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Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado

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DALE TROWBRIDGE | Vice President, Northern Water Conservancy District

Dale Trowbridge earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Management from Colorado State University in 1981. He is the general manager of the New Cache La Poudre Irrigating Company and its subsidiaries. He has 20 years of experience managing irrigation and reservoir facilities and has been a farmer and cattle feeder in the region for many years.

Trowbridge was involved in Cache La Poudre's construction of the Cornish Plains Reservoir northeast of Greeley in 2005. The project provided an additional 3,000 acre-feet of water storage and increased the efficiency of the canal system.

Trowbridge developed the augmentation plan for the Lower Poudre Augmentation Company. The 10-year effort has enabled farmers to continue to pump water for irrigation.

He is a steering committee member of the Poudre Runs Through It group. This basin-wide study/action group is seeking ways for agricultural, urban and environmental interests to make the Poudre River the world's best example of a healthy, working river.

SHAYNA JONES | Post-fire Program Manager, Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed

Raised in the DC area, Shayna made her way to the West after completing a BS in Business from the University of Maryland and working on several energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. She made her way to Fort Collins in 2010, completing her Masters in Conservation Leadership and the Human Dimensions of Natural Resources at CSU. Shayna has experience developing, implementing, and evaluating natural resource programs, and obtaining funds for a variety of conservation projects across the West, including endangered species, stream and wetland restoration, mitigation banking, forest health, and outdoor recreation initiatives. Prior to joining CPRW, Shayna served as a Project Manager at Larimer County Natural Resources, leading capital improvement projects for the department. She also previously served as Big Thompson Watershed Coalition's founding employee and Executive Director, leading flood recovery and restoration efforts in partnership with federal, state and local agencies, private landowners and non-profit and community groups. Shayna helps lead CPRW's efforts to improve watershed health and resilience by coordinating stakeholders and managing projects related to fire mitigation and recovery on the Cameron Peak Fire.

ERIC POTYONDY | Assistant City Attorney, City of Fort Collins

Eric Potyondy has been practicing water law in Colorado since graduating from the University of Colorado Law School in 2006. After clerking for the Water Judge at the Water Court in Greeley for two years, Eric practiced at a small water law firm for six years before returning to his hometown to work as the in-house water attorney for the City of Fort Collins. Eric now lives in Fort Collins with his wife, two young boys, one old cat, and a small herd of bikes.

LARRY ROGSTAD | Board President, Big Thompson Watershed Coalition

Living in Greeley, Larry Rogstad is married to Jan, a registered nurse for our school district, with two adult daughters, both educators. Education and focus on Aldo Leopold's concept of the Land Ethic are central in family life. Larry was reared in the cultural center of the universe, exploring the diverse streams, prairies and woodlands Oklahoma. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma, focused on

aquatic invertebrate ecology, in particular riffle beetles. Moving to Colorado in pursuit of a lifetime dream of becoming a game warden, he enjoyed a 38-year career with Colorado Division of Wildlife, 23 years as District Wildlife Manager in the Greeley North District, and subsequently promoted to Area Wildlife Manager overseeing CPW operations in Boulder, Broomfield, Weld and Larimer Counties. In retirement, Larry is Restoration Manager at the Poudre Learning Center, a science-based educational facility on the lower Cache la Poudre, tied to our local school districts. He is past president and currently serves as secretary of the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition Board, and additionally holds a Seat representing recreational and environmental interests on the South Platte Basin Roundtable. In spare time, Larry continues to explore and learn from the great outdoors.

CHRIS CARLSON | Stormwater Division Manager, City of Loveland

Chris Carlson is a 3rd generation native Coloradoan, a CSU graduate, and the Stormwater Division Manager for the City of Loveland, leading a team responsible for the stormwater capital improvement program, asset/infrastructure management, water quality, development review, floodplain management, an early flood warning system, CCTV pipe inspection, stormwater maintenance, street sweeping, and the Big Thompson River Master Plan. Chris led the City's "River Team", which coordinated six years of flood recovery work following the 2013 Big Thompson River flood. As part of that effort, he led the development of a multi-objective river master plan that when implemented will mitigate flood risk, improve resiliency to future floods, improve river and riparian corridor health, and provide better recreational opportunities. Funding of the River Master Plan was approved in June 2022 with work beginning in 2023.

KATE RYAN | Senior Staff Attorney & Director of Programs, Colorado Water Trust

Kate Ryan has been a practicing water attorney since 2006. She went to Berkeley Law, where she was Editor-in-Chief of Ecology Law Quarterly, and then clerked for the late Justice Gregory Hobbs. Prior to law school Kate studied arctic climatology and worked as an associate scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center. She is now the senior staff attorney and director of programs for the Colorado Water Trust, an organization that works within the prior appropriation system to restore flow to Colorado rivers. Kate was a two-term member of the City of Boulder's Water Resources Advisory Board, and is now a board member of the Boulder Watershed Collective.

DIANA LANE | Director of Sustainable Food and Water Programs, The Nature Conservancy

Diana Lane leads The Nature Conservancy's thriving rivers and sustainable water supplies strategy in Colorado. The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental nonprofit working to create a world where people and nature can thrive. In that capacity, she works with partners to create and implement water and watershed management solutions to increase resilience in the face of drought, climate change, and increased water demand. Diana has expertise in restoration ecology and planning, climate adaptation, and management of public funding. She participated in the 2022 Water Leaders program from Water Education Colorado. She currently sits on the advisory board for CSU's Center for Collaborative Conservation. Diana holds an MS in Rangeland Ecosystem Science from Colorado State University and a PhD in Biological Sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago