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## Colorado River Forum

SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2023 - PINEDALE, WYOMING



### AGENDA

By invitation of the Wyoming Joint Select Water Committee and the Wyoming Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee, members of the CSG West Colorado River Forum are welcome to attend their legislative meetings that will focus on water prior to the welcome reception and dinner on Tuesday, September 12. The committees will convene from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sublette County School District Boardroom, 665 North Taylor Road, Pinedale, WY 82941. Please contact CSG West staff for more information or if you would be interested in attending.

#### Tuesday, September 12

**5:15-5:45 pm Fremont Lake Dam Tour (depart from Lakeside Lodge)**

**6:00-9:00 pm Welcome Reception & Dinner**

Location: Lakeside Lodge

99 Forest service Rd #111

Pinedale, WY 82941

Hosts: Senator Larry Hicks (WY), Co-Chair, Colorado River Forum

Assemblyman Howard Watts (NV), Co-Chair, Colorado River Forum

#### Wednesday, September 13

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm Tour of Fontenelle Dam**

Attendees to meet in the lobby of the Hampton Inn and Suites at 7:45 a.m. Shuttle will depart at 8:00 am and return at 5:00 pm. Comfortable layered clothing recommended. Please bring Government issued photo Identification for access to Fontenelle Dam facilities. **Closed Toe Shoes required.**

**6:00 pm Dinner**

Location: Pitchfork Fondue

9888 US-191

Pinedale, WY 82941



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Thursday, September 14

- 7:00 am**                      **Breakfast on own**
- 7:30 a.m.**                      **Meet in the Lobby of Hampton Inn & Suites – Transportation to Sublette County Public Library** \*The Sublette County Public Library is approximately 10 minutes from the hotel.  
Location: Sublette County Public Library  
155 S Tyler Ave, Pinedale, WY 82941
- 8:00 am**                      **Welcome and Member Introductions**  
Senator Larry Hicks (WY) & Assemblymember Howard Watts (NV)  
Co-Chairs of the CSG West Colorado River Forum
- 8:30 am**                      **The Current State of the Colorado River System Hydrology**  
Featured Speaker: Noe Santos, the Lower Colorado Basin River Operations Manager,  
U.S. Department of Interior
- 9:45 am**                      **The Seven State Agreement: Upper Basin Insights & Perspective**  
Featured Speakers: Brandon Gebhardt, Wyoming State Engineer, and Chris Brown,  
Office of Wyoming Attorney General
- 10:30 am**                      **The Seven State Agreement: Lower Basin Insights & Perspective**  
Featured Speaker: Greg Walch, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- 11:15 am**                      **2026 and Beyond: Key Considerations for Future Governance**  
Featured Speaker, federal perspective: Carly Jerla, US Bureau of Reclamation  
Featured Speakers, state and basin perspectives: Brandon Gebhart (WY), Greg Walch  
(NV), Chris Brown (WY)  
Followed by comments and Q&A from members, distinguished speakers, and audience.
- 12:15 pm**                      **Lunch**
- 1:15 pm**                      **Call Back to Order**  
Senator Hicks and Assemblymember Watts
- 1:20 pm**                      **Wyoming Water Development Commission**  
Featured Speaker: Jason Mead, Director
- 1:50 pm**                      **Post 2026 Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead**  
Featured Speakers: Brandon Gebhart, Wyoming State Engineer, and Chris Brown, Office  
of Wyoming Attorney General
- 2:30 pm**                      **Industrial Water Use in Wyoming**  
Featured Speaker: Aaron Reichel, Trona Industry



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- 3:00 pm**                    **Upper Basin System Conservation Pilot Program**  
Featured Speaker: Chuck Collum, Executive Director, Upper Colorado River Commission
- 3:45 pm**                    **Conservation, Fisheries and Wetlands, and the Benefits of Flood Irrigation**  
Featured Speakers: Corey Toye, Trout Unlimited, and Jennifer Lamb, The Nature Conservancy
- 4:30 pm**                    **Adjourn**  
**Free Night**

Friday, September 15

- 8:00 am**                    **Meet in the Lobby of Hampton Inn & Suites – Transportation to Sublette County Public Library**  
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- 8:30 am**                    **Meeting Called to Order**  
Senator Larry Hicks (WY) and Assemblymember Howard Watts (NV)  
Co-Chairs, CSG West Colorado River Forum
- 8:45 am**                    **New Federal Investments in the Colorado River Basin**  
Featured Speaker: Grayford Payne, US Bureau of Reclamation
- 9:45 am**                    **Priorities 2024: Rapid Roundtable on CRF Topics**  
Assemblyman Watts
- 10:15 am**                    **Colorado River Forum Business**
- CSG West Director’s Report
  - Announcement: 2024 Meeting Location and Dates
  - Passing of the Gavel
- 11:00 am**                    **Adjourn**