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## Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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**RYAN DONOVAN** | Attorney, Lawrence, Jones, Custer, Grasmick, LLP and Adjunct Faculty, Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

Ryan is an attorney at Lawrence, Jones, Custer, Grasmick, LLP where he practices in the areas of water rights, quality, and policy. He represents clients in matters that include adjudication of new surface and groundwater rights, changes of water rights, purchase and sale of water rights, plans of augmentation, and real property transactions. Ryan's clients include well owners, water conservancy districts, mutual ditch companies, municipalities, ground water management districts, and individual water users. Ryan is also adjunct faculty in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University, where he teaches courses in water law and policy.

**COREY DEANGELIS** | Division 1 Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Corey was born in Colorado on the Front Range, growing up on both the Front Range and San Luis Valley in southern Colorado. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in 1995. Prior to joining the Division of Water Resources team in 2006, Corey worked as a private consulting engineer, primarily in the San Luis Valley from 1995 to 2006. After joining the Division of Water Resources in 2006, Corey spent the first 5 years in the Division 3 office in Alamosa acting as the Water Measurement Branch Chief and Assistant Division Engineer involved in both surface and ground water administration in Division 3. In 2011, Corey transferred to the Division 1 Greeley office as the Lead Assistant Division Engineer from 2011 until July 2018 at which time he was appointed Division Engineer. Corey has been involved in both surface water, tributary groundwater, and designated basin groundwater administration in Division 1.

**JEAN LEVER** | Thompson River Commissioner, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Jean serves as the Big Thompson River Commissioner in District 4. Jean is responsible for the river's daily water distributions and maintaining water diversion records. Jean's work involves setting calls on the river, assuring diversions are in priority, assuring augmentation and return flows requirements are met, and compliance of decrees.

**MARK SIMPSON** | Poudre River Commissioner, Colorado Division of Water Resources

Mark has been employed with the Division of Water Resources since 1999, working with various Water Commissioners in the South Platte Basin. He spent 11 years as the Deputy Water Commissioner for the Poudre River, and in 2012 became the lead Poudre River Water Commissioner. This position has the duties of distributing the water of the Poudre River on a daily basis pursuant to court water decrees, and compiling records of water diversion and use. Mark studied Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Science at Colorado State University, receiving a BS in Range Management in 1998.

**AMY BEATIE** | Deputy Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment

Amy Beatie moved to Colorado immediately after college in 1993 and, with the exception of a detour to Alaska for a half-year and Wyoming for a year, has lived in Colorado ever since. From November 2007 until December 2017, she served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Water Trust, whose mission is to provide water to Colorado's rivers in need. Prior to working at the Trust, Ms. Beatie practiced water law at two Front Range water law firms, clerked for the Honorable Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court, and worked on water and oil and gas issues for a nonprofit in Wyoming.

Ms. Beatie is currently the Deputy Attorney General for Natural Resources and the Environment, and an Adjunct Law Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Ms. Beatie is on the Advisory Council of the One World One Water Center of Metro State University; serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Denver Water Law Review, a law review that she helped launch when she was in law school; and in April was selected to serve on the Board of Directors for Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, an environmental stewardship organization. Ms. Beatie has won several awards during her career, including, upon her graduation from law school in 2000, the Outstanding Student Leadership Award, and in 2013, Water Education Colorado's Emerging Leader Award.

She loves to ski, hike, raft, and fly fish. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Her better two-thirds are her husband, Declan Galvin, and their amazing eight-year-old son, who is really, really into Harry Potter. *Wingardium leviosa!*

**JOHN COWAN** | Water Referee Division 1

John is a water referee in Water Division 1 in Greeley. He has a B.A. in mathematics from Metropolitan State College and a B.S. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Colorado at Denver. John attended the University of Denver College of Law. He was licensed as a Colorado Registered Professional Engineer in 1983 and was admitted to practice in Colorado in 1988.