

Keynote Address by L. RICHARD BRATTON, Attorney at Law



Co-founder of the Colorado Water Workshop, Dick Bratton is a partner in the Gunnison law firm of Bratton & McClow. He has practiced law in Gunnison since 1958. He is experienced in water law, litigation, real estate, agricultural law, and with the federal and state agencies.

Since 1961, Dick has been counsel to the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, representing the district in all legal matters. These have included all types of water matters in the water court, matters involving the state engineer and the Bureau of Reclamation, and – most recently – the successful opposition to the claims of Arapahoe County in the Gunnison River and its tributaries.

Dick has a wide range of experience in water law and policy issues, and is well versed in both legal and practical problems. He played a major role, first as an attorney, and later as a witness, in representing a Conservancy District in securing a case of first impression rights to maintain stream flows for fish and recreation by creative and inventive use of traditional principles of Colorado Water law. He's also been active in legal and political activities involving the claimed right to float vs. private property rights, and in state and federal legislative and political processes, mostly related to water and agricultural matters.

Current Chairman of the Water Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, Dick is former chairman of the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority, the Colorado Water Congress, and the Agricultural Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association. He is a co-founder of the Agricultural and Rural Law Roundup of the Agricultural Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

Dick has a B.A. from Western State College (1954), and received his L.L.B. from the University of Colorado School of Law (1957). In 1961, he received the Award of Merit from the Young Lawyers Section of the Colorado Bar Association. Dick received an Honorary Doctorate from Western State College in 1975, and was named Outstanding Alumnus in 1989. In 1991, he was named Outstanding Alumnus of the C.U. School of Law in the field of small firm practice.

Dick is an avid outdoorsman. He was raised in Salida approximately 100 yards from the Arkansas River, where he spent many enjoyable hours.

At the I-BAR RANCH on Thursday night, July 29th!

MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

and his Rio Grande Band

Back for his 2nd Water Workshop appearance with an all new show, Michael Martin Murphey is America's #1 Singing Cowboy, an Academy of Country Music Award Winner and four-time recipient of the Cowboy Hall of Fame's "American Heritage Award." You won't want to miss his rare appearance in Gunnison. His Top-Ten hits include: "Geronimo's Cadillac," "Wildfire," "Carolina in the Pines" and "A Long Line of Love."



ADVANCE TICKET RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY

TO WATER WORKSHOP REGISTRANTS; tickets won't be offered to the general public until July 6th. Michael's first show in Gunnison sold out last summer – reserve your tickets early!

DINNER & SHOW:	\$30/adult	\$20/child 12 or under
SHOW ONLY:	\$20/adult	\$10/child 12 or under
		(children 2 and under – no charge.)

“Living Legends of Western Water” Series

JOHN M. SAYRE

Attorney at Law, Davis, Graham & Stubbs, LLP, Denver

John Sayre's association with Davis, Graham & Stubbs, LLP began in 1966, as a partner in the natural resources department, with a focus on water and municipal corporate work. He retired from the firm in 1989 upon his appointment by President Bush as Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for Water and Science, where he had supervisory and management responsibilities for the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Mines. John returned the firm in 1993 to continue his practice with the environmental, water and natural resources group.

He represented the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District for many years. He has created and dissolved water and sanitation districts, participated in numerous financing and bond issue matters, worked with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on hydroelectric projects, and has done legislative work for the Districts, the Colorado Municipal League, the Colorado Water Congress, and the National Water Resources Association. John has also handled matters involving the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

John has served as charter member and on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Water Congress. He was Director of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (1960-1964); and Colorado Director of the NWRA (1980-1989), as well as President from 1984 to 1986. A member of the American Water Works Association and the U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage; John was also legal counsel for the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry.

John Sayre received his B.A. (cum laude) at the University of Colorado in 1943, and his J.D. in 1948. From 1943 to 1946, he was a U.S. Navy officer. After law school, he was in private practice with a Boulder firm. During this period, he also served as City Attorney in Boulder (1951-1955) and as general counsel to the Colorado Municipal League.

FELIX L. SPARKS

Attorney at Law and U.S. Army Brigadier General (retired)

Mr. Sparks' outstanding achievements could easily fill several lifetimes. A retired United States Army Brigadier General, his forty years of active and reserve service (Artillery and Infantry) included eight campaigns in the European Theater during WW II with the 45th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the French Croix de Guerre.

After the war, he received his L.L.B. at the University of Colorado in 1948. Over the course of his long career in law and water, Felix Sparks was senior partner in the law firm of Sparks, Conklin & Carroll (Delta, Colorado). He has served as District Attorney, 7th Judicial District of Colorado and as a Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. He has been Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and the Colorado Water Conservation Board; Colorado Commissioner for both the Arkansas River Compact Commission and the Upper Colorado River Compact Commission; and was legal counsel for the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe.

In addition, he was also Vice-President of Skyland Food Corporation and Director of United Bank of Delta. Currently Mr. Sparks is President of the organization 'PUNCH' (Parents United – No Children's Handguns).

DAY ONE – Wednesday, July 28, 1999*

Moderator: Douglas Kemper, Water Resources Manager, City of Aurora

* We regret that due to scheduling conflicts at local golf courses we are unable to hold the 15th Annual H₂O Golf Tournament this year. We will do our best to resume the Tournament next year.

- 7:15a Early Registration
- 8:00 1st Annual Water Conservation/Conservancy District Managers' Forum
All Water District managers and staff are encouraged to attend –
RSVP the Water Workshop by June 30th.
- 8:30 Free-to-Public Pre-Conference Water Education Sessions Begin
“Facts, Figures and Fantasies of the Present and the Future: Water Conservation for the Layperson” (Ballroom)
Liz Gardener, Water Conservation Manager, Denver Water Department
- 9:00 “Xeriscape: Waterwise and Wonderful!” (Ballroom)
Jim Knopf, Landscape Architect
- 9:30 COFFEE BREAK for Water Ed session participants
Colorado Water Conservation Alliance Meeting begins
Instream Flow Program Report and Public Forum (all are welcome)
- 10:00 “An Introduction to Colorado Water Law” (Ballroom)
Jill C. Harris, Associate Counsel, Colorado River Water Conservation District
- 10:30 “The Role of Conservancy Districts in Managing Our Waters” (Ballroom)
Kathleen Klein, Manager, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
- 11:00 Public Water Education Sessions End
- 11:15 “Welcome Back” Outdoor Luncheon for Conference Attendees Begins
(Union Lawn)
- 12:45p Conference Begins (Ballroom) – Announcements/ Intro Day's Moderator/
Intro Speakers
- 1:00 Keynote Address - “The Doctrine Meets Miss Manners: Can A Social
Conscience Be Developed Within The Prior Appropriation Doctrine?”
L. Richard Bratton, Attorney at Law, Bratton & McClow, LLC and Water
Workshop Co-Founder
Respondents to the Keynote Address:
- 1:45 Agricultural Perspective – Don Ament, Commissioner, Colorado Dept. of
Agriculture
- 2:05 Benefits/ Impacts: Front Range – Polly Page, Arapahoe County Commissioner
- 2:25 Engineering Perspective – Peter Binney, Vice President, CHM2Hill
- 2:45 Environmental/ESA Considerations – Dan Lueke, Senior Attorney,
Environmental Defense Fund
- 3:05 COFFEE BREAK/EXHIBITS (:25)
- 3:30 Legal Perspective - Ken Salazar, Colorado Attorney General (invited)
- 3:50 Benefits/Impacts: Western Slope – Eric Kuhn, General Manager, Colorado
River Water Conservation District
- 4:10 State Administration's Perspective – Greg Walcher, Executive Director,
Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources
- 4:30 Open Discussion with the Afternoon's Speakers
- 5:30 Ballroom Proceedings End for Day
- 5:45 Aspinall-Wilson Center Reception: “Living Legends in Western Water”
with Special Guests John M. Sayre, Attorney at Law (in person) and
Retired Brigadier General Felix L. Sparks (in an exclusive video interview)

DAY TWO – Thursday, July 29, 1999

Moderator: Kathleen Klein, General Manager, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

- 7: 15a Breakfast Buffet Begins in Ballroom
- 7:50 Intro Day's Moderator/ Announcements/ Intro Morning's Speakers
- 8:00 “Dried Up & Blown Away? Severe Drought's Effects on Northern
Colorado's Post-Industrial Economy”
Dr. Robert A. Young, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Agricultural and Resource
Economics, Colorado State University
- 8:25 “Is the Wet Spell in the West Over, or Has the Rain Followed the Plow?”
Henry Diaz, Associate Director, Atmospheric & Climate Dynamics, National
Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
- 8:50 “Dust in The Wind: Can Existing Drought Plans Help Us Survive Year 5
of the Next Big Dry Spell?”
Peter Evans, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board and Bill Stanton,
Chief of Conservation Planning, Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 9:15 “Drought Negotiations: Up Front and Behind the Scenes”
Ken Knox, Colorado Assistant State Engineer
- 9:40 COFFEE BREAK/ EXHIBITS (:25)
- 10:05 Interstate Compact Obligations: Impacts on Colorado Water Supply
Denver & Rio Grande Basins: David Robbins, Attorney at Law, Hill &
Robbins, P.C.
- 10:35 Arkansas Basin: Tom Pointon, Arkansas River Compact Administration &
Board Member, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
- 10:55 Colorado River Basin: James S. Lochhead, of Counsel, Brownstein Hyatt and
Farber, P.C. and former Executive Director, Colorado Dept. of Natural
Resources
- 11:15 Open Discussion w/ Morning's Speakers
- Noon Luncheon Begins on Union Lawn
- 1:15p Announcements/ Intro Afternoon Speakers
- 1:30 “The Parable of the Brothers' Well”
Mike Gross, Senior Hydrologist, Colorado River Water Conservation District
- 1:55 “Waste Not, Want Not: Denver's Nonpotable Reuse Project – A Water
Supply Solution for the Future”
Myron Nealey, Hydraulic Engineer, Denver Water Department
- 2:15 “Lawn Irrigation Return Flows”
Larry Dirks, Water Resource Engineer, Denver Water Department
- 2:30 COFFEE BREAK/ EXHIBITS (:30)
- 3:00 “The Story: Old West Meets New West”
John Porter, General Manager, Dolores Water Conservancy District
- 3:20 Watershed Planning: Phillip Saletta, Senior Engineer, Colorado Springs
Utilities
- 3:40 “Eagle River Watershed Planning the The Western Slope: Common Visions,
Obstacles and Enlightenment.”
Tambi Katieb, AICP, Environmental Policy Planner, Eagle County
- 4:00 Open Discussion w/Afternoon's Speakers
- 5:00 Program Ends for Day
- 5:30 Dinner @ I-Bar Ranch – Michael Martin Murphey entertains

DAY THREE – Friday, July 30, 1999

Moderator: George Sibley, Western State College Lecturer & Headwaters Program Coordinator

- 7:15a *Breakfast Buffet Begins in Ballroom*
7:50 *Intro Day's Moderator/ Announcements/ Intro Morning's Speakers*
8:00 *"Arithmetic, Population & Energy"*
Dr. Albert A. Bartlett, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Physics, University of Colorado at Boulder
9:00 Open Discussion w/ Dr. Bartlett
9:30 *COFFEE & SNACK BREAK/ EXHIBITS*
10:00 *"People & Wildlife: Sharing the Waters"*
Ken Strom, Director, National Audubon Society Population and Habitat Program
10:30 *"Where Has All The Water Gone – The Impact of Flow Criteria"*
Mark T. Pifer, Attorney at Law, Trout & Raley, P.C.
11:00 *"The State's Commitment to the Endangered Species Act"*
A discussion with James S. Lochhead (see above) and additional guest speaker
11:30 *"The Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program: In Balance or Out of Focus?"*
Henry R. Maddux, Director, Colorado River Endangered Fishes Recovery Program, U.S. Fish & Wildlife
Noon Open Discussions with Morning's Speakers
1:00p *Conference Ends*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

PLEASE READ FULLY – THERE ARE CHANGES FOR 1999!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

The following schedule applies without exception (all prices include book of bound proceedings):

\$225 per person for PAID* registrations postmarked or faxed by July 5th.

\$275 per person for PAID* registrations postmarked or faxed July 6th through July 27th.

\$300 per person at the door.

* "PAID" means by check, money order or credit card **BY** the dates shown above. These dates also apply when registering with a government purchase order. We regret we cannot offer one-day or partial registrations.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be processed on request through Monday, July 19th ONLY; a \$25 handling charge applies. Absolutely no refunds after July 19th.

Conference Meals: Individually priced for economy and flexibility. See registration form. Our breakfast and luncheon buffets include selections for vegetarians.

PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT INCLUDE THE I-BAR RANCH DINNER/SHOW AMOUNT IN YOUR REMITTANCE FOR THE CONFERENCE. Reserve your ticket(s) on the form only; YOU MUST PAY IN CASH (NO CHECKS) TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DESK. RESERVED TICKETS NOT PICKED UP BY 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 29th ARE SUBJECT TO SALE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE I-BAR GATE. (This show sold out last summer in Gunnison.)

Dress Code: This is a casual-dress conference; just wear what's comfortable to you! Do bring a sweater or jacket and pack both rain gear and sunscreen.

Scholarships: A limited number of full scholarships are available to *college students enrolled full-time* in an approved college, university or graduate intern program within Colorado. Application deadline is July 5th; e-mail the Director at HYPERLINK mail to: water@western.edu or call 970-641-6215 (1-5p.m. Monday-Friday, Mountain Time) for full details.

Continuing Education/Academic Credit: Please See Page 6.

CLE Credits: The Colorado Water Workshop has historically qualified for between 17 and 21 CLE credits (21 CLE credits applied last year). We should have 1999's Notice of Accreditation in June.

Conference Facilities: All Proceedings in Union Ballroom, with exception of July 28th reception at Aspinall-Wilson Center.

Undergraduate/Graduate Credit:

One hour of undergraduate credit (BUAD 497) from Western State College is an additional \$115. One hour of graduate credit (ED 589) from Adams State College is an additional \$150. Either amount must be a separate payment (not included in conference remittance) to Western State College. Students must be registered for the conference prior to enrolling for credit. (For financial assistance to attend conference, see scholarship information on page 7.)

For further information and to register for credit, call Continuing Education at 970-943-2885; write or stop by Continuing Education, 206 Taylor Hall, Western State College, Gunnison, CO 81231; or e-mail: <jlanson@western.edu>.