

CONFERENCE AGENDA

MARCH 13 & 14, 2014

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RECESSION:
WHAT'S NEXT?



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RMLUI 2014

LAND USE CONFERENCE

MOVING BEYOND RECESSION: WHAT'S NEXT?

As the nation emerges from the Great Recession, the West is poised to lead the way in economic and population growth. Both Colorado and Arizona expect to add a million people each decade until 2050, with other Western states growing at similar rates, if not in equal numbers. Although newcomers will tend to congregate in the region's metropolitan areas—where the populations will also be older and more diverse—smaller, high-amenity communities will also experience significant growth. This growth will create demand for new housing, transportation and transit options, educational and economic opportunities, as well as water, energy, and other natural resources. These demands will, in turn, increase pressure on our governmental and policy institutions to help support this growth in a way that protects the quality of life that attracts people to the region in the first place.

The 2014 RMLUI Annual Land Use Conference will focus on how we can approach issues of growth as we come out of the Great Recession. What can we learn about the mistakes of the past to make sure that the next boom results in the right kind of growth? How will our master planned communities do things differently this time around? How will we build new communities and retrofit existing neighborhoods while ensuring access to transit, to jobs, to schools, and to outdoor recreation? How do we ensure that our new forms of development are equitable and ecologically responsible? What are the best ideas about how to make the next boom an opportunity to create enduring communities for the future? And how do we ensure that financing is available to support smarter growth?

ABOUT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAND USE INSTITUTE

The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute seeks to elevate the law, policy and practice of sustainable development in the West to promote nature-friendly, prosperous and equitable communities. Through innovative research, education and professional development programs and its renowned annual conference, the Institute trains and connects students and professionals across disciplines, sectors and regions to build the sustainable development field while creating new possibilities for the future of the West's landscapes and livelihoods.

ABOUT THE STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is a top 100 law school with nationally ranked programs in environmental and natural resources law, legal writing, clinical training, international law, trial advocacy and tax law. At the heart of the law school's mission is the integration of skills and professional identity with a balanced curriculum. Our goal is to graduate practice-ready, client-focused students who understand and embrace the responsibilities of legal practice, both as a representative of the client and as a professional committed to improvement of the law and the community.

■ **Moving Beyond Recession**

This track will explore innovative private and public sector responses to anticipated demographic changes and shifting priorities in the region.

■ **Conservation in Metropolitan Regions - FEATURED TRACK**

Metropolitan areas are complex—both ecologically and socially. This track explores innovative ways that partners collaborate to conserve resources in urban and suburban regions.

■ **Hot Topics in Land Use Law**

This track will focus on recent developments and emerging topics in land use law.

■ **Ethics**

This track is comprised of our annual ethics panels.

■ **Natural Resources**

Growth often comes into conflict with natural resource issues. This track will cover the intersection of land use and water, oil and gas extraction, and renewable energy development.

■ **Real Estate Development**

This track explores emerging trends in the real estate industry, as well as legal, fiscal, and policy issues affecting smart development.

■ **Rural Communities**

Some of the most challenging issues associated with growth occur in small communities. This track covers ways that rural communities around the West are planning and managing for change.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

8:00am - 9:00am

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00am - 5:00pm

THE DYNAMICS OF THE LAND USE CASE: ELEMENTS, STRATEGY AND PRESENTATION

This all-day workshop will cover the basics of land use law by dissecting the typical land use development case. A panel of land use experts will examine a representative case, exploring its fundamental elements, important strategies to consider, and techniques for effective presentation. Starting from the earliest conceptual stages for the project and concluding with issues relating to post-decision legal challenges, the workshop is designed to provide anyone involved in land use decision-making processes with an understanding of how the process is supposed to work and the factors that tend to influence the outcome.

This workshop is designed to be a stand-alone feature, but can be added to a regular conference registration.

Moderator:

Tom Ragonetti, Esq., Shareholder & Director, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

Speakers:

Larry Ambrose, President, Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation

Roger Armstrong, Executive Director, Capitol Hill United Neighbors

Graham Billingsley, Partner, Orion Planning Group

Brian Connolly, Attorney, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti, PC

Samaria Crews, Lead Community Organizer, FRESC

Bob Felsburg, Founding Principal, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig

Karen Henry, Principal, The Henry Design Group, Inc.

Lance Ingalls, County Attorney, Douglas County

Jim Johnson, Shareholder, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

Ben Kelly, Vice President, Strategies 360

Bill Kyriagis, Shareholder, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

Sean Maley, Vice President, CRL Associates, Inc.

Dominico Mauriello, Principal, Mauriello Planning Group

Terrence Quinn, Director of Community Development, Douglas County

Sarah Rockwell, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

Dan Schnepf, Chairman & CEO, Matrix Design Group

Bryan Treu, County Attorney, Eagle County

Carolynne White, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

7:00-8:30	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST — Sponsored by DRCOG						
8:30-9:45	WELCOME & KEYNOTE Davis Auditorium						
9:45-10:15	BREAK - Sponsored by Denver Water						
10:15-11:45	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5		
	<div>■ AICP Ethics Case of the Year</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Ethics for Land Use Lawyers</div> <div>LAW 180</div>	<div>■ Framing an Urban Agenda for Nature</div> <div>Driscoll Gallery</div>	<div>■ Conservation Easements</div> <div>Knoebel 229</div>	<div>■ Moving Megawatts: Issues Facing Wind & Transmission</div> <div>Knoebel 231</div>		
12:00-1:00	LUNCH						
	<div>Plenary Lunch Talk: What We're Building Now — and Why Communities and Planners Should Be Happy About It!</div> <div><i>This lunch requires pre-registration.</i></div> <div>Driscoll Ballroom</div>			<div>Open Lunch</div> <div><i>For those that did not pre-register for Plenary lunch, lunch will be served in the College of Law Forum and is included in your registration fee.</i></div>			
1:15-2:45	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	<div>Land Conservation and Local Food Production: How to Accomplish Both in Urban Areas</div> <div>Meet in the LAW Forum at 1:00 p.m. Bus will depart at 1:15 p.m.</div>	
	<div>■ Grasping the Low-Hanging Fruit of Zoning Reform</div> <div>Knoebel 229</div>	<div>■ New Ways of Doing Business: Military & Community Partnerships</div> <div>Driscoll 145</div>	<div>■ Front Range Urban Greenspace Protection</div> <div>Driscoll Gallery</div>	<div>■ Koontz: A Big Deal or Business as Usual?</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Can Government Prevent the Next Bust? Rationale for Needs-Based Permitting</div> <div>Knoebel 231</div>		
2:45-3:00	BREAK - Sponsored by Denver Water						
3:00-4:30	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5		
	<div>■ Getting Around Without the Chevy</div> <div>Driscoll 145</div>	<div>■ Sustainable Development through Public-Private Partnerships</div> <div>Knoebel 229</div>	<div>■ Collective Impact: A Model for Collaborative Problem Solving</div> <div>Driscoll Gallery</div>	<div>■ Applying Koontz in a Real World Setting</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Small City, Smart Growth: Code Audit Success Stories</div> <div>Knoebel 231</div>		
4:30-6:00	RECEPTION						

■ Moving Beyond Recession ■ Conservation in Metropolitan Regions ■ Hot Topics in Land Use Law ■ Ethics
 ■ Natural Resources ■ Real Estate Developments ■ Rural Communities

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014

7:00-8:30	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST — Sponsored by Jorden Bischoff						
8:30-10:00	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	SESSION 7
	<div>■ The Right Things in the Wrong Places</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Understanding and Navigating the Contemporary Fair Housing Challenge</div> <div>LAW 190</div>	<div>■ New Frontiers in Land Conservation</div> <div>LAW 155</div>	<div>■ Recent Land Use Developments in the Rocky Mountain West</div> <div>LAW 180</div>	<div>■ The Dollars and Sense of Watershed Ecosystem Services</div> <div>LAW 280</div>	<div>■ Creative Financing for Urban Infill</div> <div>LAW 255</div>	<div>■ Making Cents of Complete Streets: Experiences from Idaho</div> <div>LAW 170</div>
10:00-10:15	BREAK						
10:15-11:45	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	SESSION 7
	<div>■ Marijuana: Colorado's Green Industry</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Winners & Losers in the Recession Recovery</div> <div>Knoebel 231</div>	<div>■ Coalitions to Advance Urban Nature</div> <div>LAW 155</div>	<div>■ Water Supply Challenges & Solutions</div> <div>LAW 170</div>	<div>■ Air Quality and Oil and Gas Drilling</div> <div>LAW 190</div>	<div>■ Can Impact Fees Prevent Sprawl? Yes, But...</div> <div>LAW 412</div>	<div>■ Calibrating Smart Growth for Small Towns</div> <div>Knoebel 229</div>
12:00-1:00	LUNCH						
	<div>Plenary Lunch Discussion: As Go Cities, So Goes the Region: The Future of the Rocky Mountain West <i>This lunch requires pre-registration.</i> Driscoll Ballroom</div>			<div>Lunch Town Rounds. Hosted round table discussions <i>Sponsored by the Land Use Law Society</i> <i>For those that did not pre-register for the Plenary lunch, lunch will be served in the College of Law Forum and is included in your registration fee.</i></div>			
1:15-2:45	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	<div>Brown to Green</div> <div>Meet in the LAW Forum at 1:00 p.m. Bus will depart at 1:15 p.m.</div>
	<div>■ Micro & Accessory Dwelling Units</div> <div>LAW 255</div>	<div>■ Stories from the Road: How Are Communities Adapting to Climate Change?</div> <div>Knoebel 231</div>	<div>■ Race and Equity in Urban Nature</div> <div>LAW 155</div>	<div>■ Governor's Task Force on Wildfire and Forest Health</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Planning in the Wild West: Why Is It So Hard?</div> <div>Knoebel 229</div>	<div>■ Getting to Kum Ba Yah: Why Can't Planners Just Get Along?</div> <div>LAW 180</div>	
2:45-3:00	BREAK						
3:00-4:30	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	SESSION 5	SESSION 6	
	<div>■ Form-Based Zoning Grows Up</div> <div>LAW 180</div>	<div>■ It's What's Under the Surface that Counts</div> <div>LAW 255</div>	<div>■ Designing Networks For Nature</div> <div>LAW 155</div>	<div>■ People vs. Plans</div> <div>LAW 165</div>	<div>■ Land Use Tools for a Water-Smart Future</div> <div>LAW 125</div>	<div>■ Construction Defects</div> <div>LAW 190</div>	

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7:00am - 8:30am

REGISTRATION

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8:30am - 9:45am

WELCOME ADDRESS

The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute's 23rd Annual Land Use Conference kicks off with a welcome by Sturm College of Law Dean Marty Katz and RMLUI Board President Tom Ragonetti.

Speakers:

Susan Daggett, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute

Martin Katz, Dean, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Tom Ragonetti, Esq., Shareholder & Director, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Former Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar addresses what's next with respect to some of the most important land use and natural resource issues we face as the Rocky Mountain region emerges from the Great Recession.

Speaker:

Ken Salazar, Former Secretary of Interior

9:45am - 10:15am

INTERMISSION BREAK — sponsored by **DENVER WATER**

10:15am - 11:45am

■ AICP ETHICS CASE OF THE YEAR: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Join us as we walk through the multi-level AICP Ethics Case of the Year. Enter into the discussion while we examine the ethical dilemmas faced by planners every day. Just as the ethical issues you face on your job are complex, so too are the scenarios present in the Ethics Case of the Year. The Case of the Year scenario unfolds over time, one layer at a time, growing more intricate at each turn. Brush up on the AICP Code of Ethics before the session so you can help inform the discussion.

Moderator:

Mary Kay Peck, FAICP, Founding Principal, MKPeck Associates

Speaker:

Valerie Hubbard, FAICP, LEED AP, Director of Planning Services, Akerman Senterfitt

■ ETHICS FOR LAWYERS

In the interwoven and overlapping world of boards, agencies, property owners, developers, and public and private-sector interests it is important for land use lawyers to be clear about who they represent (and who they don't), and then stay within the limits of that representation. This interactive session will take a look at ethical considerations for attorneys that work in, for, or with the public sector when identifying proper communications, establishing specific rules of conduct, and seeking to balance the legal and the political.

Speakers:

Elizabeth Garvin, Esq., AICP, Of Counsel, Spencer Fane Britt & Brown, LLP

Lisa Mayers, Partner, Spencer Fane Britt & Brown, LLP



■ FRAMING AN URBAN AGENDA FOR NATURE

Cities and nature have often been seen as incompatible: as two different things and places. Recently, there has been a rediscovery of the benefits of nature in cities. Protecting, restoring, and connecting nature in cities and the metropolitan regions that encompass them can enhance human health, create more livable and enjoyable places while promoting economic vitality, save scarce dollars by employing “green” infrastructure, and contribute to a more sustainable future in the face of climate change. This opening session of the Metropolitan Conservation Track will make the case for urban conservation.

Moderator:

James N. Levitt, Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Speakers:

William L. Allen, Director of Strategic Conservation, The Conservation Fund

Bob Ratcliffe, Chief of Conservation and Recreation Programs, National Park Service

Tim Sullivan, Colorado State Director, The Nature Conservancy

■ CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING LEGAL & REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

The public is investing billions of dollars in conservation easements through federal and state tax incentive programs, which has led both to significant gains in land protection and significant abuses. Participants will learn about the different types of conservation easements and their contribution to conservation efforts in Colorado and nationwide, the requirements for the tax incentives, the abuses the incentives have engendered, and the increasing role federal and state regulators play in policing both the incentives and the proper administration of conservation easements over the long term. The panelists will emphasize legal developments in a swiftly growing body of law.

Moderator:

Federico Cheever, Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Speakers:

Nancy McLaughlin, Robert W. Swenson Professor of Law, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

Eric Meyer, First Assistant Attorney General, Colorado Department of Law

Luke Ortner, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service

■ MOVING MEGAWATTS: ISSUES FACING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL WIND AND TRANSMISSION IN THE WEST

Large-scale wind and transmission projects are facing an unprecedented series of challenges in the western states. These challenges are magnified among projects which cross multiple jurisdictions, state, and federal lands. In this session, representatives from Rocky Mountain Power, Power Company of Wyoming, LLC, TransWest Express, LLC, and the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority will present some key issues faced in permitting, acquisition, and local government relations. Projects discussed will focus on the Energy Gateway West and TransWest Express transmission projects, and the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project—the largest land-based wind project in the US.

Moderator:

Donald Threewitt, AICP, Commercial Leasing Manager, State of Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments

Speakers:

Bill Boyd, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Power Company of Wyoming, LLC & TransWest Express, LLC

Loyd Drain, Executive Director, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority

Rich Walje, President and CEO, Rocky Mountain Power



12:00pm - 1:00pm

■ PLENARY LUNCH TALK — WHAT WE'RE BUILDING NOW, AND WHY COMMUNITIES AND PLANNERS SHOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT IT!

This lunchtime plenary session features some of the most prominent homebuilders in the Rocky Mountain region, who will discuss what they are building now, why, and where they see the housing market going in the future.

Moderator:

Thomas J. Ragonetti, Senior Shareholder & Director, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

Speakers:

Jeff Kappes, Vice President, Shea Homes

Carl Koelbel, Acquisitions & Development, Koelbel and Company

Dan Nickless, Division President for Colorado, Ryland Homes

Bob Sanderman, Executive Vice President, Oakland Homes, LLC

1:00pm - 4:30pm

■ TOUR — LAND CONSERVATION AND LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION: HOW TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH IN URBAN AREAS

On this urban tour, participants will see first-hand how two nonprofit organizations—the Trust for Public Land and Revision International—have formed a unique partnership to accomplish their respective missions: protecting land for people and cultivating community-led food systems. The tour will visit Revision's two innovative projects that produce tangible community benefits and are creating best practices for other communities to follow: Ubuntu Urban Farm in the Westwood neighborhood where they are producing food for some of Denver's most underserved communities, and The Trust for Public Land's New Freedom Park development project in east Denver.

Speakers:

Wade Shelton, Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land

Joseph Teipel, Director of Operations & Co-Founder, Revision International

Tim Wohlgenant, Colorado State Director, The Trust for Public Land

1:15pm - 2:45pm

■ GRASPING THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT OF ZONING REFORM

Many cities and counties are quick to acknowledge that their zoning is broken but reluctant to act because they don't have the staff, time, or money for a full code rewrite. Fortunately, there are quick fixes that can significantly reduce the brain damage of trying to work with an old code that do not require lots of time, money, or effort. This session will explore the "low-hanging fruit" on the path to better zoning, and will cover both procedural efficiency/clarity and substantive improvements. Sources will include publications authored or co-authored by the presenters, including "Essential Smart Growth Fixes for Urban and Suburban Zoning Codes", "Essential Smart Growth Fixes for Small Town and Rural Zoning Codes" and "A Better Way to Zone."

Speakers:

Chris Duerksen, Senior Counsel, Clarion Associates, LLC

Don Elliott, FAICP, Director, Clarion Associates, LLC



■ NEW WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS: MILITARY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Post-recession realities are having a profound influence on how both private and public sector business is being conducted, including the Department of Defense. Learn more about past, present, and future efforts by military installations in Colorado and beyond to partner with the civilian public and private sectors, including recent federally-driven but locally-based initiatives now underway relating to land use, conservation, and economic development.

Moderator:

James McMurray, AICP, Community Planning Liaison, Marstel-Day, LLC

Speakers:

Mary Barber, Installation Sustainability Resource Officer, U.S. Army Fort Carson

Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Pettine, Partnership Broker, U.S. Air Force Community Partnerships Initiative; Commander 507th Air Refueling Wing Civil Engineering Squadron

Stan Scott, Senior Analyst, Marstel-Day, LLC

■ FRONT RANGE URBAN GREENSPACE PROTECTION: WHAT'S WORKING IN METROPOLITAN DENVER?

Colorado has been at the vanguard of protecting open space statewide, providing funding through Great Outdoors Colorado and incentivizing conservation through state tax credits and other legal tools in both the rural and metropolitan areas of the state. This panel brings together community and open space leaders to explore several local collaborative conservation efforts in the Front Range of Colorado to share lessons learned and best practices in bringing diverse constituencies together in Colorado to protect urban open space.

Moderator:

Kate Kramer, Executive Director, Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership

Speakers:

Devon Buckels, AICP, Urban Waters Partnership Coordinator, Colorado State Forest Service & U.S. EPA

Howard Kenison, Partner, Lindquist + Vennum, LLP

Hillary Merritt, Project Manager, The Trust for Public Land

Thea Rock, Communications Manager, Jefferson County Open Space

■ KOONTZ: A BIG DEAL OR BUSINESS AS USUAL?

This session will examine the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Koontz v. St. John's River Water Management District*. The Court held that a land use permitting agency must show a direct and proportionate link between proposed monetary permit conditions and the activity subject to the permit. In dissent, Justice Kagan warned that the case would "work a revolution in land-use law," while others see the case as a modest extension of existing law. This session will provide an overview of *Koontz* and assess the implications of the case's outcome for planners, attorneys, and developers in the Mountain West.

Moderator:

Justin Pidot, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Speakers:

Tom Macdonald, Director, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, PC

Dwight Merriam, FAICP, Partner, Robinson & Cole, LLP



■ CAN GOVERNMENT PREVENT THE NEXT BUST? THE RATIONALE FOR NEEDS-BASED PERMITTING

One purpose of growth management is to match development supply to demand through the permitting system. Less supply relative to demand can artificially raise prices but more supply can not only reduce prices but destroy equity and wreck the economy. The Great Recession was caused in part by ignoring the lessons of the savings and loan debacle of the 1980s. Using case studies of the S&L collapse and Florida after it dismantled its statewide growth management program, this session will present the economic, planning, and legal rationale for requiring new development to prove market demand as a precondition to approval.

Moderator:

Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP, Presidential Professor & Executive Director, University of Utah Metropolitan Research Center

Speakers:

Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Professor, Georgia State University College of Law

John Travis Marshall, Assistant Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law

2:45pm - 3:00pm

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3:00pm - 4:30pm

■ GETTING AROUND WITHOUT THE CHEVY: CAR SHARING, BIKE SHARING AND OTHER URBAN MOBILITY CHOICES

As America becomes less dependent on automobiles, local governments are working to encourage and foster new ways to get around. Bike sharing and car sharing have gained popularity, and cities continue to work on a variety of efforts to become more pedestrian friendly and encourage other transportation choices. Cities in the Rocky Mountain West, because they are traditionally more car dependent than their denser counterparts, face unique challenges in encouraging these transportation choices. In this session, speakers from Denver, Salt Lake City and the Las Vegas metropolitan area will discuss how their communities are working to encourage and foster bike sharing, car sharing and other transportation choices and programs.

Moderator:

Sarah Rockwell, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP

Speakers:

Robert Ferrin, Parking and Planning Program Administrator, City and County of Denver Public Works

Robin Hutcheson, AICP, Transportation Director, Salt Lake City

David Swallow, Director of Engineering Services, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada



■ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Cities in the Western U.S. are enjoying a development renaissance. Developers are seeking to deliver more sustainable projects but often fall short without a “partnership” with local government. In parallel, cities are seeking to elevate the quality of development but typically do not recognize the practicalities of starting, financing and phasing a project. This panel will explore approaches to facilitate sustainable development and economic development projects through public and private collaboration. Case studies from Albuquerque, Dallas, Fort Worth and Park City, Utah will provide insight on collaborative approaches to realize projects in the new economy.

Moderator:

Scott Polikov, President, Gateway Planning

Speakers:

Pete Dordick, Vice President, Jones Lang LaSalle

Kara Shair-Rosenfield, Policy Analyst for Planning, Albuquerque City Council

■ COLLECTIVE IMPACT: A MODEL FOR COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

Urban conservation requires complex, multi-jurisdictional collaboration that brings together diverse stakeholders from many sectors of society. Successful efforts subscribe to the principles underlying a “collective impact” approach. This session will explore the concept of collective impact, the specific elements that comprise this approach, and its application to large landscape conservation.

Speakers:

Bill Fulton, President, The Civic Canopy

Becky Hoffman, Executive Director, Adams County Youth Initiative

Jeremy Madsen, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance

■ APPLYING KOONTZ IN A REAL WORLD SETTING

The US Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Koontz v. St. John’s River Water Management District* addresses how government can assess monetary exactions to pay for infrastructure or mitigate impacts of development as part of its permitting process. Many commentators have noted that this case will have more important practical consequences for local government planners than any land use case in decades. This session will examine the real-world application of the case for local governments and consider means of addressing its requirements.

Speakers:

Cameron Artigue, Attorney, Gammage & Burnham

Frank Cassidy, Town Attorney, Town of Marana, AZ

Travis Parker, Planning Director, City of Lakewood, CO



■ SMALL CITY SMART GROWTH CODE AUDIT SUCCESS STORIES

Small cities and rural areas often have very different growth and development issues from their big city cousins—but their zoning codes are often drawn from the same templates. Smart Growth America and its partner Clarion Associates offer a workshop for local governments to help them tailor their zoning codes to promote smart growth at the small city and rural scale. Workshops in communities like Derry Township, PA, Park Forest, IL and Campbell, NY have resulted in substantive change in those communities in a relatively short period of time. This session will explore key findings and recommended strategies through presentations by the instructors and leaders from the three communities. The panelists will then engage one another and the audience in a discussion of lessons learned and their applicability to other communities.

Moderator:

Roger Millar, AICP, PE, Vice President, Smart Growth America

Speakers:

Sandra Ballard, Supervisor, Derry Township, PA

Christopher Duerksen, Senior Counsel, Clarion Associates, LLC

Hildy Kingma, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Village of Park Forest, IL

David Tennent, Town Supervisor, Town of Campbell, NY

4:30pm - 6:00pm

EVENING NETWORKING RECEPTION



7:00am - 8:30am

REGISTRATION

BREAKFAST — sponsored by LAW OFFICES
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8:30am - 10:00am

■ THE RIGHT THINGS IN THE WRONG PLACES

We have a rich history of building houses, businesses, and even entire communities in unsuitable places, where the threat of fires, floods, and other foreseeable disasters pose staggering costs to the public. Zoning can and should steer people away from dangerous locations, and the scope of the police power is broad enough to allow government to limit efforts to rebuild once disaster strikes. This panel explores zoning tools that can be used to prevent construction—or reconstruction—in the wrong places.

Moderator:

Orlando Delogu, Esq., Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Maine School of Law

Speakers:

Chris Duerksen, Senior Counsel, Clarion Associates, LLC

Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Professor, Georgia State University College of Law

Dwight Merriam, FAICP, Partner, Robinson & Cole, PC

■ UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE CONTEMPORARY FAIR HOUSING CHALLENGE

Housing law and policy have changed dramatically since the Federal Fair Housing Act passed in 1968. Private landowners and government officials are under increasingly complex legal obligations to provide mixed housing options, and a changing U.S. economic and demographic landscape is challenging historical housing development patterns. Municipalities cannot check a box and say “we don’t create any barriers to fair housing.” This session will provide background on recent developments in fair housing law, current fair housing activity at the Supreme Court, and will offer planning and legal strategies for public officials and private individuals to minimize legal risks.

Speakers:

Brian Connolly, Associate, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti, PC

Donald Elliott, FAICP, Director, Clarion Associates, LLC

■ NEW FRONTIERS IN LAND CONSERVATION

Land is finite—when we have reached the maximum limit of raw, large-scale, private land protection through the use of perpetual conservation easements, what can be done with the smaller parcels of undeveloped land and the already-built environment? Like the mantra of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, the new frontiers for land protection will be Conserve, Re-Develop, and Un-Develop. This session will explore these three options as the new frontiers of land conservation: conserving land in suburban and urban landscapes for publicly accessible or owned parks, gardens, trails, and community spaces; re-developing dedicated land uses and existing buildings to other purposes that better suit the public’s needs and interests; and un-developing the built environment to return the land to a new public purpose, which may help transform the landscape into an interconnected functional network of urban ecological systems that provide multiple benefits for people and nature.

Moderator:

Dan Pike, President, Colorado Open Lands

Speakers:

Will Allen, Director of Strategic Conservation, The Conservation Fund

Jessica Jay, Land Conservation Attorney, Conservation Law, PC

Bruce Roll, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Watershed Management, Clean Water Institute



■ RECENT LAND USE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST

Always engaging, the region's top experts in land use law provide detail and analysis of recent court decisions and legislative activities.

Moderator:

Doug Jorden, Partner, Jorden Bischoff & Hiser, PLC

Speakers:

Cullen Battle, Partner, Fabian & Clendenin

Anita Miller, Attorney, Anita P. Miller, Attorney at Law, LLC

Jeff Parker, Partner, Hayes, Phillips, Hoffmann & Carberry, PC

■ THE DOLLARS AND SENSE OF WATERSHED ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

If you're in the Denver metro area, chances are good that the water in your coffee this morning came from our forested watersheds hours away from the metro area. This session explains the concept of ecosystem services related to water provision, including an overview of international watershed ecosystem services practices, a description of regional watershed and forest management practices, and highlights a local collaborative partnership between Denver Water and the USFS. Attendees will gain an appreciation for the nexus between forest health and urban area drinking water supplies and a glimpse into the new markets for ecosystem services.

Moderator:

Devon Buckels, AICP, Urban Waters Partnership Coordinator, Colorado State Forest Service & U.S. EPA

Speakers:

Kate Hamilton, Independent Consultant, Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force

Don Kennedy, Environmental Scientist, Denver Water, Planning Division

Travis Warziniack, Economist, USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station

■ CREATIVE FINANCING FOR URBAN INFILL

This session will identify the challenges of urban infill and redevelopment—including high infrastructure costs, remediation, and zoning—and potential solutions using public finance. Attendees will gain an understanding of how the current regulatory environment, swiftly changing landscapes, and political pressures can influence the use of public financing. The session's speakers will show how to bring together multiple tools to supplement private funds for benefit of community and project.

Speakers:

Keirsten Beck, Attorney, Packard Dierking, LLC

Cassia Furman, Associate, McGeady Sisneros, PC

■ MAKING CENTS OF COMPLETE STREETS: LOW-COST, HIGH-IMPACT EXPERIENCES FROM IDAHO

This session explores how communities across Idaho are using low-cost, high-impact strategies, and building cross-sector relationships to achieve Complete Streets, as well as leveraging local bicycle and pedestrian investments to connect communities across the state. National experts with extensive experience in the American West will address Complete Streets design challenges in rural communities and practical ways to address them. They will link Complete Streets work to economic resilience, including a statewide bicycle plan to connect places across Idaho. The lessons from this session can benefit other small and rural communities interested in offering transportation choices without overwhelming their municipal budgets.

Moderator:

Roger Millar, AICP, PE, Vice President, Smart Growth America

**Speakers:**

Elaine Clegg, Projects Coordinator, Idaho Smart Growth; Councilwoman, Boise City Council

Bruce Landis, AICP, PE, Vice President, Sprinkle Consulting, Inc.

Deanna Smith, Project Coordinator, Idaho Smart Growth

10:00am - 10:15am**INTERMISSION BREAK****10:15am - 11:45am****■ MARIJUANA: COLORADO'S GREEN INDUSTRY**

Whether a landlord, employer, property buyer, or resident of Colorado, the marijuana industry has had an impact on Coloradans. Attendees will learn how to address retailers, neighbors, tenants, employees and others engaged in the marijuana industry. This session will educate attendees on the law of retail establishments and home grows and the various land use tools available to address common issues like odor mitigation, hours of operation and fire safety.

Moderator:

Sam Kamin, Professor and Director, Constitutional Rights and Remedies Program, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Speakers:

Rachel Allen, Staff Attorney, Colorado Municipal League

Jeremy Németh, Chair and Associate Professor of Planning and Design, University of Colorado Denver

■ WINNERS & LOSERS IN THE RECESSION RECOVERY: CAN LEADERSHIP GET US OUT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE MESS?

There have been multiple prognostications about which types of real estate will recover from the recession, and which will not. The residential market for multifamily development will increase as part of the growth of singles and elderly and the decline of marriage rates. Commercial construction will come back more slowly for multiple reasons. This session will inform attendees about which portions of the market are benefiting from increasing demand as well as those wherein demand is low and unlikely to recover. The session will explore the role of infrastructure, and how to bring together leaders at multiple levels to encourage infrastructure production.

Moderator:

Robert Burchell, Professor & Chair, Rutgers University Center for Urban Policy Research

Speakers:

Steven Landau, Vice President, Economic Development Research Group (EDRG)

Robert E. Lang, Director, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Brookings Mountain West



■ COALITIONS TO ADVANCE URBAN NATURE

Large landscape conservation in metropolitan regions involves public and private collaborators who look beyond political boundaries to achieve their goals. This session will explore the similarities and differences of successful coalition models in setting regional goals and implementing projects in metropolitan regions. Come learn how these coalitions formed, the challenges of planning at multiple scales, the role of the backbone organization in supporting these “collective impact” approaches, and the challenges of working bottom-up when developing large landscape goals, strategies, and actions.

Speakers:

Cathy Geraghty, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Forest Preserves of Cook County; Chicago Wilderness

Bridget Jones, Executive Director, Cumberland Region Tomorrow

Jeremy Madsen, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance

Claire Robinson, Managing Director, Amigos de los Rios/Emerald Necklace

Mike Wetter, Executive Director, The Intertwine Alliance

■ WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST

The panel will explore the challenges and solutions to obtaining new water supplies for metropolitan areas across the West, including new water storage, agricultural water transfers, management of reuse water and land use controls as a means to achieve reliable water supplies. Included is a discussion of the first-ever Colorado state water plan required by Governor Hickenlooper’s 2013 Executive Order. The panel will also discuss methods to effectively extend existing supplies by, among other things, reducing water demand and conserving water.

Moderator:

Wayne Forman, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLC

Speakers:

James Eklund, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Grady Gammage, Attorney, Gammage & Burnham, PC; Senior Research Fellow, Morrison Institute, Arizona State University

James L. Lochhead, CEO and Manager, Denver Water Department

■ AIR QUALITY AND OIL AND GAS DRILLING: HAS COLORADO GOTTEN IT RIGHT?

In February 2014, the state of Colorado is poised to adopt new regulations regulating emissions of urban air pollutants, air toxics, and greenhouse gases from oils and gas drilling sites. This panel will provide a post-mortem analysis of the rules from a variety of perspectives.

Moderator:

Will Toor, Director, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project

Speakers:

Kate Fay, Senior Advisor, Noble Energy, Inc.

Pam Milmo, Air Quality & Business Sustainability Coordinator, Boulder County Public Health

Matt Sura, Attorney, Law Offices of Matt Sura



■ CAN IMPACT FEES PREVENT SPRAWL? YES, BUT...

In theory, properly crafted impact fees will lead to less sprawl and more efficient development patterns. There is scant research on this, however. This panel will present path-breaking analysis of the effect of Albuquerque's impact fee system on the spatial distribution of permits over three decades. The city's impact fee program is associated with proportionately more permits in lower-cost/lower-fee areas and fewer permits in higher-cost/higher-fee areas. Implications for planning, policy and law will be explored with the audience.

Moderator:

Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP, Presidential Professor & Executive Director, University of Utah Metropolitan Research Center

Speakers:

Greg Burge, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Oklahoma

Julian Conrad Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Professor, Georgia State University College of Law

■ CALIBRATING SMART GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY CONCEPTS FOR SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS

While smart growth and sustainability tools are well-defined in planning for urban areas, they are often less adaptable to rural communities and small towns. Some urban smart growth tools may not be appropriate for rural areas. From creative solutions for infill and redevelopment, to integrating sustainable community development in zoning ordinances, smaller-town USA has pulled up their boot straps to match their urban counterparts. This session will explore how smart growth and sustainability principles can be adapted for rural areas, small towns, and small cities. Topics to be addressed will include growth and development challenges; smart growth "fixes" for plans and codes; overcoming potential hurdles and barriers; and evaluating existing implementation mechanisms through a lens of transformation.

Speakers:

Joyce Allgaier, AICP, Planning Director, City of Ketchum

Benjamin Herman, FAICP, Director, Clarion Associates, LLC

Tareq Wafaie, AICP, Associate, Clarion Associates, LLC

12:00pm - 1:00pm

■ PLENARY LUNCH — AS GO CITIES, SO GOES THE REGION: PLANNING THE FUTURE OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST

Our metropolitan regions and their central cities are essential to the future of the Rocky Mountain West. As key political appointees, each city's planning director becomes the lightning rod for issues as diverse as urban design, neighborhood character, and redevelopment. What do they see on the horizon as we emerge from the Recession? What are the issues that are still unresolved? What are some of the new directions that might unfold over the next several years?

Moderator:

Peter Pollock, FAICP, Ronald Smith Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Speaker:

Brad Buchanan, Executive Director, City and County of Denver Community Planning and Development

David Driskell, Executive Director of Community Planning and Sustainability, City of Boulder

Cameron Gloss, AICP, Planning Manager, City of Fort Collins

Travis Parker, Planning Director, City of Lakewood

Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director, City of Littleton

Robert Watkins, Planning and Development Services Director, City of Aurora

Peter Wysocki, Planning and Development Director, City of Colorado Springs



TOWN ROUND LUNCH

Join us for a general lunch session with hosted round table discussions on a variety of topics including: car shares, greening your firm, NEPA and more.

1:00pm - 4:30pm

■ TOUR — BROWN TO GREEN

This tour will take you through a former manufacturing site's sixty year journey from farm to factory to brownfield and ultimately its repurposing as a dynamic 180 acre mixed use residential development with urban farming and sustainability as the core principles of its design and execution.

Speakers:

Perry Cadman, General Manager, Brookfield Residential Properties, Inc.

Steve James, ALA, Principal, DTJ Design

Tom Morton, Senior Vice President, Brookfield Residential

John Norris, ASLA, RLA, Principal, Norris Design, Inc.

1:15pm - 2:45pm

■ MICRO & ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS: THE BIG BREAK-THROUGH FOR WESTERN AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING?

This session will highlight the need for new models of affordable housing in light of declining government subsidy, and how these new models – micro units and accessible dwelling units – are being implemented in Colorado and beyond. Micro and ADU models may represent America's greatest untapped housing resource and a breakthrough for urban centers in need of density, affordability, walkability and sustainability that meets the needs of young and old. Speakers will highlight the need, local efforts to create supportive and efficient zoning and approval environments, regulatory obstacles at the local and national scales and examples of development taking place locally and nationally.

Moderator:

Melinda Pollack, Vice President, Enterprise Community Partners

Speakers:

John Infracca, Assistant Professor of Law, Suffolk University of School of Law

Bob Sperling, Principal, PC Consulting

■ STORIES FROM THE ROAD: HOW ARE COMMUNITIES ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE WEST?

Last summer, Allie Goldstein and Kirsten Howard hit the road for three months to uncover stories of people and places adapting to the impacts of climate change. They met farmers on the West Slope of Colorado, a forest firefighter in Santa Fe, a rainwater harvester in Tucson, a scientist at Denver's water utility, and many more. All are dealing with changes now. All are in a constant struggle to adapt, whether in the long-term or year-to-year. Allie and Kirsten share lessons they learned about how climate change is influencing American lives and how communities are adapting to the impacts.

Speakers:

Allie Goldstein, Associate, Ecosystem Marketplace

Kirsten Howard, NOAA Coastal Management Fellow, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



■ RACE AND EQUITY IN URBAN NATURE

Valuing nature starts at home, and for most of America, this is dependent upon a connection to nature that begins in the backyards, local parks and preserves, and natural landscapes of urban and suburban America. This session will explore the importance of conservation and equity in the context of the diverse audiences of a metro region, including citizens (youth and adult), civic leaders, elected officials, and the park and open space entities (public and private) that are charged with providing and maintaining these resources.

Speakers:

Belinda Faustinos, Principal, BVF Consulting, Inc.

Jo-Elle Mogerman, Vice President, Chicago Zoological Society

Roberto Moreno, Executive Director, Alpine Mountain Sports Foundation

Dean Saitta, Professor & Chair, University of Denver Department of Anthropology

■ GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON WILDFIRE INSURANCE AND FOREST HEALTH: LESSONS LEARNED

In the wake of the devastating 2012 wildfire season, Governor John Hickenlooper created the Task Force on Wildfire Insurance and Forest Health and asked the group to identify ways to encourage activities, practices and policies that would reduce the risk of loss in wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas and provide greater customer choice and knowledge of insurance options. The Task Force issued a report containing recommendations that will require homeowners to share in the burden of the risk and to promote changed behaviors through a combination of legal requirements, increased awareness, and incentives. On this panel, Task Force members will reconvene to look back at the process of producing the recommendations, and to discuss what recommendations have been adopted and are being implemented.

Moderator:

Catherine van Heuven, Partner, Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell

Speakers:

Kelly Campbell, Vice President of State Government Relations, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America

Lisa Dale, Assistant Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Barbara Kelley, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)

Meghan Storrie, Legislative and Policy Advocate, Colorado Municipal League

■ PLANNING IN THE WILD WEST: WHY IS IT SO HARD?

Planning in the Wild West brings out debates based on raw emotion and talk of freedoms and rights. Sometimes, factual information that could inform planning decisions is ignored because of factors that have nothing to do with planning. However, these factors must be addressed to make progress and get meaningful public engagement. Language, culture, perceptions, and trust can often be more important than the message when talking about things like property rights. This session will look at the lessons learned in Teton County and share some hard-earned pearls of wisdom for planners working throughout the emotionally-heated debates of the West.

Moderator:

Angie Rutherford, Project Manager, Sonoran Institute

Speakers:

Stephen Miller, Associate Professor of Law & Director, University of Idaho College of Law Economic Development Clinic

Anna Trentadue, Staff Attorney & Program Director, Valley Advocates for Responsible Development



■ GETTING TO KUM BA YAH: WHY CAN'T PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR PLANNERS "JUST GET ALONG"?

Why do public and private sector planners find themselves arm-wrestling throughout the development review and approval process—and what can be done about it? This session will review common sources of misunderstanding about what codes say and how review procedures are supposed to work, and what can be done to reduce the conflict.

Moderator:

Brian Connolly, Associate, Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti, PC

Speakers:

Dominic Mauriello, AICP, Principal, Mauriello Planning Group

Mary Kay Peck, FAICP, Founding Principal, MKPeck Associates

2:45pm - 3:00pm

INTERMISSION BREAK

3:00pm - 4:30pm

■ FORM-BASED ZONING GROWS UP

This session will review the 2012 APA PAS report on "The Rules that Shape Urban Form," which evaluates how form-based zoning controls are being used around the U.S. and how well they are working. Six different form-based zoning codes will be reviewed (Austin TX, Mooresville NC, Denver CO, Arlington County VA, Livermore CA, and Miami FL) to illustrate the wide range of application—all the way from very moderate injections of form-based controls into traditional zoning ordinances to the large city-wide mandatory code approved in Miami. In addition, this session will review the usefulness (or not) of various form-based controls in addressing other important challenges facing today's planners. The session will review new legal tools and criteria (such as warrants and exceptions) used to allow flexibility in the application of form-based regulations and the basis and resolution of legal challenges filed in Miami.

Speakers:

Don Elliott, FAICP, Director, Clarion Associates, LLC

Matt Goebel, AICP, Director, Clarion Associates, LLC

■ IT'S WHAT'S UNDER THE SURFACE THAT COUNTS (OR IS IT WHAT'S ON THE SURFACE?)

While aimed at the exploration and production of oil and gas resources, oil and gas regulations also affect surface development. This panel explores the split mineral and surface estates and their respective obligations to comply with the doctrine of "reasonable accommodation", the direct and indirect impacts of oil and gas regulations, as well as the need for collaboration in the management of water resources.

Moderator:

Kevin Gallaway, Associate Attorney, Dufford & Brown, PC

Speakers:

Chris Elliott, President, E5X Mangement, Inc.

Chad Repko, Landman, Noble Energy, Inc.



■ DESIGNING NETWORKS FOR NATURE: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF RESILIENT COLLABORATION

Collaboration done well has the opportunity to significantly leverage and enhance the work of all constituent members; however, effective collaboration does not occur just because a network is formed. This session features the research of Dr. Erik Johnston, an expert on collaborative decision-making and governance, who will discuss the tools and strategies for ensuring that your networks are designed to add value to your work while synthesizing the lessons to be drawn from the conference.

Speakers:

Shawn Johnson, Senior Associate, University of Montana Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy

Erik Johnston, Associate Professor & Director Arizona State University Center for Policy Informatics

■ PEOPLE VS. PLANS: WHY THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT MAY BE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS

After decades of decline, American cities are experiencing a renaissance. Adopted plans, development trends and market demographics are aligning to bring about increasingly dense “green” infill projects in the urban core. Rather than embracing smart growth principles, however, urban neighborhoods often take a “NIMBY” stance against them. This session will explore the impacts of urban prosperity, the debate taking place in urban communities over everything from traffic to open space, and how cities and developers are (and aren’t) successfully making the case for sustainable development practices.

Moderator:

Cameron Bertron, Senior Vice President, EnviroFinance Group

Speakers:

Laura Aldrete, Place Making Lead, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Diane Barrett, Chief Projects Officer, City and County of Denver Office of the Mayor

Crissy Fanganello, AICP, Director of Transportation, City & County of Denver Department of Public Works

Mark Falcone, CEO and Founder, Continuum Partners, LLC

Tracy Huggins, Executive Director, Denver Urban Renewal Authority

■ LAND USE TOOLS FOR A WATER-SMART FUTURE: TRAINING COMMUNITIES AND BUILDING NETWORKS

Land use planning and water planning are too often disconnected in the West. An ongoing partnership between Pace University’s Land Use Law Center, five Front Range communities, and several Colorado organizations addressed this challenge through a Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training program focused on decreasing the water-footprint of new development. Using a series of workshops, local communities were trained in land use law, provided tools for integrating water efficiency into land use planning processes, and educated on consensus-building techniques. This session will utilize workshop graduates and facilitators to describe lessons learned from the LULA-Colorado program.

Moderator:

Drew Beckwith, Water Policy Manager, Western Resource Advocates

Speakers:

John Fernandez, AICP, FasTracks/TOD Team Leader, City of Aurora

Greg Fisher, Manager of Demand Planning, Denver Water

John Nolon, Professor of Law, Pace University



■ CRASHING COLORADO'S RECOVERY? THE STATE OF CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LITIGATION

This session will provide the attendee with an understanding of Colorado's current construction defect litigation landscape, its effects on the state's housing industry, who is trying to remedy the issue, what the proposed remedies are, and what effects those remedies may have.

Moderator:

Ryan Warren, Shareholder, Polsinelli, PC

Speakers:

Tom Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation; Executive Vice President, Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce

David McLain, Founding Member, Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC