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**UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN RESOURCE: GROUNDWATER
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Monday, June 15, 1992

Morning (Joint Session): Overview of the Resource and the Law

This session will explain the fundamentals of groundwater hydrology and the legal principles of groundwater allocation and management that have developed in response to each of four examples of groundwater problems.

- *8:30 Welcome
 Sarah F. Bates, Natural Resources Law Center
 Amy Lange, P.E., President, Colorado Ground-Water Association
- *8:40 A [Very Brief] Primer on Groundwater Law
 Lawrence J. MacDonnell, Natural Resources Law Center
- *9:00 Fundamental Groundwater Hydrology and Well Hydraulics
 Ed Gutentag, U.S. Geological Survey, Lakewood, Colorado
- *9:30 Well-to-well Interference and Groundwater Mining: the Legal Framework
 Prof. David Aiken, Dept of Agricultural Economics, University of
 Nebraska
- *10:00 Break
- *10:20 Aquifer/Stream Relationships and Aquifer Recharge
 Robert Longenbaugh, Professional Engineer, Lakewood, Colorado
- *10:50 The Legal Framework for Aquifer Issues
 Prof. Douglas Grant, University of Idaho School of Law
- *11:20 Discussion

*11:45 Lunch Speaker: Professor Albert Utton, University of New Mexico School of Law, International Groundwater Issues in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region (East Dining Room, lower level UMC)

Monday Afternoon (Legal Session): Case Studies--Issues in Groundwater Development

The principles of groundwater hydrology and law outlined in the morning session will be illustrated in the context of current groundwater development proposals in Colorado and Nevada.

1:15 Exporting Groundwater from Colorado's San Luis Valley: The AWDI Proposal

Panel:

Eric Harmon, P.E., Vice President, HRS Water Consultants, Inc.,
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Charles B. White, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Madden, Denver

Steven E. Vandiver, Division III Engineer, Alamosa, Colorado

Discussion and questions

3:00 Break

3:20 Meeting Urban Water Demands in Nevada: The Las Vegas Proposal

Panel:

Terry Katzer, Las Vegas Water District, Nevada

George Benesch, Benesch & Fermoile, Reno, Nevada

E. Michael Turnipseed, Nevada State Engineer, Division of Water
Resources, Carson City, Nevada

Discussion and questions

5:00 End of day

*6:15 Cookout on Flagstaff Mtn. (must preregister)

Monday Afternoon (Technical Session): Groundwater Modeling Issues in Groundwater Development

This session will explore the technical and legal issues concerning groundwater modeling for groundwater development. Experienced professionals will discuss the technical aspects of model selection, conceptualization, data input, parameter estimation, calibration, verification, sensitivity analysis, and error analysis. Following technical discussions, the speakers will be joined by an experienced water attorney in a panel discussion to examine how these technical issues are often amplified and resolved in a litigation setting.

Prof. William Blomquist, Dept. of Political Science, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Susan M. Trager, Trager Law Offices, Irvine, California

10:30 Break

10:50 The Edwards Aquifer, Texas: Sorting Out Competing Uses in an Unregulated Resource

Russell L. Masters, Edwards Underground Water District, San Antonio, Texas
Douglas G. Caroom, Bickerstaff, Heath & Smiley, Austin, Texas
Stuart Henry, Henry, Kelly & Lowere, Austin, Texas

12:15 Lunch (on your own)

Tuesday Morning (Technical Session): Development and Presentation of Technical Evidence

By their very nature, groundwater litigation cases often present unique challenges for groundwater professionals who may be called upon to act as expert witnesses. This session will dive into the nuts and bolts of development and presentation of technical evidence by experienced groundwater professionals. Depositions and oral testimony will be examined by an experienced water attorney. New computer innovations will also be reviewed, which may provide valuable litigation support.

8:30 Data. Correspondence. Reports. and Exhibits for Groundwater Rights Cases

Robert Brogden, Bishop, Brogden Associates, Lakewood

9:10 Data. Correspondence. Reports. and Exhibits for Groundwater Quality/Hazardous Waste Cases

James M. Kerr, Jr. Delta Environmental Consultants, Denver

9:50 Depositions and Oral Testimony

M.E. (Sandy) MacDougall, M.E. MacDougall Law Offices, Colorado Springs

10:30 Break

- 10:50 New Hardware and Software Innovations
 Prof. Keith Turner, Dept. of Geology and Geological Engineering,
 Colorado School of Mines
- 11:50 Panel Discussion
- 12:15 Lunch (on your own)

Tuesday Afternoon (Joint Session): Legal and Technical Practice Issues

Experienced lawyers and groundwater professionals will discuss the legal and technical aspects of case preparation and will simulate an expert witness examination to illustrate how factual questions are developed in a groundwater case. Following the simulation, a water court judge will provide his observations on the use of modeling and expert witnesses in groundwater litigation. Many of the techniques and suggestions discussed in this session will pertain to administrative hearings in other states as well as to Colorado's water court system.

- *1:45 Case preparation: The Lawyer's Role
 Michael D. Shimmin, Vranesh & Raisch, Boulder
- *2:15 Case preparation: The Expert Witness' Role
 Bruce Kroeker, Ted Zorich & Associates, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado
- *2:45 Demonstration: Groundwater Attorney and Expert Witness in Action
 William A. Paddock, Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, Denver
 Dr. Devraj Sharma, Principia Mathematica, Lakewood, Colorado
- *2:45 Introduction to the Demonstration
- *3:15 Break
- *3:35 Demonstration of Direct Examination
- *4:30 The View from the Bench: the Perspective of a Water Court Judge
 Robert A. Behrman, District Judge, Division I Water Court,
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- *5:00 Reception, UMC patio

Wednesday, June 17, 1992

Morning and afternoon (Joint Sessions): Groundwater Quality

Morning and afternoon sessions will cover the protection of groundwater quality, including the nature of groundwater quality problems and federal and state approaches to prevent groundwater contamination. Two case studies illustrate the difficulties facing local, state, and federal officials attempting to deal with contaminated underground drinking water supplies. The final speaker will provide a critical perspective of the costs and benefits of modern groundwater clean-up approaches.

*8:30 Groundwater Contamination: What You Need to Know

Prof. David McWhorter, Dept of Agricultural and Chemical
Engineering, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

*9:10 Setting the Standards: Federal Groundwater Protection Programs

Katharine Teter, Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker & Grover,
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*9:50 Opportunities for Innovation: State Strategies for Groundwater Protection

Larry Morandi, National Council of State Legislatures, Denver
Paul Frohardt, Water Quality Control Commission, Colorado Dept.
of Health, Denver

10:40 Break

Wednesday (Legal Session) Case Studies of Groundwater Contamination Issues

11:00 Quality Meets Quantity: San Gabriel Valley, California

Background:

Mark Klaiman, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, San
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Panel discussion:

Thomas Stetson, Stetson Associates, San Clemente, California
Victor Gleason, Senior Deputy General Counsel,
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Mark Klaiman, EPA

Wednesday (Technical Session) Water Quality Modeling

- 11:00 Transport Modeling: Technical and Legal Issues
 Adrian Brown, Adrian Brown Consultants, Inc., Denver
- 11:45 Open discussion
- 12:15 Lunch (on your own)
- *1:30 Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colorado: A Success Story?
 Background:
 Connally E. Mears, Coordinator, Clean Up of Rocky
 Mountain Arsenal, U.S. EPA, Denver
 Panel discussion:
 Scott G. Mefford, Hydrokinetics, moderator
 David M. Brown, Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison & Woodruff,
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 Connally E. Mears, EPA
 Lt. Col. Jeffrey Guilford, Chief Counsel, Rocky Mountain
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 Jacqueline Hernandez Berardini, Office of the Environment,
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- *2:35 Groundwater Clean-up: Is it Worth it?

 Carolyn B. Doty, Policy and Risk Analyst, Automated Sciences
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- 3:35 End of program

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