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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Editors and Staff of the newly formed *Water Law Review* proudly present the inaugural issue. The primary goal in creating this biannual publication is to provide a unique, high-quality forum for sharing ideas, information, and legal and policy analyses on issues in water law. It is our intent to make the *Review* an invaluable resource for the practitioner, the scholar, and the policy-maker.

The *Review's* primary emphasis will be on issues in water law, but we understand that nothing exists in isolation, either in law or nature. Therefore, it is the express policy of the *Review* to solicit and publish scholarly works that discuss water law as it affects and is affected by related areas, legal or otherwise. To that end, we are pleased to present articles by nationally recognized experts, practitioners, officials, scholars, and others involved in the fields of water law and planning.

Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr. authors our lead article in which he chronicles critical events in Colorado and western water law development. From the administrative perspective, Barbara Green and Jon Alby delineate the ways in which the integration of watershed protection and land use planning can provide tools and guidance for local planners and communities to improve their water quality. From private practice, Carmen Sower-Hall and Holly Holder author an article analyzing the complex relationship between water quality and water rights in the context of augmentation plans and exchanges prepared under Colorado statutory guidelines. Finally, Karen Crass examines the far-reaching potential for unexercised tribal water rights in the *Winters* doctrine.

The *Review* will continue the tradition of its predecessor, the University of Denver *Water Court Reporter*, and provide a regular section reporting on significant developments in the Colorado Water Court Divisions. However, it is not our policy to restrict the *Review's* coverage to any one jurisdiction. We live in a highly complex global community, and the more ideas and information that can be shared, the more successful we will be in managing today's problems and tomorrow's challenges. Therefore, we invite our readers to submit articles that address the full range of issues in water law and water management that may emanate from any number of geographical locations.

As a final note, we thank our Advisory Board for their inspiration and guidance. We also thank the Environmental and Natural Resource Law faculty of the University of Denver College of Law. Without their dedication and enthusiasm, our goals for this journal would never have been realized. Finally, we thank the Dean and administration at the College of Law for their support of our efforts in creating this journal.

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