
Stewarding western water

Bipartisan programs for state lawmakers to address the challenges
and opportunities of managing water resources.



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Our story is one of excellence

WHY THIS WORK IS CRITICAL



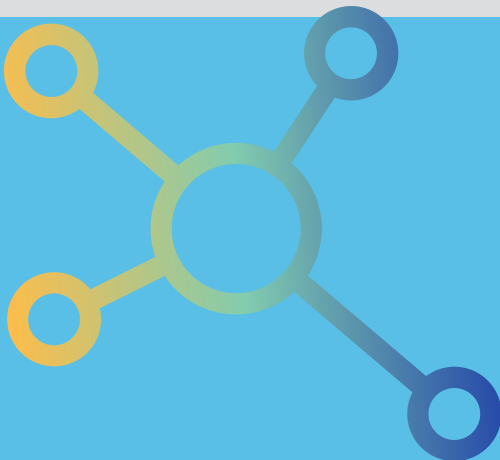
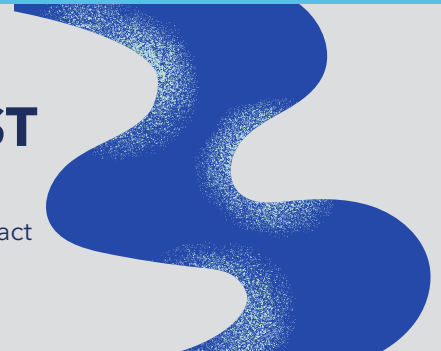
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Sustaining our essential river systems into the future

CREATES SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF WATER GOVERNANCE IN THE WEST

Translating and communicating what it means

Unpacks compacts, agreements, and water rights, and explores the history and impact of state to state, cross border, and tribal relations along shared river systems.



CONVENES DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES PRIORITIES & PARTNERSHIPS

Informing collaborative policy making on water management

Gathers federal, state, tribal, and NGOs working across agricultural, energy, public lands, and conservation and restoration sectors, including Canada and Mexico to examine current challenges and form regional perspectives on water use, energy security, agricultural production and shared

PROMOTES INNOVATION IN WATER, AGRICULTURE, & ENERGY POLICIES

Surfacing best practices

Spotlights the energy and environmental challenges and work toward collaborative solutions to strengthen and support energy security and resilience, food safety, security, and environmental health across the west.



These programs help lawmakers decide and communicate on water management tools and strategies, aquatic and other invasive species threats, and to develop regional approaches that influences water system rule-making collaboratively.



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Colorado River Forum

SEPT. 12-16, 2023 | PINEDALE, WYOMING



The Colorado River Forum is a nonpartisan venue for state legislators of the seven Colorado River Basin States in the U.S., as well as the bordering Mexican states of Baja California and Sonora. The Forum offers state legislators an opportunity to engage in collaborative conversation with colleagues well as well as key stakeholders.

CALIFORNIA ARIZONA NEVADA NEW MEXICO COLORADO
WYOMING UTAH SONORA BAJA CALIFORNIA

Issues of study and discussion this year will include:

- Consequences and Impacts of the Seven State Agreement
- The Current State of the Colorado River System Hydrology
- Wyoming Natural Diversity Data Base: Flood Irrigation and Ecological Benefits to Green River Basin of Wyoming
- Conservation, Fisheries, and Wetlands in Wyoming
- Industrial Water Use in Wyoming
- 2026 and Beyond: Key Considerations for Future Governance

EVENT DETAILS

September 12-16
Sublette County Public Library
155 S Tyler Ave,
Pinedale, WY 82941

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Collaboratively influencing the rule-making that will govern the Colorado River into the future.



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Legislative Council on River Governance

OCTOBER 16-19, 2023 - WHITEFISH, MONTANA

Join us in Montana for the 2023 LCRG meeting to engage with lawmakers from the four Columbia and Snake River basin states in a relaxed, yet collaborative setting. Learn about new innovations, policy issues, and perspectives from across the Pacific Northwest.

"The Columbia is absolutely critical to life in the Pacific Northwest. The LCRG provides a forum for legislators to discuss, collaborate, and work on solutions."

-Oregon Senator Bill Hansell

WASHINGTON

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MONTANA

OREGON

Issues of study and discussion this year will include:

- Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty
- Preventing, Detecting, and Mitigating Invasive Species
- Managing Columbia River Basin Fisheries
- Collaborating with the Salish and Confederated Kootenai Tribes
- Fostering the "Crown of the Continent" Partnership

EVENT DETAILS

OCTOBER 16-19, 2023

The Grouse Mountain Lodge
2 Fairway Drive
Whitefish, MT 59937

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A scenic photograph of the Columbia River flowing through a lush green forest. In the background, snow-capped mountains rise under a clear blue sky. The river's surface is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery.

*Fostering opportunities for regional
collaboration on the Columbia River
Treaty modernization and the Columbia
River Initiative.*



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Committee Work

Collaborating on the critical issues facing our states.

All legislators are invited to join these sessions at the [CSG West Annual Meeting](#).

AGRICULTURE & WATER

Addressing urgent challenges in water management, food production, distribution, safety and security

The west produces the lion's share of our nation's meat, dairy, fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains, pulses, and legumes. These resources require timely, adaptive, and water-intelligent solutions. The Agriculture and Water Committee engages western legislators on the challenges and opportunities that government and communities face in managing water resources and agriculture to:

- Mitigate the impacts of megadrought
- Strengthen supply chains and infrastructure
- Increase forage availability
- Address workforce shortages

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

Accessing reliable, affordable, and secure energy to support a vibrant, diverse West

As states continue to navigate both familiar and new energy challenges, the Energy & Environment Committee is the forum where legislators exchange information and ideas to:

- Diversify energy resources, including meeting net-zero carbon targets.
- Update and build energy infrastructure to onboard solar, wind, marine, and other renewable energy sources to the grid.
- Address energy affordability challenges.
- Unpack environmental costs of consumer packaging, destructive wildfires, smoke and debris, and water and air pollution.

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