



May 14 Drought Webinar



Want to know more about the ongoing drought in Colorado, how it impacts you, and what to expect? Join the Colorado Water Center and Colorado State University Extension on **Thursday, May 14th from 6-7:30 pm** for a webinar on the current drought situation in Colorado, impacts to municipalities and agriculture, and available resources to help communities and individuals respond and adapt.

Speakers and panelists include:

- Karen Schlatter, Director, Colorado Water Center at Colorado State University
- Retta Bruegger, Extension Regional Specialist, Range Management, Western Region, Colorado State University
- Nicole Didero, Extension Rural Regional Specialist, Western Region, Colorado State University
- Greg Fisher, Manager of Demand Planning and Efficiency, Denver Water
- Chad Reznicek, Extension State Behavioral Health Specialist, Colorado AgrAbility Project, Colorado State University
- Jo Stanko, Routt County Rancher and Regional Assistant Commissioner, Colorado Department of Agriculture

Register for the Drought Webinar

Drinking Water Week - Clean Water for Neighbors



May 3-9, 2026 is **Drinking Water Week**, so let's help bring clean water to our neighbors! Fort Collins has award winning drinking water. Yet, many families in Larimer County mobile home parks live with boil water notices, discolored water, persistent odors, and uncertainty about whether their tap water is safe.

The new Mobile Home Water Quality Act is an important step forward, but infrastructure improvements will take time, and support is needed now to address immediate needs. Local partners — including the Colorado Water Center and [Mi Voz](#) — are working directly with residents to assess needs and coordinate distribution. This effort builds on prior fundraising efforts and strong community partnerships. Here's how your donation makes a difference:

- 💧 \$10 — Funds one replacement filter
- 💧 \$25 — Covers a new pitcher + one filter for a household
- 💧 \$50 — Fully equips a household for ~one year of clean water
- 💧 \$100 — Expands access to additional households in need

[Donate to the Clean Water for Our Neighbors campaign via Conservation Colorado, the campaign's fiscal sponsor, at this link.](#)

Want to help the campaign by spreading the word? [Access the Fundraiser Toolkit at this link.](#)

Support Clean Water for Our Neighbors

Apply to be a Colorado Water Fellow at CSU



💧 Calling all CSU students interested in water: **Apply today to be part of the Colorado Water Fellows Program at CSU and join the 2026-2027 cohort!**

This academic year-long program prepares students from all academic tracks for careers in water by connecting them to opportunities across the water sector. This includes access to water conferences and networking with water professionals, field trips, and monthly meetings that dive into critical water topics.

Every Colorado Water Fellow receives a \$1,000 stipend to participate, attends selected water conferences for free, and gains access to summer internships and job opportunities. The program emphasizes a holistic, interdisciplinary understanding of water-related issues to prepare fellows to navigate the fields' complexities.

Both undergraduate and graduate students from any area of study at CSU are encouraged to apply - after all, **every major is a water major!**

📅 **Application Deadline: August 28, 2026.**

To learn more about the program and apply, [visit the Colorado Water Fellows at CSU webpage](#).

And ICYMI, [check out this profile on the 2025-2026 CSU Colorado Water Fellows in Source](#) from the March 'We Know Water' special report.

Apply to Join the CSU Water Fellows Cohort

Colorado Water Center in the News



While the recent rain and snow brings some relief, drought and water scarcity remains at the forefront of water conversations in the media. Colorado Water Center staff have been on call to help address questions on water issues big and small - from Colorado River negotiations to using water in your own backyard. Learn more in this season's stories:

- [**The Conversation:** Why Colorado River negotiations stalled, and how they could resume with the possibility of agreement](#)
- [**CSU Source:** Water world - Top things to know about water in Colorado](#)
- [**Livescience:** Drought paradox study reveals plants around Colorado River turn to groundwater...](#)
- [**9 News:** Actions Coloradans can take to conserve the state's snowpack, water supplies](#)
- [**AZ Central:** As alfalfa drains the Colorado River, alternative feed is crop sought](#)
- [**USA Today:** No snow. No water. Restrictions grow across West as drought fears rise](#)
- [**Big Pivots:** A record-hot March. Now comes an El Niño?](#)
- [**9 News:** Drought conditions force a rethink for spring landscaping](#)
- [**CBS News:** CSU expert explains why Colorado relies on snowpack so much](#)
- [**Wired:** This Summer, the American Water Crisis Becomes Real](#)
- [**CBS News:** Colorado drought forces farmers to adapt as water becomes more scarce](#)
- [**Sierra:** Can the Colorado River Survive 2026?](#)

ICYMI: [Check out all the stories from CSU's March 'We know water' special report here.](#)

John Fetcher Upper Yampa Scholarship



Applications for the **John Fetcher Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District scholarship** are now open! The program awards up to two \$5,000 scholarships to full-time undergraduate or graduate students in Colorado.

Qualifications for this scholarship include:

- 💧 Be a full-time student enrolled in a water-related major at a public Colorado university
- 💧 Preference is given to students from Northwest Colorado
- 💧 Preference is given to students who desire a career related to water resources and have shown academic interest in the Yampa River or Colorado River Basin

The deadline to apply is **May 26, 2026**. [Learn more and apply via the Colorado Water Center's website here.](#)

Apply to the Upper Yampa Scholarship

Learn Something New in GRAD 592



The next **Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar** theme has been announced! In fall 2026, our GRAD 592 seminar returns with the theme: **The Colorado River - Defining An Uncertain Future.**

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fascinating river systems. From century-old water law and tribal sovereignty to climate-driven shortages and high-stakes interstate negotiations, we will explore diverse dimensions of the basin's past, present, and precarious future.



Fall 2026, Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Natural Resources Building Room 109

[Register on RamWeb](#) with CRN: 69155

Faculty, students, and off-campus guests are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom! Registered students must attend in person.

[Learn more on the Colorado Water Center's website here.](#)

Learn More & Register for GRAD 592

Colorado Project WET Educator Training Workshops



Get your feet wet! [Colorado Project WET Educator Training workshops](#) are being offered in June and July! These free workshops equip teachers and educators with hands-on science lessons for their classrooms while earning professional development credit. Participants will leave with ready-to-use materials that meet NGSS and state education standards.

Upcoming workshop dates and locations include:

- 💧 June 4: Wastewater and Aquatic Biology, Metro Water Recovery
- 💧 June 23-25: Greeley Confluence Institute
- 💧 July 7-9: Brighton Confluence Institute
- 💧 July 14-16: Forests to Faucets - Aurora's Water Resources
- 💧 July 22: Forest to Faucets Two - Aurora's Water Resources

Register for Project WET Educator Trainings

CoWC Advances National Water Sustainability Training



The Colorado Water Center is helping shape a new national effort to improve water sustainability training, after [a collaborative proposal was selected to establish the National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation and Management](#).

The selection was made by the Instream Flow Council and the American Fisheries Society following an extensive national search process. The new national center will provide interdisciplinary continuing education, research support and related services focused on balancing ecological and human water needs.

The national center will be hosted at Oregon State University, with CSU serving as a core affiliate partner, which will provide regionally relevant training and learning opportunities in the Intermountain West. The Colorado Water Center brought together CSU's broader water community into the proposal by connecting faculty, programs and partners across the university.

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CoWC 60th Anniversary Celebration

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Thank you to everyone who joined us on **March 26 to celebrate 60 years of the Colorado Water Center** at the 60th Anniversary Reception and the 2026 Water Tables Fundraiser in partnership with CSU Libraries' Water Resources Archive!

From past directors to current students, government partners to community members,

"CSU has been involved in water since day one in 1870; we have a legacy of some of the greatest innovators in water and our students will be the next great innovators that we're going to be talking about 60 years from now." - Colorado State University President Amy Parsons

[Check out all the event photos from the reception photo booth to 'red carpet' Water Tables portraits on the event page here.](#)

See the 60th Anniversary Event Photos

May 7: Rams Rise Day of Giving



By bringing people, knowledge, and ideas together, we are working to tackle Colorado's most pressing water challenges - but we need your help.

This **Thursday, May 7**, the Colorado Water Center joins thousands of Rams who believe in the power of education, community, and Ram pride for this year's **CSU Day of Giving**.

Help us elevate impact across Colorado State University's water education, research, and engagement efforts and support the next generation of water leaders by **giving to the #RamsRise campaign!** Learn more and [donate via give.colostate.edu!](https://give.colostate.edu)

Upcoming Water Events



Join the Colorado Water Center at these upcoming water events in Colorado and beyond this spring:

- **May 7:** [Colorado Sun Event - The Arkansas River: Sharing a precious resource vital to southeast Colorado](#) in Rocky Ford, CO
- **May 11-15:** [Project WET Conference](#) in Santa Fe, NM
- **May 27-28:** [Yampa Basin Rendezvous](#) in Steamboat Springs, CO
- **June 8-10:** [UCOWR/NIWR Summer Conference](#) in San Antonio, TX
- **June 17:** [Watershed Summit](#) in Denver, CO
- **August 18-20:** [Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference](#) in Steamboat Springs, CO

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