

Cleave Simpson – General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District (RGWCD) in Alamosa Colorado.

The District was created by the Colorado General Assembly and formed in 1967 by a vote of the people residing within its boundaries. The RGWCD was created to protect, enhance and develop water resources in the Rio Grande River basin inside the state of Colorado. The district encompasses a five county region, which includes Alamosa, Rio Grande, Conejos and portions of Saguache and Mineral Counties within the Rio Grande River basin. The District is playing an active role in assisting the community more closely balance our water demands with our water supplies. Pretty challenging in a highly over appropriated basin.

A 1984 graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering, my wife Cathy and I spent time living and working in Texas and Australia in the mining business before returning home in 2013 to be close to family and friends.

I also currently serve on the Board of Trustees at Adams State University, recently stepping down as Chairman of the Board. Water wasn't controversial enough so I got involved in higher education opportunities.

When not working on Valley water issues, farming and ranching, or participating in Adams State obligations, I enjoy classic American Hot Rods, particularly my 1957 Chevy Cameo pickup, as well as spending time camping and fishing with my wife.