



# Colorado Ag Water Alliance

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Dear CWCB,

The **CAWA Ag Water Workshop** in the South Platte Basin took place July 13, 2016 at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush, Colorado. There were 89 attendees and the event was well received. Our meeting was covered by *The Barn Media*, *1010KSIR*, *The Fort Morgan Times*, *The Brush News-Tribune*, and *The Sterling Journal-Advocate*.

The program covered opportunities for cost sharing of efficiency improvements, water leasing programs, and concerns about "use it or lose it." Speakers at the event included Gene Manuello from the Colorado Ag Water Alliance, Joe Frank from the South Platte Basin Roundtable, State Engineer Dick Wolfe, Greg Kernohan from Ducks Unlimited, Todd Doherty from Western Water Partnerships, Chris Kraft from Fort Morgan Ditch Co., Mike Applegate from Applegate and Associates, John Schweizer from the Super Ditch Board, Gerald Knapp from the City of Aurora, Phil Brink from Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and MaryLou Smith from CSU's Colorado Water Institute.

The workshop ended with an hour-long discussion where we received valuable input from producers. That input is being included in a white paper CAWA is presenting at the IBCC meeting in November. Over a third of the attendees (33) filled out evaluations for the event. The majority of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the information and the dialogue in the workshop was helpful **Appendix A**.

## Project Budget

Expenses for the event totaled \$2,151.21 and 89 people attended, making the program cost per attendee \$24.17. The labor fees described below totaled \$1,085.00.

Labor	Hours	Total
Coordinating	27	945.00
Driving	4	140.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		1085.00

The cost of materials amounted to \$1,066.21. The majority of these expenses were for supplying food for attendees.

Expense	Quantity	Total
Lunch	90	908.92
Printing, badges, and other materials		48.51



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Mileage	222 miles (0.49 cents per mile)	108.78
	<b>Grand Total</b>	1066.21

CAWA was able to limit expenses. We were able to obtain the venue and advertising leading up to the event free of charge.

## Project Outcome

The presentations and videos from the workshop are in the process of being added to the CAWA website, and the websites for the South Platte and Metro Basin Roundtables.

The workshop has led to efforts to expand CAWA's outreach in the basin. Many people were pleased with the content of the workshop and we are already beginning efforts to develop a condensed version that can be presented to various ditch companies in the South Platte Basin.

CAWA really appreciates the generous funding from the CWCB and the South Platte Basin Roundtable. This assistance has already gone a long way in helping our organization achieve its goals and better inform producers about water issues in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Greg Peterson



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## Appendix A

I found the following information and dialogue helpful

	Strongly disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Strongly agree
	1	2	3	4	5
Today's workshop as a whole			3	14	14
What the Colorado Water Plan and South Platte Basin Implementation Plan saw about Agriculture and what that means to Ag		1	5	21	5
The role of CAWA and what they are doing			9	20	8
The future of water storage in the basin as a means of taking pressure off agriculture		4	7	15	8
Motivations and methods to increase water efficiency		1	12	16	4
Motivations and methods to reduce water consumption for leasing		1	11	19	3
"Use it or lose it" - separating the myth from the reality, and how that affects my water use		2	10	13	8
The Arkansas Valley Super Ditch as an example of temporary water leasing		3	6	15	9
What Colorado Ag producers surveyed think of water leasing	1		7	19	6
What various groups, including cities, are promoting in regard to water leasing agreements		2	4	20	7
What my fellow Ag producers are thinking about some of these ideas		2	7	16	5