
This one-credit course will provide you with a basic understanding of water issues and policies in Colorado, with a focus on impacts and responses to drought and climate change. The first and last sessions will be for CMU students and K-12 teachers only and will be held in UC 225; the other sessions will be open to the public and will be held in the UC Ballroom. The single assignment will be a one-page paper, which will be presented verbally at the last session, as well as turned in. For more info, email hholm@coloradomesa.edu.

February 4: Water in the Grand Valley and the Colorado River Basin (UC 225)

- 6:00 Introduction & course overview - *Hannah Holm, Coordinator, Hutchins Water Center*
- 6:30 View documentary, *Water in the Desert: The Grand Valley and its Rivers*
- 7:00 Discussion

February 11: Introduction to Colorado Water Supply, Use and Law (UC Ballroom)

- 6:00 Welcome - *Hannah Holm, Coordinator, Hutchins Water Center*
- 6:10 Water Supply and Use in Colorado and the Colorado River Basin
Becky Mitchell, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 7:15 Break
- 7:30 Introduction to Colorado Water Law
Rob Pierce, Attorney, Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn & Krohn, L.L.P.

February 18: Impacts of Drought & Aridification (UC Ballroom)

- 6:00 Welcome - *Hannah Holm, Coordinator, Hutchins Water Center*
- 6:05 Impacts on Fish
Speaker to be determined
- 6:40 Increasing Fire in Riparian Areas
Doug Paul, Wildland Fire Mitigation/ Training Officer, Bureau of Land Management
- 7:15 Break
- 7:30 Impacts on Municipal Water
Randi Kim, Utilities Director, City of Grand Junction
- 8:05 Impacts on Agriculture
Paul Kehmeier, Salinity Coordinator, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and Farmer

February 25: Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning (UC Ballroom)

- 6:00 Welcome - *Hannah Holm, Coordinator, Hutchins Water Center*
- 6:05 Why Plan? Takeaways from the Colorado River Risk Study
John Carron, Founder and Principal, Hydros Consulting
- 6:30 Overview of the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan
Karen Kwon, First Assistant CO Attorney General to the Federal & Interstate Water Unit
- 6:55 Boosting Supply through Cloud Seeding and Phreatophyte Control
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Colorado River District
- 7:20 Break
- 7:35 Drought Operations at Colorado River Storage Project Reservoirs
Speaker TBA
- 8:00 Reducing Use through Demand Management
 - Colorado Water Conservation Board Approach
Brent Newman, Section Chief, Interstate, Federal, and Water Information Section, Colorado Water Conservation Board
 - Grand Valley Benefits, Risks & Opportunities
Mark Harris, General Manager, Grand Valley Water Users Association

March 4: Application of Course Content (UC 225)

- 6:00 Student presentations and discussion of how the course has affected how they view water issues, their own water decision-making, and (if applicable) how they will teach about water.