

Colorado Water Conservation Board Staff Listing and Duties

Director/Management

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
James Eklund	Director	Determines policy, supervises section staff	3214
Allison Franz	Assistant to Director, Board Coordinator, PIO	Director's calendar, travel, etc. Board meeting organization, public information issues	3249
Tom Browning	Deputy Director, Integrated Resources	Supervises Water Supply Planning, Watershed & Flood, Instream Flow sections, various administrative duties	3208
VACANT	Deputy Director, Resource Management	Supervises Finance, Interstate & Federal, Administrative sections, various administrative duties	

Administrative Section: Performs the daily administrative operations of the CWCB including budgeting, accounting, personnel, reception, and general office management.

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
Tina Heltzel	Budget Analyst	Budget, personnel issues, admin staff supervision	3218
Steve Shull	Accountant	AR/AP, invoices, contracts, purchase orders	3235
Doug Mahan	Office Coordinator	Coordinates general office operations	3244
VACANT	Administrative Assistant	Front Desk, general office duties	3223

Finance Section: Oversees low interest loans and grants for water users to build or improve existing water systems. Approval of projects comes from the Construction Fund Bill each year. Loans and grants are made through the Severance Tax Fund.

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
Kirk Russell	Section Chief	Supervises section staff	3232
Steve Biondo	Finance Accountant	Loans, grants, and project financial duties; all phases.	3205
Elgin Turner	Administrative Assistant	General administrative support	3256
Jonathan Hernandez	P.E., Project Feasibility	Project, loan and grant feasibility and application	3234
Peg Mason	Contracts	Manages contracts for projects, loans and grants	3227
Anna Mauss	P.E., Marketing	Planning and marketing, promotes program to water users	3224
Derek Johnson	P.E. Project Manager	Project, loan & grant feasibility, application, construction	3245
Jodie Tavares	Program Assistant	Program Data Management & Staff Support	3247

Interstate, Federal & Water Information Section: Monitors the enforcement of interstate compact agreements that decree how much water each state is entitled to for each river Colorado shares. Monitors compacts on the Colorado and Arkansas Rivers (the State Engineers Office monitors compacts on the Rio Grande, Republican and South Platte). Works on RICD (recreational in-channel diversion) and endangered species issues. The Water Information group manages, develops and implements Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS), which include a comprehensive water

resource database, GIS data, and analytical tools and models for assisting in water resource planning and management.

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
VACANT	Section Chief	Supervises section staff	3220
Michelle Garrison	Water Resource Specialist	CDSS (Colorado Decision Support System) modeling, Gunnison River Issues, Colorado mainstream issues	3213
Suzanne Sellers	Project Manager	Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, RICD Program, Wild and Scenic	3233
Erik Skeie	Program Assistant	Programmatic and logistical support for the section, Director's Report creation, Historical info spec.	3245
Steve Miller	Water Resource Specialist	Arkansas River issues, Colorado River salinity and selenium issues, some tamarisk/phreatophyte [main lead is Chris Sturm], irrigation efficiency	3228
Andy Moore	CDSS Manager	Manages Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS) statewide; South Platte groundwater issues	3229
Carolyn Fritz	GIS Coordinator	GIS modeling, maps, spatial analysis, web updates/maintenance	3212
Vacant	IT Mgr/Database Coordinator	Agency imaging project manager, IT issues, IBCC website	3221
Heinz Weichselbaumer	IT Support Analyst	Agency IT issues, new computer set up, trouble shooting, repairs	3239

Stream and Lake Protection/In-Stream Flow Section: Works to support and protect the Board's appropriation instream flow water rights (water rights decreed to keep water in a reach of stream to preserve the natural environment). Reviews pending water court applications and files statements of opposition. Brings acquisitions of water rights for instream flow use to the Board. Monitors and enforces instream flow water rights.

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
Linda Bassi	Section Chief	Supervises section staff	3204
Jeff Baessler	Deputy Section Chief	New appropriations and physical protection areas	3202
Brian Epstein	Hydrographer	Physical monitoring of streams and lakes; gaging issues	3253
Rob Viehl	Water Resource Specialist	Reviews new instream flow appropriations	3237
Don West	Water Resource Engineer	ISF water rights engineering issues	3216
Kaylea White	Senior Water Resource Specialist	Legal protection & acquisition program areas	3240
Brandy Logan	Hydrologist	Water availability for instream flow appropriations, Wild and Scenic issues	3241

Watershed & Flood Protection Section: Works with floodplains, assists communities in flood mitigation planning, and assists when actual floods occur. Reviews and recommends approval of floodplain resolutions and plans. Works in weather modification and the Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project. Works with FEMA.

Name	Title	Duties	Phone
Kevin Houck	Section Chief	Supervises section staff	3219
Joe Busto	Water Resource Specialist	Weather modification, South Platte River in Denver	3209

Stephanie Dibetitto	Hazard Mapping Specialist	FEMA related issues, floodplain mapping and permitting, flood insurance, floodplain manager certification	3221
Thuy Patton	Floodplain Mapping Coordinator	Flood map mitigation assistance, FEMA related issues, coordinator for digital flood insurance rate map (DFIRM)	3230
Chris Sturm	Stream Restoration Coordinator	Watershed protection, stream restoration, and coalition building	3236
Water Supply Planning Section: Promotes water use efficiency while providing public information and financial assistance for water conservation planning. Promotes drought planning by assisting communities to prepare and implement drought mitigation plans. Administers Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA) Grant Program. Part of the Basin Round Table Process and Interbasin Compact Commission (IBCC). Manages SWSI Program (Statewide Water Supply Initiative).			
Name	Title	Duties	Phone
John Stulp	IBCC Chair	IBCC related , special advisor to the Governor	3257
Becky Mitchell	Section Chief	Supervises section staff	3217
Taryn Finnessey	Climate Change Specialist	Climate Change (including HB 13-1293), Drought response and preparedness	3231
Kevin Reidy	Conserv Tech Specialist	Tech assistance regarding conservation program planning	3252
Mara Mackillop	Public Engagement	Oversees CWCB Water Efficiency Grant Fund Program	3242
Ben Wade	Water Conserv Coordinator	Coordinates public information and K-12 education efforts. Administers CWCB Water Efficiency Grant Fund Program.	3238
VACANT	Program Manager	Non-consumptive needs, energy related, public education	3248
Viola Bralish	Administrative Assistant	General office operations, IBCC activities	3206
Brent Newman	Program Manager	WSRA program, agricultural needs, water supply projects	3222
Craig Godbout	Program Manager	Manages WSRA & ATM Grant Program, manages projects funded through both programs	3210
Dori Vigil	Program Assistant	WSRA grants, procurements, accounting, invoices	3250