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MSC lecture series presents “Agriculture and the Colorado River in the Arid West”

Grand Junction – The Mesa State Seminar on Series Natural Resources of the West: Agriculture continues on Monday, Nov. 30, at 4 pm in room 111 in the new classroom building, 1400 Houston Ave., with a presentation from Dave Kanzer, Senior Water Resources Engineer with the Colorado River Water Conservation District.

During his lecture, “Agriculture and Colorado River in the Arid West”, Kanzer will discuss how the Colorado River system supports the agricultural industry not only in Western Colorado but throughout the arid west. In addition to the many conflicting and competing demands that are placed upon this limited water resource, physical and legal challenges complicate the lives of agricultural producers and water managers. Learn how the Colorado River irrigates over four million acres and supports 30 million people in two countries. Specific local irrigation systems and issues will be highlighted and investigated as examples. There will be ample time for discussion and questions.

Kanzer is a registered professional engineer who works for the Colorado River District (<http://www.ColoradoRiverDistrict> (<http://www.coloradoriverdistrict/>) in Glenwood Springs. Since 1995 when he received his Masters degree from the Colorado School of Mines in geological engineering, Kanzer has been involved in water operations and planning for the 15-county water policy and planning agency. He now serves as a Senior Water Resources engineer with an emphasis on water quality and quantity issues in the Gunnison River sub basin. He serves on the Salinity Control Forum workgroup and the Selenium Task Forces Seminars are free and open to the public, no registration necessary. The schedule for the semester can be found at:

http://home.mesastate.edu/~griehard/WSS/Nat_Res_SeminarF09index.html

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