

2017

**Water Resources Challenges and Opportunities Facing Southwestern Colorado**

October 27, 2017 - Vallecito Room, Fort Lewis College

SGM is hosting its first Durango Fall Forum on Friday, October 27th, 2017 at Ft. Lewis College. The agenda for this Forum is centered around water resource challenges and opportunities in southwestern Colorado. The speakers presenting at the Forum will weave together their unique and varied perspectives on the value of establishing partnerships, supporting and participating in water stewardship opportunities, and how Southwest Colorado is addressing its identified consumptive and non-consumptive needs.

Agenda

- 8:00 Registration, Coffee and Pastries**
- 8:30 Welcome**  
 – *Louis Meyer, PE, Co-Founder - SGM*
- 8:40 Forum Overview**  
 – *Jordan Dimick, PE, Senior Engineer - SGM*
- 8:45 Keynote Presentation: Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Southwest Basin**  
 – *Ellen Roberts, Attorney at Law*
- 9:20 Navigating the Confluence of US Army Corps of Engineers Regulations - Where We've Been and Where We're Heading**  
 – *Kara Hellige, Project Manager, USACE*
- 10:00 < Break >**
- 10:15 Stewardship and Finding a Common Ground - Impacts of the 2017 McPhee Reservoir Releases**  
 – *Ken Curtis, Chief of Engineering and Construction, Dolores Water Conservancy District*  
 – *Nathan Fey, Colorado River Stewardship Director, American Whitewater*  
 – *Celene Hawkins, Western Colorado Water Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy*  
 – *Vern Harrell, Civil Engineering Technician, US Bureau of Reclamation*
- 11:40 < Lunch >**
- 12:45 The Value of Partnerships – Protecting the Ability to Use and Enjoy the Animas River**  
 – *Heidi Stelzer, Associate Professor of Biology, Fort Lewis College*  
 – *Robert Runkel, Research Hydrologist, US Geological Survey*  
 – *Chara Ragland, Animas River Community Forum*  
 – *Ann Oliver, Animas River Community Forum*
- 2:00 < Break >**
- 2:15 Up a Creek - Understanding the Impact of a Colorado River Lower Basin Call**  
 – *Bruce Whitehead, Executive Director, Southwestern Water Conservation District*
- 2:55 Dream, Plan, and Implement - Long Hollow Reservoir**  
 – *Eric Bikis, PG, Durango Water Resources Team Leader - SGM*
- 3:40 Closing Remarks**