

CAWA Rio Grande River Workshop
February 28, 2017
Rio Grande Water Conservation District
Alamosa, Colorado

- 10:00 **Welcome from CAWA** - *Jim Erhlich, CAWA member, Rio Grande Basin Ag producer, and Colorado Potato Administration*
- 10:15 **What Are Some of the Motivations for Ag Producers to Use Their Water Differently?** —*MaryLou Smith, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University*
- 10:30 **What Do Colorado Ag Producers Think about Ag Water Leasing?** *Survey Results*— *Phil Brink, Colorado Cattlemen’s Association*
- 10:45 **Leasing water in the Arkansas Valley** – *Glen Hirakata, Hirakata Farms*
- 11:00 **Alternatives to Permanent Fallowing: Summaries of Agricultural Water Conservation Strategies in the Colorado River Basin** – *Greg Peterson, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University*
- 11:15 **“Use it or Lose It”—Perception or Reality?** *Dick Wolfe, State Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources*
- 11:30 **Break/Lunch**
- 12:00 **Thinking about Water as Crop** –*Stephen Smith, Water Resources and Irrigation Engineer*
- 12:15 **Ag/Urban Partnerships Concepts** – *Gerald Knapp, City of Aurora*
- 12:30 **Conejos ATM Project** – *Nathan Coombs, Conejos Water Conservancy District, Rio Grande Basin Roundtable*
- 12:45 **Making Water Transactions easier with the Lease-Fallowing Tool** – *Kelley Thompson, Division of Water Resources*
- 1:00 **What Do YOU (Ag producers here today) think about what you have heard?**
Dialogue facilitated by Greg Peterson
- 2:00 **Adjourn**