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2024 State of the River Event Series Kicks off in March

These free, public meetings invite West Slope residents to learn about river forecasts, local water projects, and western water issues.

Glenwood Springs, Colorado — The Colorado River District will kick off its 2024 State of the River event series on March 18 and 19 in Montrose and Ridgway, respectively. The event series will continue through the end of May, with ten local events spread across the Gunnison, Colorado, and Yampa-White River basins.

“The State of the River meetings are a spring tradition in Western Colorado,” said River District Deputy Director of Public Relations, Lindsay DeFrates. “The Colorado River District was established to represent the interests West Slope water users, and so we try to make these meetings as accessible as possible to anyone interested in learning more about the important water issues facing their community.”

The River District works with a variety of partner organizations across the West Slope to host these events. While each night’s programming will vary slightly, all State of the River meetings will offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about local water projects and priorities, seasonal river and stream flow forecasts, Colorado River and interstate issues, and how the River District is working to protect Colorado’s most precious resource.

All State of the River meetings are free and open to the public and will include a light dinner. Unless otherwise noticed, dinner and networking will begin at 6 p.m. with the speaker program starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.

The complete list of events is below, and registration links are available at:
<https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/state-of-the-river-meetings-2024/>

- March 18 – **Lower Gunnison River**, Montrose County Event Center, Montrose
 - Partnering with the Gunnison Basin Roundtable
- March 19 – **Uncompahgre River**, 4H Ridgway Community Center, Ridgway
 - Partnering with Ouray County Water Users Association
- March 26 – **White River**, Fairfield Center, Meeker

- Partnering with Rio Blanco Conservancy District
- April 1– **Colorado River**, Meyer Ballroom, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction
 - Partnering with the CMU Water Center
- April 2 – **Lower Yampa River**, Moffat County Fairgrounds
 - Partnering with Community Ag. Alliance
- April 3 – **Upper Yampa River**, Steamboat Springs Community Center
 - Partnering with Community Ag. Alliance
- May 7 – **Middle Colorado River**, Ute Theater, Rifle
 - Partnering with the Middle Colorado Watershed Council
- May 9 – **Upper Colorado River**, Sun Outdoors, Granby
 - Partnering with Grand County
- May 23 – **Blue River**, Silverthorne Pavilion, Silverthorne
 - Partnering with the Blue River Watershed Group
- Date TBD – **Eagle River**, Colorado Mountain College, Eagle
 - Partnering with Eagle River Water and Sanitation District

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