

2026 Summer Conference

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

Registration Opens (8:00 a.m.)

Location: Outside Ballroom

Workshops (9:00 a.m.)

Workshop 1: Pine Beetle Task Force Recommendation and Severance Tax Task Force

Description: TBD

Location: TBD

Moderator:

Speakers:

Workshop 2: Science-Driven Workshop

Subjects Covered:

- Management of Public and Domestic Water Wells
- SPRINGS (Surface Preservation and Regulatory Integration Network for Geothermal Systems) Initiative
- Beyond Conservation: Cloud Seeding as a Supply-side Response to Drought

Location: TBD

Moderator:

Speakers:

Workshop 3: Stream Restoration

Description: TBD

Location: TBD

Moderator:

Speakers:

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Kick-off Lunch (11:30 a.m.)

Location: Tent and Pavilion

Sessions (beginning Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.)

Location: Ballroom Unless Otherwise Indicated

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Welcome from Christine Arbogast, CWC President and Ken Brenner, CWC Yampa Basin Board Representative

Congressman Joe Neguse, Democratic Nominee, 2nd Congressional District

Colorado's 150th Historical Perspective

Speaker: Dawn DePrince, President/CEO of History Colorado and State Historic Preservation Officer

Tim Bennett, Republican Nominee, 7th Congressional District

Andrea Travnicek, Assistant Secretary for Water & Science
(Invited)

Rye Restoration Project in the San Luis Valley

POND Reception

Location: Outdoor Pavilion

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Sessions (continued)

Wednesday, August 19th

Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Secretary of State Jena Griswold, Democratic Nominee,
Colorado Attorney General

Watershed Challenges in the Headwaters State: Wildfire, the
Forest Economy, and Developing Colorado Partnerships.

Attorney General Phil Weiser, Democratic Nominee, Colorado
Governor

Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, Republican Nominee, 4th
Congressional District

1:30 PM POND Outdoor Activities

2:00 PM Colorado Water Resources and Power Development
Authority Meeting

5:00 PM Water Buffalo Reception
Sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association Water Law Section

5:30 PM Water Buffalo Presentation

Thursday, August 20th

Drought Impacts on Local Economies

You Can't Step in the Same River Twice: The Changing Colorado
River and How Our State Is Responding

Eileen Laubacher, Democratic Nominee, 4th Congressional
District

CWC Awards Ceremony

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