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of uniform standards to help manage water, as well as the creation of a standard to guide states in sustainability and tradable property rights in water.

The session ended with a question and answer component. The speakers answered a question by stating that severing water from the land is a means to aid in transferability. Another question revealed that the plan in the Murray-Darling Basin focuses on environmental values and requires state to preserve the environment. The next question asked if forces in California are crystallizing into similarities with Australian reform; the answer was yes and to look to the California Bay Delta.

Danielle Sexton

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY WATER RESOURCES
ARCHIVE, WATER TABLES 2010, ACROSS STATE LINES:
SHARING THE RESOURCE**

Fort Collins, Colorado February 20, 2010

On February 27, 2010, Colorado State University Water Resources Archive held its annual Water Tables fundraiser. As background, the Water Resources Archive is a joint partnership between the Colorado State University Libraries, and the Colorado Water Institute. One of only two water archives in the United States, the Water Resources Archives collects primary documents and materials relating to water development and water history in Colorado and in the western United States. Their collection covers many aspects of water use in Colorado including legislative documents, maps, and even engineering documents.

The Water Resources Archive holds its annual Water Tables events to fundraise for the continued protection and expansion of the archives collection. The Water Tables 2010 event, titled *Across State Lines: Sharing the Resource*, brought approximately 170 guests to the event and raised about \$45,000 for the Archive. The event ended with nineteen tables of water practitioners enjoying a dinner and discussing current water issues. In accord with this year's theme, the general topics of discussion at all the tables related to interstate water use.

At each of the 19 Tables, a table Host led a discussion relating to interstate water use. Some examples of the topics discussed at the event:

- Don Ament, Former Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture, hosted *Is Ag Dry-Up Inevitable?*

- Alan Berryman, Assistant General Manager, Engineering Division, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, hosted *Interstate Comity Is for the Birds*.
- Tom Iseman, Program Director for Water Policy and Implementation, Western Governors Association, hosted *How Far Has Multi-State Water Management Gotten Us? Where Will It Lead Us?*
- Harry LaBonde, Jr., Wyoming Deputy State Engineer, hosted *The Green River Pipeline Regional Watershed Supply Project — Perspectives from Wyoming*.
- David Robbins, President and Co-founder, Hill & Robbins, P.C., hosted *Why We Have to Share — Limits on Our Right to Consume*.

Also the Archives solicited sponsorship of about 30 graduate students who were able to join the Water Tables 2010. These students were able to discuss the important water issues facing the state of Colorado and the West, and learn from the hosts and practitioners at the event. Thus even in when fundraising, the Archives was educating the next generation of water users about the past. Following is a synopsis of the discussion held at Mr. LaBonde's table.

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HARRY LABONDE, JR., WYOMING DEPUTY STATE ENGINEER

Topic: The Green River Pipeline Regional Watershed Supply Project — Perspectives from Wyoming

Mr. LaBonde, Jr., led the discussion regarding the Green River Pipeline Project, which the Million Conservation Resource Group ("MCRG") is currently planning. MCRG is planning to pipe water from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, across the southern boundary of Wyoming and then south along the front range of Colorado down to Pueblo. So far the MCRG has filed one of two applications regarding this project in Wyoming. One application, having a priority date of December 28, 2007, was for 400 cubic feet per second of direct flow right. MCRG's application lists the water will be used for municipal, industrial, irrigation, and domestic uses throughout the State of Colorado. The other application, filed by Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District ("PCLHID") was for 40 cubic feet per second of supplemental supply. The uses that the District listed for the application include irrigation, power, industrial, municipal, domestic, and fish propagation.

LaBonde discussed several concerns for Wyoming regarding this project. One major concern for Wyoming is the impacts to in-state fisheries and to downstream endangered species. Another concern is whether the pipeline could transport invasive species across watersheds.