

Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

Fall 2017 Theme:

Water Management in Colorado

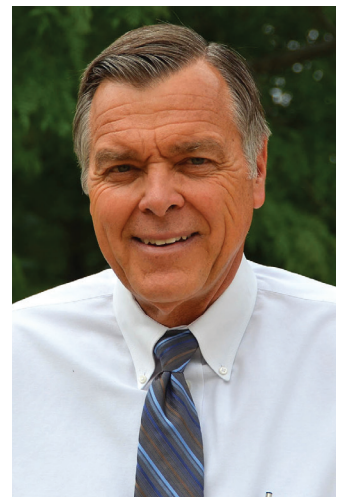
Monday, October 30, 2017 4:00 – 5:00 PM,
Behavioral Sciences Room 103

Case Study: Development of NISP

Eric Wilkinson, Northern Water

Biography:

Eric Wilkinson was appointed General Manager of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water) and its Municipal Subdistrict in January 1994. Mr. Wilkinson has worked for Northern Water since 1987. From 1984 to 1987, Mr. Wilkinson worked for the City of Greeley Water Department as a Water Resources Engineer. From 1973 to 1984, he was employed by the Colorado Division of Water Resources, Office of the State Engineer in the Dam Safety Branch. In 1972, Mr. Wilkinson served as the Deputy Water Commissioner for the Cache la Poudre River. In March 2000, Mr. Wilkinson was appointed as the South Platte Basin representative on the Colorado Water Conservation Board and served in that capacity until February 2012. In 2003 and in 2011, he served as Chairman of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. He served as one of two representatives of the South Platte Basin on the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) from the creation of the IBCC in 2005 until December, 2015. Mr. Wilkinson also serves on various advisory boards and committees and is on the Board of Directors of Colorado Water Congress. Mr. Wilkinson was born and raised in the Fort Collins, Colorado area and currently resides in the Windsor area. He attended Colorado State University and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.



Abstract:

The Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) is a water supply project being developed by the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (Northern Water) on behalf of fifteen communities and domestic water districts in northern Colorado. The project includes two reservoirs with a combined capacity of approximately 216,000 acre-feet, three pumping plants, and over 60 miles of water transmission pipelines. The project will produce a firm annual yield of approximately 40,000 acre-feet. Water rights for this project were appropriated in 1980 and in 1992. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance was initiated in the spring of 2004 with the formal public scoping of the NISP environmental studies. It is anticipated that the final Environmental Impact Statement will be issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in early 2018. To date, permitting studies and activities have extended over a thirteen year period at a cost of nearly \$20 million. This seminar will present the history of the project, including the permitting process, the issues faced, the solutions proposed, and the lessons learned.



All interested faculty, students, and off-campus guests are encouraged to attend.
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