

AGENDA

Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

June 25, 2026 9:00 AM

HCR 0112

State Capitol

Committee materials and live audio can be found on [the committee webpage](#).

9:00 AM Come to Order

9:05 AM Introduction of Legislative Fellows

- Legislative Council Staff

9:10 AM Update on the Farm Bill

- Victoria Maloch, Senior Policy Advisor, Agriculture and Nutrition, Office of Senator Bennet
- James Thompson, Regional Director – Northern Colorado and Eastern Plains, Office of Senator Bennet
- Patrick Donovan, State Director, Office of Senator Bennet
- Ashley House, Colorado Farm Bureau

9:40 AM Report on the Republican River Economic Study

- Jordan Sauter, Colorado Water Center

10:00 AM Future of Severance Tax Task Force Report

- Karen Schlatter, Director, Colorado Water Center
- Mindy Bridges, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, Colorado Water Center
- Rebecca Hill, Extension Professor, Colorado State University
- Nate Pearson, Assistant Director for Water Policy, Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) (virtual for questions)

10:30 AM Presentation on Colorado's Interruptible Water Supply Agreement Statute

Panel 1

- Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources

Panel 2

- Bill Tyner, Principal of Tyner Engineering & Sciences, Former Division 2 Water Engineer
- Dale Mauch, Owner of Mauch Farms & Super Ditch Board Member

- Brad Lubbers, Owner of Lubber Farms, & Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District Water Resources Specialist

11:00 AM Discussion on the Lesser Prairie Chicken

Panel 1

- Reid DeWalt, Deputy Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Dr. Nicole Rosmarino, Director, State Land Board
- James Lester, Senior Policy Lead on Transmission, Climate, and Energy, Colorado Energy Office

Panel 2

- Quintana Hayden, Senior Director, Wildlife & Federal Lands, American Clean Power Association
- Chris Menges, Sr. Manager - Siting and Permitting, Interwest Energy Alliance (virtual/questions only)
- Will Duggins, Westervelt Ecological Services
- Dallas May, Landowner, May Ranch - Lamar, Colorado
- Commissioner R.J. Jolly, Cheyenne County

11:45 AM Perkins Canal Update

- Jason Ullman, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources

12:00 PM Lunch

12:45 PM Colorado River Update

Panel 1

- Becky Mitchell, Colorado River Commissioner
- Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources
- Amy Ostdiek, Interstate Section Chief, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Panel 2

- Andy Mueller, Colorado River District
- *Additional panelists to be determined*

1:30 AM Update on the Colorado Drought Task Force

- Lauren Ris, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board

2:00 PM Presentation on Illegal Ponds

Panel 1

- Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources

Panel 2

- Bill Wombacher, Attorney, Nazareus Stack & Wombacher

2:30 PM Discussion on Water Conservation in Agriculture

- Taylor Szilagyi, Executive Vice President at Colorado Farm Bureau, Protect Colorado Ag Water Coalition

3:00 PM Discussion on Large Load Data Center Water Use

- Lindsay Rogers, Western Resource Advocates
- Tom Klein, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures

3:45 PM Public Testimony

4:00 PM Adjourn