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- Alan Berryman, Assistant General Manager, Engineering Division, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, hosted *Interstate Comity Is for the Birds*.
- Tom Iseman, Program Director for Water Policy and Implementation, Western Governors Association, hosted *How Far Has Multi-State Water Management Gotten Us? Where Will It Lead Us?*
- Harry LaBonde, Jr., Wyoming Deputy State Engineer, hosted *The Green River Pipeline Regional Watershed Supply Project — Perspectives from Wyoming*.
- David Robbins, President and Co-founder, Hill & Robbins, P.C., hosted *Why We Have to Share — Limits on Our Right to Consume*.

Also the Archives solicited sponsorship of about 30 graduate students who were able to join the Water Tables 2010. These students were able to discuss the important water issues facing the state of Colorado and the West, and learn from the hosts and practitioners at the event. Thus even in when fundraising, the Archives was educating the next generation of water users about the past. Following is a synopsis of the discussion held at Mr. LaBonde's table.

Ryan McLane

HARRY LABONDE, JR., WYOMING DEPUTY STATE ENGINEER

Topic: The Green River Pipeline Regional Watershed Supply Project — Perspectives from Wyoming

Mr. LaBonde, Jr., led the discussion regarding the Green River Pipeline Project, which the Million Conservation Resource Group ("MCRG") is currently planning. MCRG is planning to pipe water from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, across the southern boundary of Wyoming and then south along the front range of Colorado down to Pueblo. So far the MCRG has filed one of two applications regarding this project in Wyoming. One application, having a priority date of December 28, 2007, was for 400 cubic feet per second of direct flow right. MCRG's application lists the water will be used for municipal, industrial, irrigation, and domestic uses throughout the State of Colorado. The other application, filed by Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District ("PCLHID") was for 40 cubic feet per second of supplemental supply. The uses that the District listed for the application include irrigation, power, industrial, municipal, domestic, and fish propagation.

LaBonde discussed several concerns for Wyoming regarding this project. One major concern for Wyoming is the impacts to in-state fisheries and to downstream endangered species. Another concern is whether the pipeline could transport invasive species across watersheds.

Other important questions that must be answered include whether Colorado has a right to use this water, and whether there is a real need for this water in Colorado. Because the water will be piped from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir in southwestern Wyoming, the effect on recreation in the Flaming Gorge is also an important issue.

LaBonde noted that Wyoming must consider whether this project will impact Wyoming's ability to develop its remaining allocation of Colorado River water. Also, it must weigh what benefits Wyoming will receive from the project. While MCRG's pipeline remains a project in the distant future, Mr. LaBonde noted that there is a possibility that it could go forward, and it is not entirely a pipe dream.

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COLORADO CLEANTECH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

ADVANCED WATER MANAGEMENT: USING CLEANTECH TO MANAGE SCARC RESOURCES

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, water technology has quickly risen to become a major focus of innovation and commercialization. On a global scale, there is an approaching water crisis as world populations rise while the amount of safe drinking water decreases. The United Nations estimates that by 2025, two-thirds of the world will experience some form of water scarcity. This conference discussed the kinds of water management innovations and technologies that have evolved to combat this impending problem. Shelley Curtiss, Communications Director at Colorado Cleantech Industry Association (CCIA) in Denver, Colorado opened the conference and welcomed the audience and participants.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: SMARTER WATER MANAGEMENT

Cameron J. Brooks, Ph.D., Director of Solutions and Business Development at IBM Big Green Innovations, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Brooks explained that many factors in recent years, such as increased agriculture, climate change, and an aging infrastructure, have required us to develop a better overall system of watershed management. Currently, Mr. Brooks explained, up to 45% of water is lost worldwide because of faulty or inefficient delivery systems.