



## A LOOK AT HISTORY

Construction of the Alva B. Adams Tunnel, a feature of the C-BT Project, began in 1940. The tunnel drops 109 feet in elevation over its 13.1 mile length and is 3,800 feet below the Continental Divide at its deepest point. The tunnel transfers water from the Colorado River drainage to Colorado's Front Range. Construction was suspended in 1943 for nearly a year due to WWII, but was completed on March 31, 1944. When the tunnel was holed through, NBC Radio broadcast the event live throughout the United States.

SOURCE: Bureau of Reclamation.

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Increasing demand for municipal water supplies along the Front Range, symbolized here by the growth of subdivisions on former farmlands, was one of the issues which prompted the creation of the IBCC process.

Courtesy of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

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Boy irrigating alfalfa, date unknown.

Courtesy of City of Greeley Museums, Permanent Collection. source: Bureau of Reclamation.



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**MARK MARLOWE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6-68**

operations and lead a team of 79 employees in their mission of providing excellent service to over 55,000 residents. I also serve on a number of regional water boards including the South Metro Water Supply Authority and the WISE Authority. Prior to becoming the Utilities Director for the Town in March of 2013, I spent 10 years with Dalton (GA) Utilities most recently as the Senior Vice President of Watershed Services. In this position, I was responsible for running the water, wastewater, and stormwater business unit, an award winning full service utility that provided water service to approximately 100,000 people in Northwest Georgia. My career also includes experience working for General Electric as a project manager as well as several regional consulting/engineering firms in the Southeast over approximately a 10 year period before joining Dalton Utilities.

I earned a Bachelor of Arts (Russian Studies and Mathematics) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. I also hold a Master of Environmental Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and am a licensed professional engineer in Colorado and Georgia. I have been a Rotarian since 2005 and served as the President of the Rotary Club of Dalton during the 2011 to 2012 Rotary year.

I am currently a member of the Rotary Club of Castle Rock. I live in Castle Rock with my wife and two children, Brett and Cecilia. I am an avid soccer fan, and coach my daughters in my spare time. My family supported my desire to come to Castle Rock to join Castle Rock Water because water is recognized by the community as the most important thing for the long term success of the community. I loved the idea of being a part of a community where the importance of water was recognized.

I spent the early part of my career searching for meaning in my life. First, I started searching in the environmental industry, but when I took a position with a water utility and became part of the mission of providing clean water and sanitation, I found my calling. In addition to loving water for all kinds of reasons (you need water for coffee and even more importantly hot showers a.k.a. heaven on earth), I quickly realized that it is the people in this "water" industry that make it so fulfilling. The people are servants of society in the truest sense of the word. Generally, they do what they do out of the sheer caring and loving of the communities they serve, not for money or recognition or any other reason. I cherish working with these people.

I am most proud of being selected and given the opportunity to work with the Castle Rock water team to secure the communities long term renewable water future. Castle Rock has a top notch team and has been a statewide leader in water conservation and long term water planning for many years. To get the opportunity to come from a utility in Georgia, and help lead this amazing team's efforts in Colorado, where water is king, is nothing short of a great honor.

My hope for water supply for the future is that we reach a point on earth where all human beings get to enjoy a hot shower, a clean bathroom, a cool glass of crystal clear tap water, and clean/safe natural water bodies for their beauty and recreational value. Of course, my other hope and quite honestly mission in life is to teach the world about the value of tap water, the best deal on the planet, a value thousands of times better than bottled water or anything else you can buy anywhere with money. I love spending my time working towards that future for my local community and when I get the opportunity, for others across the globe. I will work towards this future till I drop dead or am otherwise required by circumstances to retire from this mission.

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**HAROLD GRIFFITH, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6-118**

Born and raised in Fort Morgan, graduating from Fort Morgan High School in 1958, me and my late wife, Karenjo, owned Griffith Dairy in Morgan County where I milked Grade A cows for more than 50 years. We have nine children, 3 boys and 6 girls, as well as 22 grandchildren.

Passionate about water concerns in eastern Colorado, I spent much of my time as a farmer negotiating water agreements for Morgan County and beyond. I became a member of the Board of Directors for Fort Morgan Irrigation and Reservoir Company in 1977, became president in 1979 and helped with the establishment of the water court filing standards. also helped create a cadillac water plan for Morgan County residents. During my tenure with the commonly known Morgan Ditch Company, I was able to negotiate agreements with the City of Fort Morgan for parks and golf course water use and city of Brush for their municipal wells. One of my biggest accomplishments was the agreement with Public Service Company of Colorado, which created a 40 year lease for the water and sprinkler market.

Why did I do this? I am passionate about negotiating solutions so that farmers can continue to farm and do not run out of water. I am proud of the work I've done for the ditch system. These agreements have boosted the local economy for the Fort Morgan and Brush communities.

I am perhaps most proud of being part of and helping to create the Morgan County Dairy Calf Catch-it program. When participation dwindled to just a few students, I joined with other dairy farmers, and together created the Dairy Calf Catch-it program. A two-year program, students are given a dairy heifer to raise and care for before showing at the County Fair. The average price for the champion Dairy Heifer in the last two years has been \$5,000. And in 2015, the Catch-It program had 12 participants. Although it is sponsored by local dairy farmers, veterinarians, and citizens, I believe it is about the students, not the sponsors.

In my youth, I was president of a Future Farmers of America chapter and head of the parliamentary procedure team (a skill I still use today). And I still use my Ag Work Manual on a regular basis – refer to it all the time.

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**ROBERT T. SAKATA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6-144**

the risk associated with new inventive approaches and change.

I am a Colorado native, born and raised in Brighton Colorado on a family farm started by my father Bob Sakata. Currently, my parents, Joanna and Bob, and I are one of the largest fresh market sweet corn growers in Colorado. We also grow broccoli, cabbage, dry bulb onions, pinto beans, field corn, wheat, and barley. My father taught me the importance of investing in good land with good water and to care for those resources like family. With that upbringing, my interest has always been in science, and I worked for AmGen before going back to the farm. I served on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission for 15 years, was a member of the Metro Basin Roundtable since its inception, and serve on the board of directors for several of the mutual ditch companies that my family farm receives irrigation water from.

Brighton, CO is where I was born and raised and now find myself growing old! Being just north of the Denver metropolitan area I have seen lots of changes but I couldn't ask for a better place to live. Once strictly a farming community, we still have a Cabbage Avenue na, which has grown to include many different industries. We maintain that small community feel...but it's great that we are only minutes away from all of the big city activities that the Denver metropolitan area has to offer.

It was such an honor to serve the citizens of Colorado on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission for 15 years. In the semi-arid climate that we live in I think most people are keenly aware of water quantity issues but often as a headwaters state we take for granted water quality. In the past there has been a distinct division between water quantity and quality but as the resource becomes more limited the linkage between the two will mandate cooperative management discussions in order to meet both needs.

The Colorado Water Plan along with the Statewide Water Supply Initiative have highlighted the demands that will be placed on our water resources and my hope is simply that we don't end having water wars... like the song says, can't we just all get along? There will have to be a lot of creative minds that develop some unique partnerships to share this limited resource. To grow high quality, nutritious fresh vegetables we need good soil, a good climate and a reliable supply of high quality irrigation water - it's as simple as that - no water-no food.

To be a farmer requires a person to have a lot of faith and belief that what you are doing is going to all work out. When you prepare the soil in the spring, plant the seed, irrigate and nurture it through the summer you are hoping that after months of dedication, you will finally be able to harvest your crop. No different than that, Coloradans need to step up and know that planning for tomorrow is more important than what we may desire for today. I truly believe that locally grown fresh nutritious vegetables are an important piece of the overall well being of our society. When I went off to college the last thing I wanted to be was a farmer because watching how hard my parents worked when I grew up I knew that there had to be an easier way to earn a living. My goal was to get into molecular cellular research and to find the cure for cancer...little did I realize then that as a vegetable farmer I was already providing the cure...and now as a farmer I feel I am doing more than I ever could in oncology research. I am committed to ensure that I can continue to play an important role in being a part of creating my hope for the future... as a farmer.

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**JACKIE BROWN, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6-158**

done wisely in a manner that allowed slower growing basins to develop in their own time. I hope to see SB1177 continue, which supports collaboration.

I grew up in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I am a self-proclaimed lifelong learner who has studied at Boston University, the University of Colorado and Colorado State University. I have a diverse career background spanning project and business management, natural resources, and of course, water in the west. I am currently the Natural Resource Policy Advisor to Tri-State Generation and Transmission. I live in the mountains with a fantastic husband, a four-year old son, and a stubborn black lab puppy who all remind me constantly of the important things in life – not cleanliness.

I became addicted to water at a young age – constantly drenched in fluid or frozen water. My interest in policy came about in 1999 on a trip through the Grand Canyon. As a water rat once said, "there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats" (*Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame). Living in Steamboat Springs in 2008, I began attending Basin Roundtable Meetings and the rest is history. It gives me great pleasure to work with people and the resource that sustains us.