

# Water Course

**Feb 9, 16 & 23, 2012**

The Public is invited to this evening seminar series on how water is managed in our region.

## **Water Law and Roles of Local Managers**

**February 9, 6pm – 9pm**

- Learn from attorney Mark Hermundstad how Colorado's "first in time, first in right" system of water law works and how a pair of "public trust" initiatives could change it.
- Meet the people responsible for providing water to faucets and fields and managing drainage in the valley.

## **Water Supply and Planning**

**February 16, 6pm – 9pm**

- Learn about the tradeoffs policy makers are wrestling with as they seek to fill an anticipated gap in the state's municipal and industrial water supply.
- Hear local perspectives on the Grand Valley's water supply situation and potential impacts on agriculture and the environment as competition for water increases.

## **Water Quality**

**February 23, 6pm – 9pm**

- Learn about water quality and ecological health in local waterways.
- Learn about efforts to reduce salt and selenium levels in the river.
- Learn about how the Bureau of Land Management is responding to water quality concerns related to proposed oil drilling on the Grand Mesa slopes.
- Learn about why the state is engaging rulemaking on nutrients in waterways and regional perspectives on the costs and benefits of this initiative.

**All sessions will be held at Ute Water (22 Road & H ¼)**

**Cost is \$45 for the whole series or \$20/session\* (refreshments & materials included)**



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