

Guest Speaker

Heath Kuntz

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Heath Kuntz has been a water resources consultant for 10 years working mainly with agricultural based organizations. He grew up on an irrigated farm in Northeastern Colorado raising alfalfa, corn, sugar beets, and dry beans. He graduated in 2001 with a degree in Soil and Crop Science from Colorado State University. He started working as a private water resources consultant in the Republican River basin and then moved to Groundwater Appropriators of the South Platte in 2003. From there he returned to private consulting in 2004 doing changes of water rights and plans for augmentation for canal companies and augmentation organizations until 2008.

In 2008, Heath went to work at Leonard Rice Engineers in Denver doing general water resources consulting for larger augmentation organizations, private farms, and municipalities. Those organizations included the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District in Rocky Ford, Central Colorado Water Conservancy District in Greeley, and the North Platte Natural Resources District in Scottsbluff, Nebraska among others. In 2011 Heath started Adaptive Resources, Inc. to perform general water resources and geologic consulting services and has retained many of those clients.

He currently is focused in the Arkansas River Basin on the Super Ditch Company and its efforts to start a pilot rotational fallowing program along with other Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District tasks like Rule 10. Heath's focus in the South Platte Basin is working on augmentation plans and changes of water rights for several clients and does water accounting for them as well. His focus in Nebraska is working with the State Department of Natural Resources on water related data and building a network of information that can be used to better communicate about water issues throughout the State.