

# AGENDA

## Water Resources and Agriculture Review Committee

June 25, 2026 9:00 AM

HCR 0112

State Capitol

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*Committee materials and live streaming 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
- Rebecca Hill, Colorado Water Center
- Don Brown, Board Member, Republican River Water Conservation District

**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 (DNR)

**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 (DNR)

### **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 (DNR)
- Amy Ostdiek, Interstate Section Chief, Colorado Water Conservation Board (DNR)

#### **Panel 2**

- Andy Mueller, General Manager, Colorado River District
- Alan Salazar, CEO/Manager, Denver Water
- Brad Wind, General Manager, Northern Water

### **1:30 AM Update on the Colorado Drought Task Force**

- Lauren Ris, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board (DNR)

- Jenna Battson, Lead Drought and Conservation Analyst, Colorado Water Conservation Board (DNR)

**2:00 PM Presentation on Illegal Ponds**

**Panel 1**

- Jason Ullmann, State Engineer, Division of Water Resources (DNR)

**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
- Kyri Baker, Associate Professor, University of Colorado, Boulder

**3:45 PM Public Testimony**

- Individuals may sign up for public testimony on the [General Assembly website](#).

**4:00 PM Adjourn**