



## 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 30-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.

**KELEN DOWDY | Water Resource Planning and Watershed Program Manager, City of Greeley**

Kelen Dowdy completed her master's degree in applied ecology from North Carolina State University. She is currently the Water Resources Planning Manager for the City of Greeley. In her role she oversees long term water supply planning, regional water resource project engagement, and watershed health initiatives. Notably, she leads Greeley's Watershed team who supports restoration efforts following the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire. Kelen is a board member for the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed and is a recent graduate of the WeCo Water Leaders Program. Prior to her role with Greeley, she worked with the United States Geological Survey, aquatic systems branch managing ecological research projects.

Outside of work Kelen can be found in the garden, spending time with her family and enjoying the mountains.

**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.