

Draft Agenda

9th Annual Colorado WaterWise Symposium

Denver, CO

October 24, 2017
8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This agenda includes some but not all presentations. This list of topics and presenters is subject to change.

Keynote: Water for People

Kelly Latham, Director of Program Quality, Water For People

2.1 billion people around the world don't have access to safe water and 4.5 billion lack access to adequate sanitation. Water For People exists to reduce this gap by working with local communities, businesses and governments to provide and sustain water and sanitation services. Latham will explain Water For People's scalable approach to achieving this goal in nine focus countries and will highlight how water conservation is an integral part of reaching sustainable access to water and sanitation services across the globe.



Kelly joined Water For People in 2015 as the Director of Program Quality. She has 20 years of experience in water resources engineering, with 10 years in the water, sanitation, and hygiene sector. At Water For People she leads a team of global specialists that supports programs in Latin America, Africa and India to achieve universal access to sustained water and sanitation services across 30 target districts in 9 countries. Prior to Water For People, Kelly worked as a Project Engineer and Director of International Programs at Engineers Without Borders-USA, served as a water and sanitation engineer in Honduras with the U.S. Peace Corps, and worked as an environmental engineering consultant with Tetra Tech. She received a M.S. degree in Watershed Science from Colorado State University and a B.S in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University.

Advancing Water-Efficient Gardening and Plants from Steppe Regions across the Globe

Mike Bone, Curator of Alpine Collections, Denver Botanic Gardens

Bone will talk about the Denver Botanic Gardens' commitment to showcasing beautiful gardens appropriate for a semi-arid climate while advancing water-efficient gardening and agriculture principles through educational programs and partnerships with likeminded organizations. His efforts include collecting plants from the steppe regions of the world and will explain how he identifies, gathers and cultivates them for research and development for growers. These plants are good selections for the High Plains of Colorado and many have been included in the Plant Select Program.

The Hidden Value of Landscapes: Implications for Drought Planning

Alison Stoven O'Connor, PhD, Extension Agent from Colorado State University

Stoven will present on the research she recently co-authored on the social, environmental and economic value that landscapes provide to our communities in Colorado. These “hidden” values are important to consider as water utilities and communities plan for drought.

Challenges to Conservation in Commercial Landscapes

Invited: Kevin Hartley, City of Greeley

Lisa Pace, Colorado Springs Utilities

Irrigation technology and management offer the promise of increased water efficiency, but on-the-ground audits and experience indicates challenges with implementation and understanding.

Integrating Alternative Water Supplies into the Land Use Conversation Panel

Eric Hecox, Vice President, Shea Properties

Joe Knopinski, Land and Districts LLC

Becky Fedak, Brendle Group

Amelia Nuding, Western Resource Advocates

Harold Smethills, Sterling Ranch Development Company

This session will provide an overview of techniques for integrating alternative water supplies – such as rainwater, greywater, reuse and conservation – into the land use planning process, based on new research from the Water Research Foundation, conducted by the Brendle Group, and Western Resource Advocates. The panel features local Colorado developers sharing their perspectives on issues and challenges with integrating alternative water supplies into new developments in CO.

Pecha Kucha

PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where the presenter shows 20 images for 20 seconds at a time. The images advance automatically. Using a similar format, our presenters will present for 5 minutes on a topic of interest. This is a fun, fast paced, and entertaining presentation style.

“An Experiment in Peak Water Demand Management,” Peter Mayer, WaterDM

“Colorado Youth Play a Key Role in Conservation,” Amanda Mathias, Mile High Youth Corps

“What’s Wrong with this Picture? A Need for Landscape Regulations,” Rick Schultz, Castle Rock

“The Water Wise Neighborhood,” Catherine Moravec, Colorado Springs Utilities

“Aurora’s Z-Zone Landscape Code,” Tim York, Aurora Water

From Grant to Citywide Rollout – Empowering Customers with Data and Insights Panel

Dawn Hessheimer, Water Resources Specialist, City of Brighton

Kevin Reidy, State Water Conservation Technical Specialist, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Dominique Gomez, COO, WaterSmart Software

This panel will provide three key perspectives on how to take a customer engagement and conservation program from a grant funded pilot to a successful citywide rollout. The City of Brighton will share their first-hand experience applying for a Water Conservation Implementation Grant from the CWCB, and later transitioning their program to a citywide fully funded rollout. The City will discuss how they partnered with WaterSmart Software to provide Home Water Reports and a Customer Portal to their customers in order to encourage water use efficiency and improve customer satisfaction. This session will also demonstrate how to measure the impact of multi-channel customer engagement programs so that utility managers can understand how persistent communications affect customer satisfaction.

Agriburbia

Quint Redmond, Owner, Agriburbia® Development LLC

Agriburbia® Development LLC is a fully integrated real estate development firm that focuses on resilient, agricultural lifestyle communities. Since 2003 Agriburbia has been a leader in professionally operated farm community developments. Their goal is to establish and support metropolitan suburban communities that integrate Agricultural Development concepts, local integrity, and healthy lifestyles.

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The logo for Colorado Waterwise features the word "colorado" in a black, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "waterwise" is written in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. A graphic of three concentric, light blue circles with a small blue dot in the center is positioned behind the "water" part of the text, creating a ripple effect.