

GROUND WATER COMMISSION

C.R.S.:	37-90-104
Expiration:	
Department:	Natural Resources
No Members:	12
Term:	4 Yr
Senate Codes:	GAGWATR Dick Wolfe
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Compensation:	\$50 and expenses

Description: The Ground Water Commission consists of twelve members, nine appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The commission includes six members who are resident agriculturists of designated ground water basins, with no more than two resident agriculturists from the same ground water basin to be members of the commission at the same time; one member who shall be a resident agriculturist and who shall be appointed from water division 3; and two residents of the state who shall represent municipal or industrial water users of the state, one of whom shall be appointed from the area west of the continental divide.

In addition to the appointed members, the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources shall be a voting member, and the State Engineer, and the Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board shall be nonvoting members of the commission.

Six voting members shall constitute a quorum at any regularly or specially called meeting of the commission, and a majority vote of those present shall rule. The commission shall establish and maintain a schedule of at least four general meetings each year. The chairman, at his discretion, or two members may call special meetings of the commission to dispose of accumulated business.

The ground water commission is empowered to:

- supervise and control the exercise and administration of all rights acquired to the use of designated ground water;
- establish a reasonable ground water pumping level in an area having a common designated ground water supply;
- issue permits for the construction of replacement wells;
- in the exercise of any of the powers or duties conferred by this section, to confer and consult with the board of directors of the ground water management district board in the affected area, if any such board exists, before promulgating any orders or regulations which would affect the district in general;
- order the total or partial discontinuance of any diversion within a ground water basin to the extent the water being diverted is not necessary for application to a beneficial use;
- in any area where a ground water management district has not been formed, to prescribe

satisfactory and economical measuring methods for the measurement of water levels in and the amount of water withdrawn from wells and to require reports to be made at the end of each pumping season showing the date and water level at the beginning of the pumping season, the date and water level at the end of the pumping season, and showing any period of more than thirty days' cessation of pumping during such pumping season;

- upon application therefor by any permit holder, to authorize a change in acreage served, volume of appropriation, place, time, or type of use of and by any water right, or of any well location, either conditional or final, granted under the authority of the commission but only upon such terms and conditions as will not cause material injury to the vested rights of other appropriators; and
 - adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this article.
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Member	Place	Party	Occupation	Geo Area	Exec Order	Date Apptd	Term Expires	Appt By	Date Confirmed	Reappointe
Bledsoe, Grant H.	Wray	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Northern High Plains		A177 09	08/04/2009	05/01/2013	Gov	02/11/2010	Replaces E resigned; A pg 1374)
Burr, Carolyn F.	Denver	NR	Municipal/Industrial Water Users		A005 10	01/11/2010	05/01/2014	Gov	02/11/2010	A164 08 (pr
Clever, Larry W.	Grand Junction	NR	Municipal/Industrial Water Users	Western Slope	A213 12	08/28/2012	05/01/2016	Gov	01/01/2013	replaces Mi A113 04 (pr A253 08 (pr
Gimbel, Jennifer		NR	Water Conservation Board - Non-voting	Ex Officio				Ex Officio		
Huwa, Corey M.	Roggen	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Lost Creek		A177 09	08/04/2009	05/01/2013	Gov	02/11/2010	Replaces R resigned; A pg 1374)
King, Mike		NR	Exec. Dir. Dept. of Natural Resources - Voting	Ex Officio				Ex Officio		
Kramer, Steven Dale	Bethune	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Northern High Plains		A213 12	08/28/2012	05/01/2016	Gov	01/01/2013	
Mikita, Earnest L.	Calhan	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Upper Big Sandy		A177 09	08/04/2009	05/01/2013	Gov	02/11/2010	A128 97; A A082 05 (pr
Schubert, George H.	Calhan	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Upper Big Sandy		A174 11	08/31/2011	05/01/2015	Gov	04/20/2012	A164 08 (pr
Smith, Charles	Walsh	NR	Resident Agriculturist - Southern High Plains		A174 11	08/31/2011	05/01/2015	Gov	04/20/2012	A173 99; A1 A164 08 (pr
Valdez, Virgil F.	Alamosa	NR	Agriculturist - Div 3		A113 10	05/13/2010	05/01/2014	Gov	03/15/2011	Replaces D passed aw
Wolfe, Dick		NR	State Engineer/Dir. Div. of Water Resources - Non-voting	Ex Officio				Ex Officio		

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

MEMBERS

GROUND WATER COMMISSION

ORDERED:

That the following named persons be and they are hereby appointed and reappointed to the:

GROUND WATER COMMISSION

for terms expiring May 1, 2016:

Steven Dale Kramer of Bethune, Colorado, a resident agriculturist from the Northern High Plains Basin, appointed;

Larry William Clever of Grand Junction, Colorado, a representative of municipal or industrial water users of the state, and who resides west of the continental divide, reappointed.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-eighth day
of August, 2012.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor