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2012 South Metro Water Tour Itinerary

Goals of the tour:

- Provide a common learning and networking experience for a diverse group of participants
- Illustrate the value of water resources for thriving economies, community well-being and environmental health
- Show the availability and development of groundwater and surface water supply projects including their related impacts and benefits
- Relate the opportunity and significance of municipal conservation programs
- Demonstrate the relationship between land and water use planning and development
- Convey the importance of the collaborative nature of the water resource planning process
- Impart the lessons learned from water resources management in the South Metro Area

Thursday, June 14

10:30 *Registration Begins at Hyatt Place in Lone Tree*

11:30 *Welcoming Remarks and Buffet Lunch*

Topic Denver Basin groundwater availability;
Proposed solutions to meet the South Metro water supply gap

Speaker Suzanne Paschke (U.S. Geological Survey); Jacob Bornstein (Colorado Water Conservation Board)

12:30 *Depart Hyatt Place*

Bus Topic Aquifer recharge & storage programs; South Platte Reservoir

Speaker John Hendrick (Centennial Water & Sanitation District)

1:00 *Chatfield State Park – Dam & Reservoir*

Topic Panel discussion on Chatfield Reallocation Project & mitigation measures

Speaker Tom Browning (Colorado Water Conservation Board), Scott Roush (Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Randy Knutson (Central Water Conservancy District & Western Mutual Ditch Co.) & Jeff Shoemaker (The Greenway Foundation)

2:00 *Depart Chatfield*

- 2:15 *Denver Botanic Gardens Demonstration Site*
Topic Water smart landscaping and rainwater harvesting
Speaker Larry Vickerman (Denver Botanic Gardens) & Harold Smethills (Sterling Ranch)
- 3:00 *Depart for Buffalo Herd*
Bus Topic Rural Water Users in Douglas County
Speaker Geoff Withers (Douglas County Rural Water Authority)
- 3:30 *Buffalo Herd Overlook at Daniels Park*
Topic Regional renewable water infrastructure, incl. Highlands Ranch Interconnect
Speaker Jim Worley (Castle Pines North Metropolitan District) & Suzanne Paschke (USGS)
- 4:15 *Depart Buffalo Herd*
- 4:30 *Plum Creek Wastewater Authority*
Topic Compliance with water quality regulations & nutrient standards
Speaker Martha Hahn (Plum Creek Wastewater Authority), Julie Vlier (Chatfield Basin Watershed Authority), Larry Moore, (Roxborough Water and Sanitation District) & Hope Dalton (Tri-County Health)
- 5:30 *Depart PCWA*
- 6:00 *Dinner Event at Highlands Ranch Historic Mansion*
Topic Water Ambassadors Program; Welcome to Douglas County
Speaker High school students; CFWE Board Member Chris Treese; Douglas County Commissioner Jill Repella
- 8:30 *Depart for Lodging*

Friday, June 15

- 7:00 *Hot Continental Breakfast at Hyatt Place*
- 8:00 *Depart Lone Tree*
Bus Topic Geographic overview & regional water conservation programs
Speaker Mark Shively (Douglas County Water Resources Authority)
- 8:30 *Castle Rock Town Hall*
Topic Water conservation in Castle Rock; Panel discussion on integrating land use & water supply planning
Speaker Ron Redd (Town of Castle Rock); Jason Reynolds (Town of Castle Rock), Jim McGrady (City of Castle Pines) & Tim Murrell (Douglas County)
- 10:00 *Depart Castle Rock*
Bus Topic Upstream and downstream watershed issues
Speaker Casey Davenhill (Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners)
- 10:30 *Hidden Mesa Open Space*
Topic Panel discussion on where have we been and where are we going – WISE partnership and Flaming Gorge Task Force
Speaker Britta Strother (South Metro Water Supply Authority), Pat Mulhern (Mulhern MRE, Inc) & Heather Bergman (Peak Facilitation)
- 12:00 *Depart the Grange*
- 12:15 *Lunch at Rueter-Hess Reservoir*

Topic Rueter-Hess Reservoir, partnerships and future opportunities; Cooperative arrangements between municipal providers & agricultural interests

Speaker Frank Jaeger (Parker Water & Sanitation District)

1:30 *Depart for Lone Tree and Closing Remarks*

2:00 *Tour Ends*