



**Water Efficiency Tour**  
**June 11-12, 2015**  
**DRAFT Itinerary**

Tour Goals

- Increase awareness and knowledge of the extent of water conservation and reuse along the Front Range and identify exemplary projects that other communities can use to cut their water use in the future
- Illustrate the complex relationship of increasing water efficiency, including the value and tradeoffs between local and regional systems of water storage, delivery and use
- Explore the solutions put forward in the draft of Colorado's Water Plan and convey the importance of collaboration in the efficient use of Colorado water resources

Thursday, June 11

7:30 *Registration and Refreshments at MSU-Denver Student Success Building, Room 400*

8:00 *Welcome and Introductions*

**Topic** Water conservation initiatives on Auraria Campus; Legal, technical and administrative opportunities and constraints on conservation and reuse  
**Speaker** Tom Cech, OWOW at MSU-Denver; Dick Wolfe, Division of Water Resources, Jim Witwer, Trout, Raley, Montano, Witwer & Freeman and Eric Hecox, South Metro Water Supply Authority

9:45 *Depart on tour bus*

10:00 *Denver Water Recycled Water Plant*

**Topic** Innovations in demand management through rate-setting and effective customer communications  
**Speaker** Jeff Tejral, Denver Water and Stu Feinglas, City of Westminster

11:15 *Depart with traveling commentary (Eric Hecox)*

12:00 *Lunch at Plum Creek Water Purification Facility*

**Topic** Regionalization water infrastructure and incentives for residential conservation and low impact landscape development  
**Speaker** Mark Marlowe, Town of Castle Rock

2:00 *Depart with bus presentations*

**Topic** Intersection between land use and demand for planning water wise communities  
**Speaker** Doug Scott, Meridian Metropolitan District and Harold Smethills, Sterling Ranch

3:00 *Binney Water Purification Facility at Aurora Reservoir*

**Topic** Considerations in building and financing a large-scale reuse project

- Speaker** Marshall Brown and Joe Stibrich, Aurora Water
- 5:00 *Dinner event at regional reservoir and marina*
- Topic** Welcome by local elected officials; Learning from California on historic drought response and demand management; How can Colorado's Water Plan promote existing successes and address future challenges to enact the next level of conservation
- Speaker** Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California; TBA, Colorado Water Conservation Board and Wayne Vanderschuere, Interbasin Compact Committee
- 8:00 *Conclusion of Day One*

Friday, June 12

- 8:00 *Convene and Depart from Auraria Campus*
- 8:30 *Welby Gardens*
- Topic** Production and distribution of water efficient landscaping
- Speaker** TBA, Welby Gardens and Dan Stellar, Center for ReSource Conservation
- 9:45 *Depart*
- 10:00 *Thornton's Gravel Pits*
- Topic** Strategies for river exchanges and storage options for more efficient operations of water use
- Speaker** Emily Hunt and Mark Koleber, City of Thornton
- 11:00 *Depart*
- 11:30 *Lunch at Fort St. Vrain Generating Station*
- Topic** Perspectives from the energy industry: Nexus of water-energy conservation; Reuse from Fort Collins for cooling; Oil and gas development water use
- Speaker** Rich Belt, Xcel Energy; Jason Graham, City of Fort Collins; Erik Anglund, Anadarko
- 1:00 *Depart and driving tour of operational infrastructure*
- 1:30 *Central's Koenig Reservoir*
- Topic** Return flows on the South Platte River and administrative trends of water rights; Minimizing impacts to downstream communities & agricultural interests
- Speaker** Dave Nettles, Division of Water Resources; TBA, White Sands Water Engineers, Joe Frank, Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District
- 3:30 *Depart with closing remarks*
- Topic** Next steps for Colorado: Synthesizing the possibilities given the right set of regulations, tools and support
- Speaker** Frank Kinder, Colorado WaterWise and Drew Beckwith, Western Resource Advocates
- 5:00 *Tour concludes*