



Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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BRADLEY D. WIND | General Manager, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Brad is the General Manager of Northern Water. Northern Water is a Conservancy District situated in northeastern Colorado that encompasses 615,000 irrigable acres and is home to nearly 1.1 million Coloradoans. Northern Water's Board of Directors, together with its 165-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 29-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 farm near Snyder, Colorado. Brad is a registered professional engineer in the states of California and Colorado.

CARL BROUWER | Project Manager -- NISP, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Carl is a Project Manager for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. He is presently the Project Manager for NISP. His experience also includes being a project engineer and then project manager on the Southern Water Supply Project, which delivers raw water from Carter Lake Reservoir south to Broomfield and east to Fort Morgan. Mr. Brouwer graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. He is married to his wonderful wife Jana and has three children.

JASON GRAHAM | Director of Water Utilities, City of Fort Collins

Jason Graham is City of Fort Collins' Director of Water Utilities where he has worked for 24 years, and is a Certified Water Professional who holds a Master of Public Administration and bachelor's degree in Biology from Colorado State University. Jason has served in a variety of position in Fort Collins Utilities since 1998, including Director of Plant Operations, Water Reclamation and Biosolids. He oversaw all aspects of the division: budget, financial planning, asset management, regulatory compliance, safety, and training.

As Director Water Utilities since April 2022, Jason is overseeing a department restructuring guided by One Water principles. Fort Collins Utilities is proud to be the first Colorado member of the U.S. Water Alliance’s Water Equity Network.

“I am driven by serving the community I grew up in by thinking and acting proactively in the spirit of continuous improvement to achieve multiple winning outcomes,” Jason said. “I value trust, honesty, and the power of a team to achieve great outcomes in all aspects of Fort Collins Utilities and the City organization.”

Jason, his wife, Elena, and 3-year-old daughter, Esadora (“Esa”), enjoy concerts, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding. All immediate family members live in Northern Colorado, with many extended family members in Fort Collins.

SEAN CHAMBERS | Director, Water and Sewer Department, City of Greeley

“Sean Chambers is Director of Water & Sewer Utilities at the City of Greeley. Sean leads a dynamic team of water and wastewater operations, planning, engineering, water quality and customer service professionals who are committed to service. Sean has been with City of Greeley since 2018 and brings a vision for utility resiliency, preparing for an uncertain future, managing risk and ensuring an enhanced customer experience.

Sean is a Colorado State Ram and extensively experienced in water resource development, applied natural resource economics, strategic planning, infrastructure project financing, executive team building, collaborative partnership development, and litigation.”

JOE DONNELLY | Project Manager – Chimney Hollow, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District

Joe Donnelly is a Professional Engineer and the Project Manager for Chimney Hollow Reservoir construction. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and a master of science degree in water resources engineering from Colorado State University. Joe joined Northern Water in 2016 with over 20 years of engineering experience. He has designed and constructed water resources projects worldwide. A career highlight was working on the design-build alliance team for the Hinze Dam in Brisbane, Australia. Joe lives in Berthoud with his wife and three sons and he enjoys traveling and spending time in the outdoors with his family.