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Colorado River District to Host Eleven State of the River Meetings in West Slope Communities in 2025

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colorado — The Colorado River District's State of the River meetings are a spring tradition in Western Colorado, bringing communities together to discuss the most pressing water issues facing our region. These free, public events provide valuable insights into river forecasts, local water projects, and key challenges impacting West Slope water users.

With **eleven meetings planned across the Western Slope**, these events offer an opportunity to hear directly from water experts and will help residents better understand the factors shaping the future of our rivers. A complimentary light dinner will be provided, and all events include a Q&A session. See the full schedule of events below.

While each program's agenda will vary slightly and is tailored to reflect local water priorities, key topics at all events will include:

- River flow forecasts
- Updates on the Colorado River system
- Local water projects and priorities
- Current challenges facing Western Colorado water users
- Shoshone Water Rights Preservation Project updates

Unless marked otherwise, all State of the River meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner and will end around 8:00 p.m.

Registration is required, but attendance and dinner are free. We encourage all community members—whether deeply involved in water issues or just beginning to engage—to join us and take part in this important conversation.

Learn more and register here: https://www.coloradoriverdistrict.org/state-of-the-river-meetings-2025/

2025 State of the River schedule:

- Lower Gunnison River State of the River Meeting
 - o March 17, 2025
 - o Montrose County Event Center, Montrose
 - o Partner organization: Gunnison Basin Roundtable

Uncompange River State of the River Meeting

- o March 18, 2025
- o The Sherbino, Ridgway
- Partner organizations: Ouray County Water Users Association and Uncompangre Watershed Partnership

• Lower Yampa River State of the River Meeting

- o March 25, 2025
- o Moffat County Fairgrounds, Craig
- o Partner organization: Community Ag Alliance

Upper Yampa River State of the River Meeting

- o March 26, 2025
- Steamboat Springs Community Center
- Partner organizations: Community Ag Alliance and Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District

• White River State of the River Meeting

- o April 2, 2025
- o The Gathering Place, Rangely
- o Partner organization: Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District

Roaring Fork and Crystal Rivers State of the River Meeting

- o April 3, 2025
- o Third Street Center, Carbondale
- o Partner organization: Roaring Fork Conservancy

• Upper Gunnison River State of the River Meeting

- o April 17, 2025
- o Fred Field Center, Gunnison
- o Partner organization: Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District

Grand Valley State of the River Meeting, Grand Junction

- o April 22, 2025
- o Meyer Ballroom, CMU, Grand Junction
- o Partner organization: Ruth Powell Hutchins Water Center

Upper Colorado River State of the River Meeting, Granby

- o May 13, 2025
- o Sun Outdoors Rocky Mountains, Granby
- Partner organization: Grand County

• Eagle River Valley State of the River Meeting

- o May 21, 2025
- o Colorado Mountain College, Edwards
- o Partner organization: Eagle River Water and Sanitation District

• Blue River State of the River Meeting, Silverthorne

- o May 22, 2025
- o Silverthorne Pavilion, Silverthorne
- o Partner organization: Blue River Watershed Group