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May 2025

Karen Schlatter Announced as New Director of the Colorado Water Center



The Colorado Water Center has a new director! Colorado State University President Amy Parsons [announced the appointment of Karen Schlatter](#) as the next Colorado Water Center director on Monday, April 21, following an extensive search process. Schlatter joined the Center in January 2023 as associate director and has served as interim director since the retirement of John Tracy in August.

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engagement at the core of the Center’s activities, as it is essential for achieving lasting and meaningful impact,” shared Schlatter. Read the full story at the link below!

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Colorado Water Center Unveils New Website



In addition to a new director, the Colorado Water Center also has a new website! With support from the CSU [Office of Engagement and Extension](#) (OEE), the redesign aims to provide site visitors with greater ease of navigation and increased access to water-related resources – from educational materials and programming, to funding opportunities, to cutting-edge research, to upcoming events.

As with any website redesign, the team is working diligently to ensure pages and links are functional. Check out the new site at the link below!

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New 2024 Colorado Water Center Annual Report

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The Colorado Water Center recently published its 2024 Annual Report, featuring highlights from the Center's efforts across water education, research, outreach and engagement, and more. [Read the report here](#) or via the button below.

You can now find an archive of all Colorado Water Center publications in Colorado State University's digital collections [here](#).

[Read the 2024 Annual Report](#)

GRAD 592 Fall 2025: From Conflict to Collaboration

A poster for the GRAD 592 seminar. The background is a historical-style illustration of a cowboy on horseback in a desert landscape. At the top center is the Colorado Water Center logo and text. Below it, the text reads "GRAD 592 Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar". The main title is "Moving from Conflict to Collaboration in Water Resources". A quote says "Whiskey is for drinking and water is for... collaboration!". At the bottom left, it says "All interested faculty, students, and off-campus guests are welcome to attend." On the right side, there are two colored boxes: a green one for "FALL 2025" and a blue one for "MONDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM". Below these is the text "REGISTER HERE VIA RAMWEB" and "CRN: 69155" with a green arrow pointing to a QR code.

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the GRAD 592 theme is: **Moving from Conflict to Collaboration in Water Resources!**

Whiskey is for drinking and water is for... collaboration! The Fall 2025 GRAD 592 course will explore the variety of ways water conflicts have been and are being negotiated and resolved in Colorado and elsewhere. The course will provide an overview of conflict resolution and stakeholder engagement processes and tools, case studies on historic and current water conflicts, and insights from water leaders about the future of water conflict resolution. Students taking the course for credit need to register [on RAMweb here](#) or via the button below:

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

CSU Water Fellows 2026 Cohort: Applications Open!



The banner features a blue background with white and green text and graphics. On the left is the Colorado Water Fellow logo, a circular emblem with a water drop and waves. Below it is a circular photo of a group of people gathered around a water feature. In the center, the text reads 'COLORADO WATER FELLOWS AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY' in large white letters, followed by '2026 WATER FELLOWS COHORT APPLICATION NOW OPEN!' in smaller white and green letters. A QR code is positioned below the text, with a green arrow pointing to it from the right. To the right of the QR code is the text 'APPLY TODAY!' in green. Further right is another circular photo of a group of people, and below that is the Colorado Water Center logo, which includes a mountain and water icon and the text 'COLORADO WATER CENTER COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY'.

The Colorado Water Fellows Program at Colorado State University is now accepting applications for the 2026 Water Fellows cohort! Who should apply? The Water Fellows Program is open to ANY undergraduate or graduate students with a passion for water regardless of major or discipline - *every major is a water major!*

Colorado Water Fellows receive a \$1,000 stipend, attend selected water conferences for free, get connected with water experts and opportunities for water jobs and summer internships. Applications are due by July, 31, 2025. Learn more on our website and apply via the link below. Ready to fill out the application? [Jump directly to the application form here!](#)

[Learn More & Apply Here](#)

Water Education & Workforce Resource Hub Survey



The Colorado Water Center and Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) are excited to partner with water education and workforce stakeholders to develop a centralized, online water education & workforce resource hub for Colorado. As an agency action in the Colorado Water Plan and identified need from the 2024 Colorado Water Workforce Summit, this resource hub will serve as a one-stop shop for students, educators, water professionals, and community members to access Colorado-specific water education and workforce resources. [Watch this video to learn more.](#)

As the first step to develop the online resource hub, we are asking for your help to identify existing resources and potential gaps by [responding to this survey](#) via the link below. The survey will be accepting responses **until Friday, May 16, 2025**. Anyone involved in Colorado water education or a water-related industry is encouraged to participate - and if you know of someone who may have information or knowledge to contribute, please forward the survey link. Thank you for your partnership and participation!

[Complete the Survey Here](#)

Faculty Lightning Talk Series Wraps for Spring 2025

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LIGHTNING TALK SERIES

Session 3 - Water Conservation and Sustainability
May 1, 2025, 12:30-1:45pm

- Ryan Bailey, Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Sarah Millonig, Associate Director, One Water Solutions Institute
- Denyse Schrenker, Extension Specialist – Horticulture and Small Acreage Management, Eagle County
- Jordan Suter, Professor and Graduate Program Chair, Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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The Spring 2025 Colorado Water Center Lightning Talk Series finished up on May 1 with its third installment focused on *Water Conservation and Sustainability*. You can view all past Lightning Talks presentations on the Colorado Water Center website [here](#) or at the button below.

We will be continuing the Lightning Talks Series in the next academic year! If you're interested in participating as a CSU faculty or staff member by presenting at a future Lightning Talk, [click here](#).

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Water Scholarships Still Open!



Two great water scholarship opportunities are still accepting applications:

- [The John Fetcher Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District Scholarship](#) provides two \$5,000 one-year water scholarships for full-time university student(s) who are pursuing a water-related career in any major at a public university within the state of Colorado. The Colorado Water Center administers the scholarship. **Applications are due by May 23, 2025** - [apply here](#) or at the button below.
- [The Women in Water Scholarship Fund](#) encourages young women to pursue fulfilling careers developing, managing and conserving water. This annual scholarship has been increased to \$7,500 annually by the WIW Board of Directors. It is awarded to a woman pursuing an undergraduate degree in preparation for a career in any element of water resources, including water law, communications, community and government relations, or engineering. Applications are accepted until July 1, 2025. [Apply here](#) or via the link below.

[Apply to the Upper Yampa WCD Scholarship](#)

[Apply to the Women in Water Scholarship](#)

Clean Water for Our Neighbors

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On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, the public gathered at Odell Brewing for an evening of community engagement and action around Fort Collins mobile home park residents facing daily challenges with unreliable water quality and access.

The event was organized by Leadership Fort Collins and featured a panel discussion moderated by Stephanie Daniel from KUNC's [Colorado Dream](#), live music from Fancy Bits, and opportunities to connect with others who are passionate about ensuring clean water access for all. By the end of the evening, **192 tickets were sold** and over **\$8,300** was raised with 100% of event proceeds benefiting residents in need!

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impact the health and well-being of entire communities, have been a growing focus for the Colorado Water Center. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about the work the Water Center is doing around water quality and access issues. [Donations can still be made](#) to the "Clean Water for Our Neighbors" cause via Trees, Water & People at the button link below.

[Donate Here](#)

Upcoming Water Events



Don't miss these upcoming water events in Colorado and beyond:

- **June 3-5, 2025:** [UCOWR 2025 Annual Conference](#) in Minneapolis, MN
- **June 5-6, 2025:** Getches-Wilkinson Center and Water & Tribes Initiative's [2025 Conference on the Colorado River](#) in Boulder, CO
- **June 8-11, 2025:** [AWWA Annual Conference & Expo](#) in Denver, CO
- **June 20, 2025:** [The Watershed Summit](#) in Denver, CO

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