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Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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BRIAN WERNER | Public Information Officer, Northern Water (retired)

Brian is a native Coloradoan and water historian who has spent almost four decades actively involved in water resources management in Colorado. He retired in 2020 as the Public Information Officer and Head of the Communications Department at Northern Water. Brian has spent much of his career giving presentations and educating the public about the history of water development and natural resource issues in Colorado and the American West.

He currently serves on the board of Water Education Colorado. Brian was born and raised in Colorado Springs and attended the University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University earning undergraduate and master's degrees in history.

In retirement Brian is teaching a history of baseball class through the University of Denver's older learner's program and is a tour guide at Coors Field. He also wants to explore new golf courses, fish Colorado's amazing rivers, watch neglected tv shows and movies, read more, write more and travel to places both distant and far.

After moving to Colorado, she began volunteering with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers as a way to get to know some of the amazing places in Colorado. This led to an opportunity to work with WRV, managing its post-fire restoration program. When not working, Jen can be found hiking in the mountains or along Colorado's many beautiful rivers.

AMY MOYER | Director of Strategic Partnerships, Colorado River District

Amy serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Colorado River District, overseeing the District's new Community Funding Partnership following the passage of Ballot Question 7A in addition to facilitating other partnerships across the District. She has been with the District since March 2021.

Amy previously worked at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the Assistant Director for Water, where she developed and implemented water policy for the State of Colorado. Prior to that, Amy served the Department of Natural Resources as a Policy Advisor covering federal lands issues and as a budget analyst. Before joining DNR, Amy worked at the City and County of Denver to help develop the city's first Climate Adaptation Plan.

Amy holds master's degrees in public policy and economics from the University of Denver and a bachelor's degree in communications from the College of Charleston.

MARTÍN CARCASSON | Professor, Colorado State University

Martín Carcasson, Ph.D., is a professor in the Communication Studies department of Colorado State University, and the founder and director of the CSU Center for Public Deliberation (CPD). His interests are focused on rhetoric and contemporary public affairs, and the interdisciplinary theory and practice of deliberative democracy and collaborative governance.

The CPD serves as an impartial resource for the community dedicated to enhancing local democracy in Northern Colorado through improved public communication, community problem solving, and collaborative decision-making. Dr. Carcasson trains students to serve as impartial facilitators, who then work with local governments, school boards, and community organizations to design, facilitate, and report on public forums on important issues. Dr. Carcasson's research has been published in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *the International Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*.