



Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

CLASS OVERVIEW & HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

September 14, 2022

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado | 4745 Wheaton Drive, Fort Collins, 80525

8:30—9:00	Coffee and Conversation
9:00—9:15	Why Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado? Welcome and objectives, expectations, and desired outcomes and An Introduction to Western Water <i>John Tracy, Director, Colorado Water Center</i>
9:15—10:15	Who's here? Two-minute self-introductions
10:15—10:25	Welcome and overview of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and Hach Center for Regional Engagement Kristin Todd, President, Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
10:25—10:35	Curriculum and homework overview Jennifer Gimbel, Senior Water Policy Scholar, Colorado Water Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WECO Citizen's Guides• Monthly reflection questions• Book report sign up• Water event assignment• Fall and spring field tours
10:35—10:55	Break
10:55—11:50	Setting the stage: Colorado water history and overview -- Historical context of the South Platte, Poudre, and Big Thompson rivers Patty Rettig, Head Archivist, Water Resources Archive, Colorado State University

11:50—12:10	Lunch served, brought back to tables
12:10—12:50	Zane Kessler , <i>Director of Government Relations, Colorado River District.</i> Perspectives from Colorado’s Western Slope as it relates to Northern Colorado
12:50—1:45	Leadership Challenge: Martín Carcasson , <i>Director, Center for Public Deliberation, Colorado State University</i> What does science tell us about our biases? What should we look for to try to help overcome such biases in ourselves and in those we lead, given how contentious water issues are?
1:45—2:00	Closing and Reflection

POST-SESSION HOMEWORK – due by 5:00 PM on the Monday after each session

1. From your perspective as a community leader in Northern Colorado, what is your key takeaway from today’s session?
2. What did you learn today that encouraged you, discouraged you, or captured your attention to the extent that you could see yourself engaging in it further?
3. What questions do you have based on what you heard from today’s speakers and group discussion?

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

- We will not require proof of vaccine unless required by CSU or local health authorities. We will operate on the honor system and recommend that those not fully vaccinated wear a mask while indoors.
- Plan to bring a face covering to all sessions and field tours as they may be required based on local health guidance and/or the preference of our speakers and guests. Regardless of the local mask rules, we recommend that anyone with health concerns wear a face covering while indoors.
- Service of all meals and snacks will follow local health guidance.
- We will adjust programming as needed depending on the status of the pandemic and local health guidance (for example, moving sessions to a virtual format).