

Four States Irrigation Council 56th Annual Meeting
“Agriculture in a New Age”
January 14-16, 2009

Hilton Fort Collins
425 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, Colorado

Draft Program

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration (Front Lobby)

11 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Commercial Exhibits

General Session I

The 2008 Election: What’s Next

1:15 p.m. Welcome
Neal Payne, President, Four States Irrigation Council

1:30 p.m. _____
*Acting Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, U. S.
Bureau of Reclamation*

2 p.m. “The Coming Transition: What to Expect, How to Prepare”
*James Hess, Associate Director of Operations, U. S.
Bureau of Reclamation, Washington DC*

2:45 p.m. “What’s Ahead in Washington”
*Tom Donnelly, Executive Vice President, National Water
Resources Association*

3:15 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. “Election Impacts on Agriculture”
Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance

4:15 p.m. Platte River Recovery Program Update
*Don Kraus, General Manager, Central Nebraska Public
Power & Irrigation District, Holdrege, NE*
Mike Purcell, Governance Committee, Cheyenne, WY

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

6:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Commercial Exhibits Area)
8 a.m. Registration (Pre-convention Area)
8:25 a.m. Call to Order

General Session II

Panel: How Agriculture Water Supplies Can Benefit Urban Communities

Moderator: Kenny Nelson, Kansas Director

8:30 a.m. “The Super Ditch” Concept in Southeastern Colorado
Jay Winner, General Manager, Lower Arkansas Valley, Water Conservancy District

9 a.m. “Imperial Irrigation Valley in Southern California”
John Eckhardt, ____, Imperial Irrigation District

9:30 a.m. “The Northern Integrated Supply Project in Northern Colorado”
Carl Brouwer, Project Manager, Northern Water, Berthoud, CO

10 a.m. Q & A with Panel Members

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Emerging Issues
“Bark Beetle Infestations and Impacts on Water Supply”
Kelly Elder, Research Hydrologist, Rocky Mountain Research Study, U. S. Forest Service

11:30 a.m. Republican River Settlement Update
David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Kansas Division of Water Resources
Dick Wolfe, Colorado State Engineer

12:15 p.m. **Luncheon**
Keynote Speaker – John Stulp, Commissioner, Colorado Department of Agriculture (invited)

1:30 p.m. State Caucuses

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Workshop A - Canal Operations

“Automation at the Goshen Irrigation District”

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“Flow Management”

Speaker TBD

Workshop B - Invasive Species

“Quagga and Zebra Mussels Impacts to Water Supplies”

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Workshop C - Reclamation Programs

“Interior’s Water for America Initiative”

*James (Kip) Gjerde, Regional Planning Coordinator,
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3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Break

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Social Hour (Atrium)

6:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet (Arizona/Oregon/Texas)

Dinner

Presentation of Awards

7:30 p.m.

Introductions

Entertainment

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

6:45 a.m. - 8 a.m.

Continental Breakfast (Commercial Exhibits Area)

General Session III

8:30 a.m.

“State of the Great Plains Region and Area Offices”

Mike Ryan, Great Plains Regional Director

Aaron Thompson, Area Manager, NE-KS

Mike Collins, Area Manager, CO

Jim Lawson, Area Manager, WY

9:30 a.m.

“Dairy Impacts to Agriculture”

*Les Hardesty, Chairman, Mountain Area Council of Dairy
Farmers of America, Greeley, CO*

10. a.m.

“Alternative Energy Production: Corn Ethanol”

Scott Whitefoot, Nesika Energy, Belleville, KS

10:30 a.m.

“Heartland Biocomposites: New Technologies”

_____, Torrington, WY

11 a.m.

“Early Irrigation at Mesa Verde”

Ken & Ruth Wright, Wright Water Engineers, Boulder, CO

11:45 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting

Door Prizes/Conference Wrap up

12 Noon

Adjournment

12 Noon

Board of Directors Meeting