiliency Policy Specialist at the Colorado Water Conservation Board, where he acted as the agency’s liaison to agricultural stakeholders on federal and state water policy issues. In this role, he also assisted with the implementation of the Colorado Water Plan and represented CWCB in multiple venues, including Colorado’s Natural Working Lands Task Force and the Colorado River Basin Salinity Forum. Previously, Funk was the Western policy director for the National Young Farmers Coalition, and a fellow with American Rivers. Funk earned his Juris Doctorate from Vermont Law School and his bachelor’s degree in Environmental Policy and Planning from Virginia Tech.

Conversation: The Role of Communication in a Water Crisis Panel

Moderator: Jerd Smith - Jerd is editor and co-founder of WEco’s Fresh Water News in Denver. Prior to launching Fresh Water News, she worked as an editor and reporter for an array of Colorado news outlets including the Rocky Mountain News, and the Daily Camera and Times-Call newspapers. A former fellow at the Center for Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado, she has a bachelor’s of science degree in political science from the University of Evansville, in Indiana, and a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University. When she isn’t reporting and editing, she enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking with her husband and two sons.

Jonathan Romeo - Jonathan has been a reporter in the Four Corners region, based out of Durango, for 8 years. He has worked for The Durango Herald, and most recently, is a writer for The Durango Telegraph. His reporting has included a wide range of topics related to public lands, climate change, natural resource management, energy development, resilient ecosystems and water issues.

Alex Hager - Alex Hager covers the Colorado River basin and water in the West for KUNC public radio in Northern Colorado and a network of 20+ NPR stations throughout the Southwest. He previously covered environmental issues and the resort economy for Aspen Public Radio, and reported on the world’s largest sockeye salmon fishery for KDLG public radio in Alaska. He is an avid skier and mountain biker.

Christi Bode Skeie –Christi is a documentary filmmaker, photographer and writer based out of Pagosa Springs. She owns and operates Moxiecran Media, a multimedia production company specializing in environmental storytelling throughout the West. Over the past decade, Christi has worked with federal & state agencies, Tribal Nations, non-profits, conservation groups, Roundtables, businesses and beyond to create visual stories that connect the head and the heart. She infuses an interwoven understanding of Colorado’s ecological and human communities into the narrative, from a solution-based perspective. Moxiecran Media’s work has screened internationally at film festivals, conferences and television, in addition to contributing to several print & digital media publications. Her most recent PBS documentary film, *Farm to Faucet*, screened at the 2023 World Water Film Festival in NYC as part of the United Nations Water Conference.

Closing Remarks

J R Ford – Vice-President - Southwestern Water Conservation District - J R Ford was appointed by Archuleta County, and has served on the Southwestern Water Conservation District board since 2008. He is currently involved in real estate investments and land management. Mr. Ford moved to Pagosa Springs in 1983 and since then has been building residential and commercial buildings. His company specializes in ranch management. He participates in running cattle, sheep and goats on his ranches. In 1990, his firm developed Hidden Valley Lake and gave him experience in perfecting water rights, obtaining water storage rights in excess of 900 acre-feet. He oversaw the design, construction, and the permitting process for the dam through the Army Corp of Engineers and the State.

More about SWCD's mission and 2022 strategic plan

The Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) was created on April 16, 1941 by the Colorado General Assembly through House Bill #795 (Statute 37-47). SWCD is comprised of nine counties: Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel, and parts of Hinsdale, Mineral, and Montrose. Each Board of County Commissioners appoints a representative to the SWCD Board of Directors, which meets every other month.

SWCD's charter is to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the Southwestern basin for the welfare of SWCD, and safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled. Following this mandate, SWCD has assumed a broad strategic role on behalf of its diverse constituents. SWCD representatives advocate for southwestern Colorado's water interests at the local, state and regional levels.

In February 2022, the SWCD Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan with the following six strategic priorities:

1. In coordination with the appropriate partners, ensure the SWCD remains engaged in obtaining, updating and analyzing water supply, demand and quality data necessary to address the water management challenges facing southwest Colorado;
2. Lead advocacy for southwest Colorado in Colorado River, interstate, and transmountain issues;
3. Balance meeting multiple water needs amongst a diverse set of priorities, especially when there is potential for conflict or mutual benefit;
4. Support investment in improvements to existing infrastructure as well as the development of new infrastructure for multiple uses in southwest Colorado;
5. Strengthen the continued professional and efficient operation of SWCD while building a culture of mutual trust and respect; and
6. Cultivate SWCD's credibility with decisionmakers and the public through targeted outreach efforts.

We welcome collaboration with the public, and with our local, state and regional partners in advancing these efforts over the coming years.



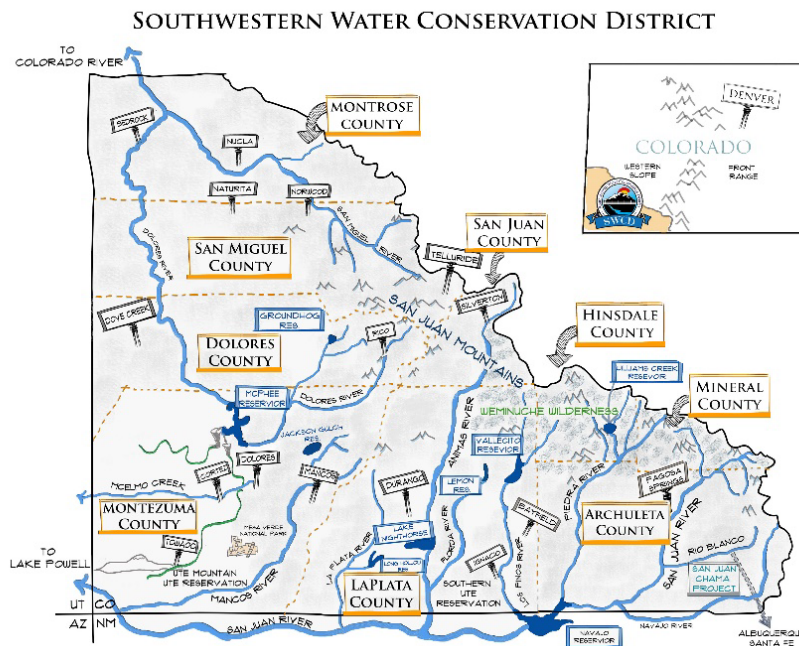
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Happy Thursday and thank you for your support of the Nine Basin Bulletin! The Nine Basins Bulletin is the newsletter from the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Water Information Program (WIP), it contains the latest updates from southwest Colorado, job & funding opportunities, and partner spotlights!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWCD's Southwest Water Seminar

[Seeking Common Ground in Crisis](#)

We invite you to the 39th Annual Water Seminar, *'Seeking Common Ground in Crisis'*. Whether you are new to the water world or an expert there is space for you, but it is filling up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Presenters will cover a variety of topics including reusing water, the Colorado River, environmental issues, and much more! There will also be space to voice your concerns, ask questions, and have your perspective heard.



[Click here to Register](#)

Volunteer for the 25th Annual Children's Water Festival - May 10, 2023

This year marks the 25th year the Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been hosting an annual children's water festival in Southwest Colorado.

Annual Water Seminar

EVALUATION FORM

Friday, March 31, 2023



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