

**Water Legacy – Phase 1 Report**  
**October 2019**

*On the behalf of the Poudre Heritage Alliance and the Colorado State University Water Resources Archive, we would like to thank all of our Water Legacy participants and sponsors!*

Interviewee	Funding support	Deliverables
Tom Sharp	Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a> <a href="#">Educational Video</a>
Eric Wilkinson	Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a> , Educational Video (in editing process)
John Stulp	CO Bank	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a> , Educational Video (in editing process)
Alan Hamel	Colorado Water Conservation Board	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a>
Travis Smith	Colorado Water Conservation Board	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a>
Patricia Wells	Colorado Water Conservation Board	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a>
David Robbins	Colorado Water Conservation Board	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a>
Russell George	Colorado Water Conservation Board	<a href="#">Video Interview &amp; Transcript</a>
Mike Shimmin	Colorado Bar Association	Video Interview & Transcript (recorded September 2019)

- **Budget Overview**

- \$36,395 in program support to date (October 2019)
- \$25,973 allocated towards specific program deliverables/expenses (October 2019)

- **Feedback**

- This collaborative oral/video history program was presented to the Metro and South Platte Basin roundtables as part of an additional Colorado Water Plan grant application through the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Both roundtables provided letters of support for the Water Legacy program. The selection of interviewees has been particularly well received by the water community.
- Alan Hamel stated in interview (p.14 of transcript): “And so I think what CSU is doing with this, and the archives is just great, to be part of it I feel very fortunate.”
- From another participant via email: “Thank you for pulling this project together, I am grateful for being included with my friends and heroes!”

- **Publicity**
  - CSU Water Resources Archives eNewsletter, August 2019
  - Colorado Water Congress summer meeting, August 2019
  - Poudre Heritage Alliance e-news: [September 2019 edition](#)
  - Facebook/social media
- **Content Overview**
  - The current list of interviewees encompasses many different watersheds and regions including Pueblo, Yampa River, San Luis Valley, Arkansas River, Denver Metro area, and Northern Water.
  - Many perspectives and stories have been shared about the basin roundtables and the Inter-basin Compact Committee, the Colorado Water Plan, various water projects, irrigation best practices, water law cases, municipal compared to agricultural water usage, eastern/western slope relations, and many more topics.
  - The educational videos so far have focused on recreational in-channel diversions, collaboration/cooperation, and agriculture's impact on Colorado water policy.
- **Public Benefit**
  - Free access online via [CSU Water Resources Archive](#) and [PHA video archive](#)
  - Educational videos will be incorporated into curriculums for PHA's volunteer training initiatives, youth outreach efforts, and other programs
  - Information, anecdotes, and opinions from these water leaders have been captured and preserved for long-term access and use
- **Next steps**
  - PHA may create an educational video based off of Mike Shimmin's interview and/or develop a water-law/prior appropriation themed video utilizing footage from all the interviewees
  - PHA is working with the Poudre Runs Through It Group to fund and interview MaryLou Smith and other Poudre-related individuals before the end of 2019
  - The additional Colorado Water Plan grant will notify awardees by December 2019. If PHA and the CSU Water Resources Archive receive the grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, then we will be able to complete 10-14 more interviews