

## ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS AND PANELISTS

**Becky Fedak** is an engineer as well as the water and climate practice area lead at Brendle Group, an engineering and sustainability consulting firm. She is driven to find sustainable water management solutions that bring together all interests that rely on this vital natural resource. In addition to her involvement in water related projects throughout the country, while completing her graduate work, Becky founded Running Water International, a social enterprise in Kenya that addresses the water resource challenges of the developing world.

**Becky Safarik** is the Greeley Assistant City Manager responsible for the Community Building branch of the City, which among many responsibilities includes the Poudre River Initiative. She was involved in a novel approach to integrate a public/private partnership to integrate art into trail distance and story markers which were GIS-coded for emergency response, blending multiple objectives for aesthetic, safety, and user reference along the 21-mile stretch of the Poudre River Trail in Weld County.

**Eric Reckentine**, Deputy Director of Water Resources for the City of Greeley, is responsible for Greeley's raw water management and resource planning; the City's water rights portfolio and federal permitting projects. Originally from New York, Eric came to Colorado in 1994 as a geologist to continue work for a geotechnical and environmental engineering firm and worked on environmental assessment, remediation, and regulatory compliance projects throughout North America.

**Paul Lander** is a long-time conservationist and educator, who is currently teaching classes at CU on urban water and landscape sustainability. He is committed to creating a 'water culture to match the scenery', to paraphrase Wallace Stegner. His maternal great-grandparents were married in the City of Denver in 1888, but he missed being a 4th-generation Coloradan when his mother married a 3rd-generation North Dakotan.

**Deb Freeman** is an attorney at Trout, Raley, Montano, Witwer & Freeman. Her practice emphasizes regulatory compliance under NEPA, the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and federal land management laws. Deb has assisted in the development of several broad-based resource programs designed to address the needs of federally listed species and other river values through collaborative efforts, including the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, and the Upper Colorado Wild and Scenic Stakeholder Group Plan.

**Cindy Haren** is President and CEO of Western Dairy Association and has devoted her career and lifelong learnings to agriculture & more recently dairy farm families. Serving as a Colorado Water Quality Control Commissioner in the 1990's brought insight into how important quality of water is to all aspects of our lives. Currently serving on the Sustainability Council for the U.S. Dairy Industry brings opportunities and innovations among non-traditional partners. Family and ethics in business are Haren's top two values.

**Greg Kernohan**, manager of ecosystem services for Ducks Unlimited, grew up in Ontario, Canada where he learned to whitewater kayak, fish, and hunt. Greg has developed several multi-benefit projects using wetlands to recharge the South Platte alluvial aquifer and augment river flows for the benefit of agriculture, municipal, and industrial water needs. Greg recognizes the Poudre River's importance for meeting diverse water needs, but most enjoys the short-run of whitewater every year.

**April Getchius** has been the Town Manager of Timnath since 2013. Originally from Illinois, she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Traipsing through the mountains with her husband who is a nature photographer has over the years given her a greater sense of the value of assets like the Poudre River. The planner in her also values the recreational and economic opportunities a great river provides to communities and their residents.

**Jeffrey Boring** is a Resource Specialist in Larimer County's Natural Resources Department. Jeffrey focuses on regional issues and serves as the County's Regional Trail Coordinator and represents the County on the South Platte Basin Roundtable. He enjoys working with people who care about Colorado's future and how water can serve multiple purposes. He's originally from Snellville, a small town in Georgia.

**Bruce Johnson** has focused his life on agriculture and water, starting as an Eaton boy earning national honors in 4H and FFA, and now as a real estate broker specializing in farms and water rights. He has served in leadership roles on a number of water boards and currently owns stock in three Poudre River Basin ditch companies. Bruce served on the Weld County Planning Commission and the Colorado Oil & Gas Commission. Twelve grandchildren scattered from Colorado to England also take up some of his time!

**James Pritchett** is agriculture economist at Colorado State University. He's spent a fair bit of time working on farm and ranch management issues, as well as lending a hand to rural communities in their planning and policy discussions. James and his family are avid users of the Poudre River - irrigating hay, fishing, inner-tubing and enjoying the occasional hot shower. Foremost among his goals, James wants to encourage productive and thoughtful discourse around the wise use of our water resources.

**John Stokes** is the Natural Areas Department Director for the City of Fort Collins. For the last several years John has been more closely involved in Poudre River related efforts. Those efforts have focused primarily on river health, in particular instream flows, as well as open space and recreation amenities. There is nothing John would rather do than to be outdoors - whether on a river or bird hunting with his German shorthair, Annie.

**Donnie Dustin** is the Water Resources Manager at the City of Fort Collins Utilities where he manages a group that administers, develops and protects the City's water rights and plans for future water needs of the Water Utility service area. While his job entails providing a reliable water supply for citizens from the Poudre, he and his family truly enjoy the beauty and recreation the river provides. He grew up in Maryland and played often in a "creek" nearly the size of the Poudre, which sparked his interest in water related matters.

**Amy Beatie** is the Executive Director of the Colorado Water Trust, a job that she had been honored to hold since 2007. The Trust uses win-win collaborative projects to restore and protect the state's iconic rivers, of which the Cache la Poudre is one. She loves the Cache la Poudre River because of its rich history and its amazing community.

**Randy Fischer** is a Fort Collins native who recently retired from the Colorado House of Representatives after 8 years, where he chaired the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and the joint House/Senate Interim Water Resources Review Committee. He crafted legislation on a diversity of water issues, including conservation and efficiency, conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water, and alternatives to ag "buy and dry." He is a registered professional engineer who worked on water quality issues throughout the world.

**Donna Brosemer** moved to Colorado in 2012 from Florida, where she worked with all levels of government on water and land use-related projects and policies. Her background in Florida prepared her (better than she expected) for the issues she deals with here as Government and Public Relations for Greeley Water. After spending a lifetime on the east coast, she and her husband are getting to know Colorado and the west, one road trip at a time. Remaining free time is spent with her two kids and four grandkids, with another due in April.

**Drew Beckwith** works at Western Resource Advocates, focusing on ways to keep water in our rivers, and even put more back in when possible. While camping at Ansel Watrous last summer, his 3 year old daughter caught her first fish, a highlight of the summer camping season. It's doubtful Drew has ever caught a fish in a river, despite caring so much about flowing water - there's a first time for everything!

**P. Andrew Jones** is a partner with the law firm of Lawrence Jones Custer Grasmick LLP, specializing in water law. Andy has a strong attachment to the Poudre River as a Fort Collins native, a CSU alum, and now a resident of Windsor. Andy has worked with agricultural, urban, and environmental water leaders to craft legislation to encourage ways to share water without the negative repercussions of drying up farms to supply cities with water.