Colorado Water Congress

2008 Summer Convention
50th Anniversary
Water: Our Strategic Resource

August 20 - 22, 2008
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort

Conference Program

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 am **Edwards Drinking Water Facility Tour**
(If you plan to attend this tour, please contact CWC for a map.)

1:00 pm **Water Resources Review Committee**

Pre-Conference Workshop
1:30 pm **NEW WATER PROJECTS FORUM**

How Is the Economy Affecting Capital Improvement Projects?
Regional and Statewide Economic Trends
Jason Schrock
Colorado Legislative Council

Panel Discussion: Effects of Economic Trends on Infrastructure Projects
Wayne Vandescheure
Colorado Springs Utilities

Dennis Gelvin
Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority

Greg Trainor
Grand Junction

3:00 **BREAK**

3:30 **Infrastructure Financing Needs and Opportunities**

Colorado Municipal League
Kevin Bommer

Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority
Mike Brod

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Kirk Russell

5:00 **RECREATE 58 RECEPTION**
Celebrating 50 Years of Togetherness

Thursday, August 21

8:30 am **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome and Conference Introduction
Steve Fearn
President, Colorado Water Congress

Colorado Legislative Report

Review of the 2008 Legislative Session

Look Ahead on Proposed Legislation for 2009

Dialogue on the Role of the Colorado Water Congress And the State Legislative Process

Representative Kathleen Curry
Chair, House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee

Senator Jim Isgar
Chair, Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee

Members of the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees

9:45 am **Break**

10:15 am **GENERAL SESSION II**
Colorado Water Report

2008 Water Administration
Dick Wolfe
Colorado State Engineer

Colorado Water Supply Conditions Update
Mike Gillespie
NRCS

11:00 am **Water Court Committee of the Supreme Court**
Honorable Greg Hobbs
Subcommittee Reports
Special Master/Magistrate/Referee Subcommittee
Role of Experts Subcommittee
Outreach to Water Users Subcommittee
Bench, Bar, Engineers Education Subcommittee

12:00 pm **BBQ LUNCH**
The Strategic Plan for California's Water Future
Keynote Speaker: Timothy Quinn
Executive Director
Association of California Water Agencies

1:30 pm **GENERAL SESSION III**
Gunnison Basin in the Spotlight

Black Canyon of the Gunnison Settlement And
What Role Should Gunnison Basin Storage Play in Colorado's Compact Compliance?
Alexandra Davis
Assistant Director for Water, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Response Panel: Peter Fleming, John McClow, and Bart Miller (invited)

3:00 pm **Break**

3:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION A**
On the Strategic Horizon

The 50-Year Vision for the Interbasin Compact Committee
Harris Sherman
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Water Partnership Program Policy # 18
Instream Flow Program Rulemaking
Jennifer Gimbel
Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board

The Water Quality Control Division Strategic Plan
Steve Gunderson
Director, Colorado Water Quality Control Division

3:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION B**
Changing Water Demands

Energy Development on the Western Slope
Projected Water Needs for Oil Shale and Gas Development
Dan Birch
Colorado River Water Conservation District

Do Droughts Have Shadows?
Integrating Water Conservation into Water Supply Planning
Greg Fisher
Denver Water

Sean Cronin
City of Greeley

7:00 pm **EVENING PROGRAM**
Wayne Aspinall and the Shaping of the American West
Steven C. Schulte, Author
Leaders Reflect on the Aspinall Story
Bill Cleary and Dick Bratton

Friday, August 22

7:30 am **COLORADO WATER CONGRESS MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**

8:00 am **The Origin of the Colorado Water Congress**
Gordon Scheer
Former Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress (1961 – 1973)

8:30 am **Colorado Water Congress Membership Report**
CWC Membership Survey

8:45 am **GENERAL SESSION IV**
Celebrating Our Accomplishments
Colorado Water Congress and the Endangered Species Recovery Program
A Quarter Century of Progress
Tom Pitts

9:15 am **The Animas - La Plata Story**
Sheldon House
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

9:45 am **Break**

10:00 am **GENERAL SESSION V**
The Colorado Political Scene 2008
Dick Wadhams and Wally Stealey

11:00 am **The Race for the Colorado Senate**

Honorable Bob Schaffer

Honorable Mark Udall

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

The Colorado Water Congress Strategy
Steve Fearn, President Colorado Water Congress
Doug Kemper, Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress