

Water Infrastructure Collaborative Summit

Purpose: A collaborative learning and discussion opportunity for water and sanitation districts to understand and consider recent policy changes; the movement toward increased densification; and, the impacts of these policies along with strategies to continue to best serve our residents.

Host: Green Mountain Water and Sanitation District

When: September TBD

Where: TBD (CCU?)

Target audience: GMWSD Board and similar small to medium distributors

Topics:

- State legislative changes since 2023(?)
 - Prop 123 funding creating affordability push
 - Impacts from removing residential occupancy limits
 - How to adequately capture non-noticed change of use (ex group homes)
- Environmental Impacts
 - Denver Water supply
 - Colorado Water Conservation Board Water Plan
(<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/colorado-water-plan/technical-update-to-the-plan>)
 - How will communities face drought with a hardened water system
 - Shifting the conversation from individual water savings to system savings
- Engineering impacts
 - How to make assumptions on how many new units will be due to zoning changes
 - How to use incremental tap fees adequately cover costs
 - Water versus sewer impacts
- See Josh's AWWA Study for ideas for other speakers/topics
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1752-1688.13009>

Desired Outcome:

- Identification of key questions for collaboration
- Resource list for districts

Alternatives:

- series of study sessions with individual topics
- Set series of roundtables to follow main meeting

Next Steps to Get Organized:

- Find speakers (including environmental groups)
- Determine location
- Finish special district email list for invitations
- Get list of questions from our engineer that are typically examined during master plan that may be of interest here
- Watch June 15, 2020 City Council meeting for background information and ideas
 - <https://www.lakewoodco.gov/City-Hall/Departments/City-Managers-Office/Communications/Videos/Meeting-Videos>
 - <https://dn720405.ca.archive.org/0/items/om-400-148404/iuWExMHhrCc.mp4>
 - Watch Ray Petros speak on hardened water systems and how he maneuvered a groundwater grab on behalf of Lakewood – see if anyone associated with him is still around to invite - Petros & White LLC