



October 2025

Colorado Water Center welcomes Bethany Howell as new associate director



Colorado Water Center Director Karen Schlatter recently announced the appointment of Bethany Howell as new associate director of the Colorado Water Center. Howell joins the Colorado Water Center team from the Colorado Department of Agriculture where she served as the director of strategic outreach and engagement and worked closely with the commissioner of agriculture to support, increase understanding of, and engage with Colorado's agricultural community.

"We will miss Bethany at CDA, but her understanding of Colorado water issues, commitment to agriculture, and her relationships across the state make her the right choice for associate director of the Colorado Water Center at CSU," said Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg.

[Read the full associate director announcement here](#) or via the link below.

Colorado Water Center 60th Anniversary Events



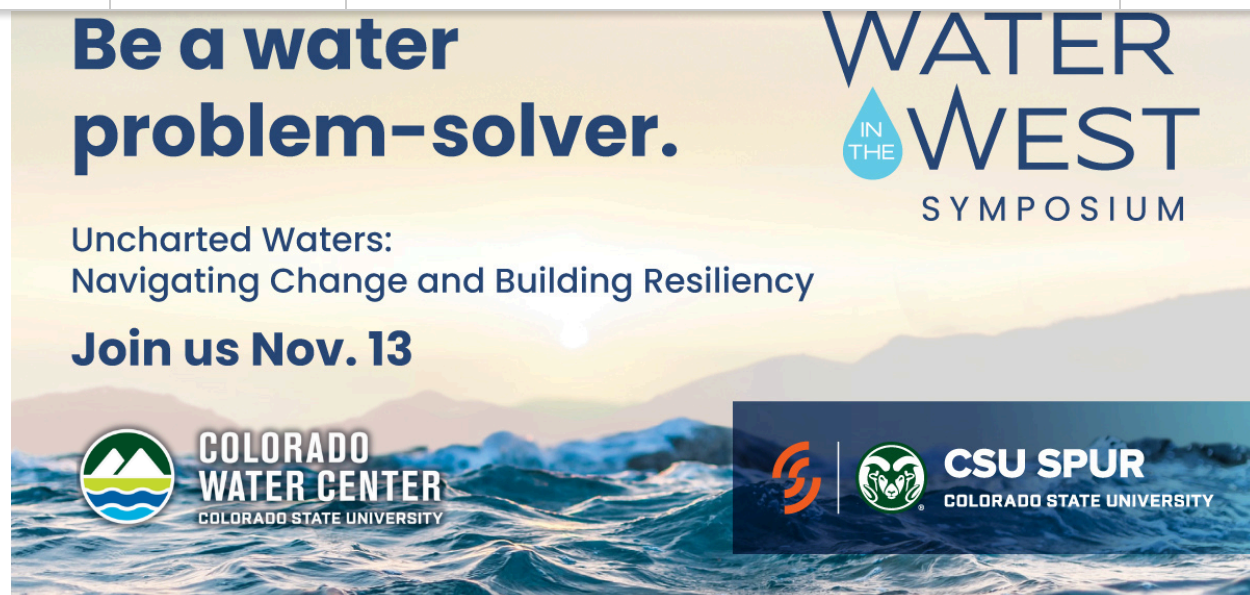
Mark your calendars and join us on **March 26, 2026** to celebrate the [60th anniversary of the Colorado Water Center!](#)

The evening will feature two different opportunities to celebrate at the Lory Student Center, with a 4-6:00 p.m. Colorado Water Center Reception free and open to the public and a 6-8:00 p.m. Water Tables Fundraiser in partnership with the CSU Water Resources Archive. More information on [program details and opportunities to register or become a Water Tables sponsor will be updated on our website here](#) or via the link below.

We can't wait to celebrate 60 years of the Colorado Water Center's impact in Colorado, the West, and beyond with you on March 26th!

[Learn more about 60th Anniversary celebrations](#)

Water in the West Symposium

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Uncharted Waters:
Navigating Change and Building Resiliency

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The Colorado Water Center will be cohosting the [2025 Water in the West Symposium](#) with CSU Spur!

The 2025 Water in the West Symposium will be hosted in person on November 13th in the Hydro building at CSU Spur in Denver. This year, the Symposium will focus on handling change and complexity. The theme this year is ***Uncharted Waters: Navigating Change and Building Resiliency***.

The Water in the West Symposium is a unique offering in water conferences, bringing together diverse stakeholders to share solutions to water challenges across sectors and creating collaborative problem-solving opportunities.

[Check out the agenda here](#) and [register for this year's symposium here](#).

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**Save the Dates:
Water Workforce Summit & Career Fair 2026**

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2026 Water Workforce Summit & Career Fair

February 12-13

Hosted at CSU Spur, Hydro



Save the dates! The [Colorado Water Center's Water Workforce Summit and Career Fair](#) will be **February 12-13, 2026** at CSU Spur in Denver!

Held every other year, the **Water Workforce Summit** is a day of water education and workforce stakeholder engagement with a keynote speaker, panel discussions, and breakout group work.

The **Water Workforce Career Fair** takes place every year, connecting water workforce professionals, organizations, and businesses, with students from Colorado State University, technical colleges, high school programs, and other institutions of higher learning.

Stay tuned for [agendas and opportunities to register via our website](#) or via the link below!

[Learn more about the Water Workforce Summit & Career Fair](#)

2025 Water Leadership Summit hosts sold-out crowd

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The 2025 Water Leadership Summit, hosted by the Colorado Water Center and made possible through the generous support of the Walton Family Foundation, was held on September 23, 2025, at the CSU Spur Hydro Building in Denver. The one-day event **brought together more than 125 educators, policymakers, advocates, and community leaders** to build the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to engage in Colorado's water decision-making processes. Through panels, presentations, and discussions, participants explored how communication, collaboration, and civic engagement can shape Colorado's water future.

By fostering networks of trust, shared learning, and civic engagement, the Water Leadership Summit demonstrated that together, we can shape a more informed, collaborative, and action-oriented water future for Colorado and beyond. [Learn more about the 2025 Water Leadership Summit program here](#) or via the link below.

[Learn about the Water Leadership Summit](#)

The Future of Water & Agriculture in Colorado - A Northern Colorado MIRASOL Film Tour

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The "Future of Water & Agriculture in Colorado" film tour continues next Monday, November 3rd in Berthoud!

Join the Palmer Land Conservancy, the Colorado Water Center, and our partners for a FREE event this [Monday, November 3rd, 5-7:00 p.m. at Northern Water in Berthoud](#) with a special screening of [MIRASOL, Looking at the Sun](#), directed by acclaimed filmmaker Ben Knight and produced by Palmer Land Conservancy.

Colorado Water Center Director Karen Schlatter will be moderating the post-film panel discussion, featuring voices from agricultural producers, policy influencers, and researchers - including Robert Sakata, Chris Goemans, and Todd Olander - focused on Northern Colorado's pressing regional water challenges. [Learn more here](#) and [sign up for the November 3rd film screening event here](#) or via the link below!

[RSVP for the November 3 Mirasol screening](#)

The 2025 Ag Water Summit

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Coming up on **December 2**, the Colorado Water Center and the Colorado Ag Water Alliance will co-host the **2025 Ag Water Summit in Greeley**. The Summit will highlight impactful research and extension efforts around irrigated agriculture and foster discussion and collaboration between the research and agricultural communities. This event is for agricultural producers, water resource professionals, university faculty and staff, and students.

[Check out the draft agenda, learn more, and register here](#) or via the link below!

[Register for the Ag Water Summit](#)

Dive into Project WET with Local Facilitators



Dive into hands-on water education with Project WET! 🌊 Join us on **Saturday, November 15th** at St. Vrain Valley Schools in **Longmont** for an interactive training designed for Colorado K–12 educators that connects real-world water issues with classroom learning.

Explore award-winning, NGSS-aligned curriculum, discover creative teaching strategies, and gain tools to bring water literacy to life for your students. Participants will leave with the Foundations of Water Education guidebook—full of ready-to-use, classroom-tested curriculum and activities. [Learn more and register for 'Dive into Project Wet' here](#) or via the link below.

Sign up for Dive Into Project WET

Colorado Project WET Facilitator Trainings



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Denver and Colorado Springs. Now, 57 individuals have joined the Project WET Facilitator Network to bring water education workshops to their communities - congrats and thank you to all who participated!

Stay tuned for more trainings to be hosted in Northern Colorado, the Western Slope, and virtually in 2026. [Learn more about Colorado Project WET here](#) or via the link below.

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Learn Something New in GRAD 592



Every fall, the Colorado Water Center offers [GRAD 592 – Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar](#), featuring a different water-related theme each year with guest lectures by prominent Colorado water professionals and experts. This year's theme, *Moving from Conflict to Collaboration in Water Resources*, is underway, but it's not too late to tune in and learn from the incredible guest lecturers on tap.

Next up, on Monday, November 3, the Colorado Water Center welcomes Tom Cech, formerly with the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District, to discuss South Platte River Basin groundwater management. [Learn more and join Monday GRAD 592 sessions via Zoom here](#) or via the link below.

[Learn more & tune into GRAD 592 here](#)

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Fall 2025 is packed with an incredible lineup of water-related events across Colorado and the West. Don't miss these upcoming water events in Colorado and beyond:

- **November 3:** [The Future of Water & Agriculture in Colorado - A MIRASOL Film Tour](#) in Berthoud, CO
- **November 5-7:** [NWRA Annual Conference and Leadership Forum](#) in Tucson, AZ
- **November 5-7:** [Annual DARCA Conference](#) in Pueblo, CO
- **November 10-12:** [AWRA Annual Water Resources Conference](#) in Westminster, CO
- **November 13:** [Water in the West Symposium at CSU Spur](#) in Denver, CO
- **December 2:** [Ag Water Summit](#) in Greeley, CO
- **December 3:** [South Platte Forum](#) in Greeley, CO
- **December 16-18:** [CRWUA](#) in Las Vegas, NV

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