



Grand Valley Water Bank Meeting October 13, 12-4pm

AGENDA

Noon

Lunch, Welcome & Introductions

Hannah Holm, Hutchins Water Center at Colorado Mesa University

12:15

Why talk about Water Banking?

Dan Birch, Colorado River District

12:30

Grand Valley Water Users participation in Water Bank pilot projects

Overview, on-farm experience & agronomic results.

Mark Harris, Grand Valley Water Users Association;

Alan Ferris, Producer; Joe Bernal, Producer; Luke Gingerich, J-U-B Engineers

2:10

Break

2:25

Experiences outside the Grand Valley

Klamath Water Bank, Lower Gunnison System Conservation,
Yampa Valley System Conservation Pilot

Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance; Tom Kay, Producer; Geoff Blakeslee, The Nature Conservancy

3:00

Looking ahead - panel discussion

Mark Harris, Grand Valley Water Users; Aaron Derwingson, The Nature Conservancy;

Dan Birch, Colorado River District; Luke Gingerich, J-U-B Engineers; Mike King, Denver Water

What are the potential benefits and drawbacks to participating in a water bank or other alternative transfer mechanism, and what information do individuals, delivery systems and community members need in order to assess these for themselves?

What next steps would optimize the potential for water banking or other alternative transfer mechanisms to benefit the Grand Valley & the Western Slope?

3:50

Summarizing and Closing Remarks

4:00

Adjourn

This meeting is being coordinated by the Hutchins Water Center at Colorado Mesa University in collaboration with the Water Bank Work Group and the Grand Valley Water Users Association.

Water Bank Work Group partners include the Colorado River Water Conservation District, the Southwest Water Conservation District, the Nature Conservancy, and the Front Range Water Council.

