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Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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ADAM JOKERST | Rocky Mountain Regional Director for WestWater Research

Adam Jokerst is the Rocky Mountain Regional Director for WestWater Research based in Fort Collins. He has over 15 years of experience in water resources in both the private and public sectors. At WestWater, Adam applies his engineering and economics background to help clients optimize water resource management and acquire and value water rights. He previously worked at both the City of Fort Collins and then the City of Greeley, where served as Deputy Director for Water Resources and oversaw Greeley's long-range water supply planning, water acquisition, water rights protection, and water conservation programs. Adam holds a B.S. in biological and agricultural engineering from the University of Arkansas and a M.S. in civil engineering from Colorado State University and is a licensed professional engineer in Colorado.

PATRICK MCMEEKIN | President of Land Development, Hartford Homes, Timnath, CO

Patrick began his real estate career in 2004 interning for Water Valley Land Company in Windsor, CO. In 2005, Patrick accepted a full-time position with Water Valley Land Company as the Director of Development. In this position, Patrick was responsible for the entitlement and construction of both residential and commercial projects located throughout Northern Colorado. In 2012 Patrick was promoted to Chief Operating Officer at Water Valley Land Company. In this role, Patrick helped negotiate numerous public/private partnerships with local municipalities for the construction of regional infrastructure and negotiated raw water dedications to municipalities to secure potable water sources for future projects. As COO Patrick oversaw the real estate and resource assets of the corporation.

In 2016, Patrick joined Hartford Homes as the VP of Land Development. In 2020 Patrick was promoted to the President of Land. Patrick's responsibilities with Hartford entail managing the acquisition and entitlement of new development projects, overseeing horizontal construction, managing the HOA's/Metro Districts of the company, and management of the company's water rights portfolio. In his career, Patrick has entitled roughly 5,000 residential units. Patrick is a graduate of Colorado State University and enjoys skiing and golfing with his wife Kate and their 2 boys.

JIM YAHN | General Manager, North Sterling Irrigation District

Jim Yahn is the manager of the North Sterling and Prewitt Reservoirs, a position that he has held for over 30 years. He is responsible for overseeing the diversion and distribution of water to over 350 farmers. Together the reservoirs are a source of irrigation water for approximately 70,000 acres. Jim is a registered professional engineer, receiving his B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Colorado State University. Prior to his employment with North Sterling and Prewitt he worked as a private consulting engineer in Fort Collins for 5 years. He is a native of Colorado growing up on a family ranch, which used water from the North Sterling Reservoir System. In June of 2016, Jim was appointed by the Governor to the Colorado Water Conservation Board to serve as the South Platte Director and served for 5 years, one

year as Chair. Jim has been a member of the South Platte Basin Roundtable since its inception in 2005, served as chair from 2009 to 2012, and currently serves as the roundtable's representative to the Interbasin Compact Committee. Jim and his wife Tracy farm and ranch in their spare time and are the parents of two grown children, Hannah and Austin.

STEVE MALERS | CEO and CTO, Open Water Foundation

Steve Malers is founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Technology Officer of the Open Water Foundation (OWF), a nonprofit social enterprise that focuses on developing open source software and open data solutions to help organizations make better decisions about water. He is also a partner in TriLynx Systems, which provides a real-time environmental data management system focusing on flood warning. Steve grew up in La Junta, CO, has BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University, and is a Water Education Colorado Water Leader alumnus. He lives in Fort Collins and previously served on the Fort Collins Water Board. He is a member of the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group. Steve has worked for over twenty five years developing and supporting Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS) software. Steve lives in Fort Collins where 3 of the 6 Malers' family work in the water sector.

LISA DARLING | Executive Director, South Metro Water Supply Authority

Lisa brings more than 25 years of experience in Colorado water resources to her role as Executive Director of South Metro Water. Prior to joining South Metro Water, she managed the South Platte River Program for Aurora Water, the state's third-largest water utility, where she was one of the key leaders who developed the Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Project, a model in regional cooperation on water issues facing the region. She is also a leader in Colorado water planning as a member of Colorado's Interbasin Compact Committee and the Metro Roundtable. She serves on the Colorado Water Congress Board, the Metro State One World, One Water Center Advisory Council, and the Water Education Colorado Board of Trustees as President. Lisa has a BA from UC Davis and a MS from Troy University, AL