

# Shaping Our Water Future

*Working to ensure adequate, quality water supplies*

**September 17 & 18, 2009**

Doubletree Hotel • 2431 N. Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO

*Participants should make their own hotel reservations, if needed.*

## **Thursday, September 17, 2009**

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*Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided*

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| 8:00 a.m. | <b>Registration Begins</b>  |
| 9:00      | <b><i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Gail Melgren - Director, Greater Ozarks Leadership Development, Missouri State University</li><li>▪ Bob Nichols - President, Tri-State Water Resource Coalition</li><li>▪ John Moore - Executive Director, Upper White River Basin Foundation; Conference Moderator</li></ul> |
| 9:15      | <b><i>Re-Cap of 2008 Conference - Our Water Future: The Regional View</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lloyd Young - Professor Emeritus, Missouri State University</li></ul>   |
| 9:30      | <b><i>Advancements in Understanding Our Regional Water Resources</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ryan Mueller – Water Resources Director, MO Department of Natural Resources</li></ul>  |
| 10:00     | <b><i>Water Re-Allocation from Corps Lakes: How Does it Work?</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mike Biggs – Water Resource Manager, Little Rock Corps of Engineers</li></ul>   |
| 10:30     | <i>Break</i>  |
| 10:45     | <b><i>Tri-State Water Resource Coalition: Seeking Solutions for Adequate Quality Water Supplies</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pete Rauch – Utilities Superintendent, City of Monett; Tri-State Board Member and Chair of Tri-State Technical Committee</li></ul>  |
| 11:15     | <b><i>Seeking Solutions: Defining the Paths Ahead</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ John Moore - Executive Director, Upper White River Basin Foundation</li></ul>   |
| 11:30     | <b><i>Obtaining Water from Grand Lake: Process, Possibilities and Challenges</i></b>  |
| 12:00     | <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 12:30     | <b><i>CASE STUDY Building a Regional Water Planning Group: Lessons from Texas</i></b>   |

- 1:30                   ▪ John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District  
**CASE STUDY *Building a Regional Water Resource Commission: Lessons from Northwest Missouri***
- Tye Parsons and D.J. Gehrt from the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission
- 2:00                   ***Ozark Aquifer Model and Water Quality Study***
  - John Czarnecki, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2:30                   *Break*
- 2:45                   ***Groundwater Study from Greene County, Missouri***
  - Joe Richards, Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Rolla, Missouri
- 3:15                   ***Reservoir Screening Study***
  - John Rutledge, Freese and Nichols, Fort Worth, Texas
- 4:00                   ***Wrap Up Day One***
  - John Moore
- 6:00                   ***Dinner and Networking***
  - Houlihan's Restaurant, in the Doubletree Hotel  
(Note: Conference fee does not cover your dinner at this event.)

## **Friday, September 18, 2009**

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*Breakfast and mid-morning snack provided*

- 8:00 a.m.           ***Recap of Day One and Intro to Day Two***
  - John Moore
- 8:15                   ***CASE STUDY How Advance Planning, Communication and Public Participation Help a Water Supply Project Succeed***
  - Roddy Rogers, Water Distribution and Supply Manager, City Utilities of Springfield
- 8:45                   ***Conserving our Water Resources: Benefits and Challenges***
  - Tim Smith, Administrator, Greene County, Missouri
- 9:15                   ***CASE STUDY Pursuing Water Use Efficiency***
  - Phil Walsack, Manager of Environmental Services, Missouri Public Utilities Alliance
- 9:45                   *Break*
- 10:00               ***PANEL: Needs and Concerns of Major Water Users***

Moderator: John Twitty – General Manager, City Utilities of Springfield

- Matt Barnhart - Operations Manager, Missouri American Water Company

- Paul Crabtree – Farmer; Past-President, Southwest Missouri Irrigators Association; Member, Tri-State Water Coalition Technical Committee
- David Golhoffer—Director, Plant Operations, St John’s hospital
- Pete Herschend – Herschend Family Entertainment Corporation
- Additional, yet to be confirmed

11:00      *Break*

11:15      **PANEL: *How Do We Create Citizen/Stakeholder Support to Move Ahead in the Political Arena?***

Moderator: Gail Melgren – Director, Greater Ozarks Leadership Development, Missouri State University, panel moderator

- Sara Lampe – State Representative, Missouri House of Representatives, 138<sup>th</sup> District
- Scott Marrs – Partner, Burch & Associates
- Ryan Mueller - Water Resources Director, MO Department of Natural Resources
- Ken Johnson – Chairman, Carthage Utility Board; former Mayor of Carthage
- Additional, yet to be confirmed

12:15      ***Where Do We Go From Here?***

- John Moore

12:30      **Adjourn**