

THE STATE OF THE BASIN SYMPOSIUM

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How did we get to where we are with our water,? Why do we have to share our water? Where are we now? Will our future include water conservation? These are questions that will be addressed in the upcoming State of the Basin Symposium.

The Republican River Water Conservation District along with numerous businesses throughout the region are co-sponsoring this free, open to the public one day event. The symposium will be held on Monday, March 17th in the Wray High School auditorium.

Judge Greg Hobbs will be the opening speaker sharing his extraordinary knowledge and understanding of Colorado water law and the Republican River Compact.

State Engineer Dick Wolfe and Assistant Attorney General Scott Steinbrecher will discuss the status of the arbitrations before the Republican River Administration including the Compact Compliance Pipeline and Bonny Reservoir.

Jim Slattery co-owner of Slattery and Hendrix, will give a presentation on the Ogallala Aquifer, how much of the aquifer has been depleted and how much water is available in the Republican River Basin to be in compliance with the compact.

Tim Pautler will report on the operation of the Compact Compliance Pipeline.

MaryLou Smith, facilitator from CSU, will give a report on the newly formed Water Preservation Partnership.

Dr. Chris Goemans, professor of the CSU Ag Economics Department, will give a presentation on the economic impact of irrigation vs. non-irrigation or limited irrigation.

Congressman Cory Gardner will be the final speaker of the day offering his insight regarding water in northeast Colorado.

The State of the Basin Symposium is free and open to the public. For more information please contact the RRWCD office at 970-332-3552.