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Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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BRAD WIND | General Manager, Northern Water

Brad is the General Manager of Northern Water. Northern Water is a Conservancy District situated in northeastern Colorado that encompasses 640,000 irrigable acres and is home to nearly 980,000 Coloradoans. Northern Water's Board of Directors, together with its 140-member staff, partner with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to operate the Colorado-Big Thompson Project. In addition, Northern Water operates the Windy Gap Project and oversees four other water-activity enterprises. During Brad's 25-year tenure at Northern Water he has provided leadership roles throughout the organization and has engaged on water right issues on both the South Platte River and the Colorado River. Additionally, he has assisted in revising water-related policies to reflect the changing demand and use for water within the region.

A native of Colorado, Mr. Wind was raised on an irrigated farm along the South Platte River in Washington County. Brad began his college education at Fort Lewis College in Durango; eventually attending Colorado State University to complete a Bachelor of Science degrees in Agricultural Engineering (1990) and Civil Engineering (1991). Brad went on to attend graduate school at the University of California – Davis and completed a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1993. More recently, he completed a Master of Business Administration degree from Colorado State University (2005). Brad remains active in production agriculture through his interest in a 1,200 acre irrigated farm near Snyder, Colorado. Brad is a registered professional engineer in the states of California and Colorado.

JEFF STAHLA | Public Information Officer, Northern Water

Jeff Stahla is a native of Greeley and a graduate of Colorado State University. Before joining Northern Water in 2017 he served as an editor at the Loveland Reporter-Herald for nearly 20 years. He lives in Loveland with his wife Susan and two children.

ADAM JOKERST | Deputy Director of Water Resources, City of Greeley

Adam Jokerst serves as Greeley's Deputy Director for Water Resources where he is responsible for managing and developing Greeley's water resources. Adam has been working on Northern Colorado water issues for over ten years, including six years with Fort Collins Utilities prior to coming to Greeley. Adam has been fortunate enough to serve as project manager for not one, but two proposed reservoir projects in the Poudre Basin – the Milton Seaman Water Supply Project and the Halligan Water Supply Project.

EILEEN DORNFEST | Special Projects Manager, City of Fort Collins

Eileen Dornfest is a Special Projects Manager for the City of Fort Collins where she manages the design and construction of capital improvement projects for the water Utility. Currently, she is managing the Halligan Water Supply Project which will provide water for future Fort Collins Utilities customers and increase reliability for current customers. Eileen enjoys working on large, complex, multi-disciplinary projects while developing and leading high-functioning teams. She enjoys being in the outdoors with her family, from skiing runs in Steamboat to rafting the rivers in the Western U.S.

MARK KOLEBER | Thornton Water Project Director, City of Thornton

Mark Koleber has worked for the City of Thornton for over 30 years, and is currently the Thornton Water Project Director overseeing the implementation of a 75-mile long pipeline project to deliver water that the City acquired in the mid-1980's to the City for municipal use. Mr. Koleber has extensive experience in the water resources/water supply field, as well as the water treatment and water quality aspects of municipal water supply systems. He participates in the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Workgroup, and is on the board of directors for the Water Supply and Storage Company. He has served on the Colorado Water Congress Board of Directors and the Metro Roundtable, including three years as the Roundtable's chair. Mr. Koleber has a Bachelor of Science degree in Watershed Science from Colorado State University.

JEFF DRAGER | Director of Engineering, Northern Water

Jeff Drager is the Director of Engineering at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. He has worked at Northern Water since 1995 where he has also served as Project Manager for the Windy Gap Firming Project, which involved a 14-year NEPA/permitting process. He has also served as Project Manager for other water supply projects in Colorado and California as both a consultant and owner's representative. Jeff is a Colorado native with a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and master's degree from Stanford University. He is a registered professional engineer in Colorado and California.

CARL BROUWER | Project Management Manager, Northern Water

Carl Brouwer is the head the Project Management Department for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. He has 34 years of experience in the planning, permitting, design, construction and operation of water projects including water transmission pipelines, pump stations, hydro-electric stations, and dams. He has worked for Northern Water for 30 years on numerous water supply projects. Mr. Brouwer has been the project manager for the Northern Integrated Supply Project since its inception in the late 1990s. Mr. Brouwer graduated with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from University of Michigan and a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. He is married to his wonderful wife Jana and in his spare time he enjoys tending a few cows on his small farm.

JIM LOCHHEAD | CEO and Manager, Denver Water

Jim Lochhead was appointed Denver Water's CEO/Manager in 2010. Lochhead leads nearly 1,100 employees at Denver Water overseeing work to provide a reliable water supply to the City of Denver and surrounding suburbs where Denver Water has service contracts. Lochhead also oversees the stewardship of a resilient collection, treatment and distribution system that includes 4,000 miles of watershed land, 20 reservoirs, four treatment plants and 3,000 miles of pipe. Prior to Denver Water, Mr. Lochhead was in private law practice, dealing with natural resource issues throughout the United States and internationally. He was also executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Lochhead has a bachelor's degree in environmental biology from the University of Colorado and a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law.