

Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar GRAD592

Fall 2018 Theme:

Topics in Colorado Water Law

Monday, October 1, 2018 4:00 – 5:30 PM,
Wagar Room 132

Water Administration and Management

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Biography:

Kevin Rein is the State Engineer and Director of the Colorado Division of Water Resources (CDWR), also known as the State Engineer's Office. Rein directs the performance of CDWR's responsibilities, which include administration of water rights in Colorado, issuing well permits, performing administrative approvals for water use, administering programs that ensure the safety of dams and the safe construction of water wells, managing compliance with interstate compacts, and providing information and education resources to the public. He has worked at the CDWR for 20 years.



Abstract:

The CDWR has been charged with administering the allocation of Colorado's limited water supply for nearly 140 years. Colorado has a well-tested structure for doing that administration, the prior appropriation system, which is found in our state constitution. This lecture will discuss the application of that system to water administration and the balance necessary when enabling the maximum beneficial use of water, while not depriving water to those that are legally entitled. The lecture will use the integration of the administration of groundwater diversions and surface water diversions as a specific example of the complex nature of this water allocation.



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All interested faculty, students, and off-campus guests are encouraged to attend.
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