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Future Horizons for Irrigated Agriculture in Northern CO

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How much water does Colorado need to grow? What is the threat to agriculture? How can water stay on farms while securing a desirable future? Attend this fast-paced tour to find out and network with others!

TOUR ITINERARY

- 7:30 Registration at Colorado Corn, 127 22nd St. Greeley, CO
- 8:00 Welcome and Introductions
Water distribution in the South Platte Basin
David Nettles, Colorado Division of Water Resources
Colorado's future water needs and the threat to agriculture
John Stulp, Governor's Special Policy Advisor on Water
Local economic connections to agriculture
Professor James Pritchett, Colorado State University
- 9:30 Bus route through LaSalle area and stop at Eckhardt farm
Shut-down of groundwater wells and impacts to the landscape
Frank Eckhardt, Eckhardt Farms Inc.
Recharge potential on dried up agricultural lands
Kathy Parker, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District
- 11:30 Lunch at Glen Fritzler's Corn Maize
- 12:45 Bus route to illustrate major diversions and exchange limitations
Legal and engineering requirements for ag-to-urban water transfers
Andy Jones, Lawrence Jones Custer & Grasmick
- 1:45 Thornton farm property near Ault
Strategies for meeting municipal water demands
Emily Hunt, City of Thornton
Re-vegetation methods on agricultural lands
Kate Green, Native Seeders and Brian Foss, City of Thornton
- 2:45 Bus route to USDA site
Alternative solutions to meeting future water needs in Northeast Colorado
Jim Yahn, South Platte Roundtable and North Sterling Irrigation District
- 3:00 Limited Irrigation Research Farm
Efficiencies in irrigation and measuring crop water use
Tom Trout, USDA and Stephen Smith, Regenesiis Management Group
- 4:15 Arrive in Greeley

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