



Colorado Water Congress was held at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center from January 25 to 27 and served as the official kick off of Colorado Water 2012 with videos, presentations from Book Club authors, and six GeoDome shows. • On Wednesday the Denver Museum of Nature and Science brought their GeoDome to CWC and gave presentations on the planetary processes that affect water supplies around the world and in the American West. To learn more about the GeoDome and how you can bring it to your community, please visit the [GeoDome](#) page on the Water 2012 website. • Patricia Limerick, George Sibley, Jon Waterman, and Craig Childs were all present at CWC. Limerick and Sibley humored the audience in the panel discussion *Our Common History, A Civil Discourse on Water* while Waterman and Childs gave presentations on their Book Club selections. [Watch](#) the Waterman/Childs presentation. • On Thursday night two Water 2012 videos were shown: [Water Fluency](#) and [Colorado Water 2012](#) to very positive reviews. Follow the links to view the videos for yourself! You are also invited to watch Governor Hickenlooper's proclamation [here](#). • CWC and the Colorado Water 2012 kick off were both huge successes and a great way to begin the Year of Water!



Upcoming Events

- Feb 2** Riverside Cross Country Ski
- Feb 3** Rain Gauge Training and Kick Off
- Feb 6-9** CROA/UGO Convention and Trade Show
- Feb 6** Healthy Forests of the Colorado River Basin
- Feb 7-10** ProGreen Expo
- Feb 7-9** Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference
- Feb 9,16,23** Water Course
- Feb 16** Emma Open Space Snowshoe Tour
- Feb 18** Water Tables
- Feb 21** Creek Critters Puppet Show
- Feb 22** Landscape Water Management & Planning
- Feb 23-24** DARCA Annual Convention
- Feb 23-25** Colorado Environmental Film Festival
- Feb 28** AWRA Colorado Luncheon
- Feb 29** Residential Environmental Program Series

January Highlights



The National Western Stock Show was a ton of fun and with the help of some awesome volunteers, Water 2012 was able to reach out to more than 5,000 visitors! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it so successful! • The Book Club premiered Chapter 5 from George Sibley's [Water Wranglers](#) and Chapter 1 from Tom Cech and William McDonald's [Defend and Develop](#). • The Library and Museum displays have started their rotations around the state, find out when one will be in your [area](#). • In Fundraising news: Encana became the first Marquee Sponsor of Colorado Water 2012! Also this past month Nestle and the San Luis Valley Brewing Company became the first beverage sponsors of Colorado Water 2012!



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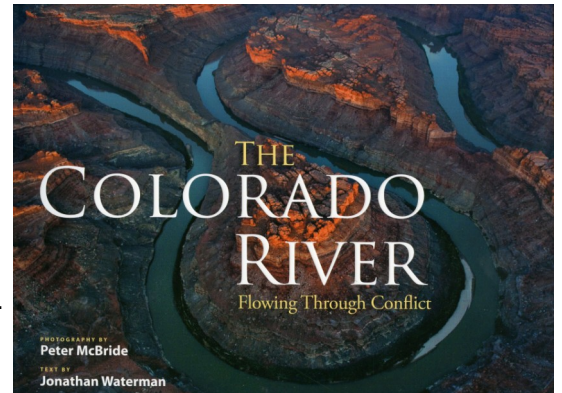
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The *Your Water Colorado* blog is now available for your reading pleasure!
The following is a peek at the most recent blog post...

Thoughts on "The Colorado River Flowing Through Conflict"

By: Ted Kowalski

Peter McBride and Jonathan Waterman's photographic masterpiece, *The Colorado River Flowing Through Conflict*, provides amazing and provocative snapshots of the Colorado River, from a variety of unique and mesmerizing perspectives, as its personality changes from the headwaters to the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. Without a doubt I would recommend this book to anyone who loves nature photography or who works in water issues as one of the best photographic journeys along the Colorado River that I have seen.



Interested in reading more?

Go to the [Your Water Colorado](#) blog for the rest of Ted Kowalski's thoughts and other blog posts. Subscribe to the blog to receive email alerts when new blog posts are available.

The Day Without Water video contest officially started on February 1. What would a day in your life look like without water? What would a day look like in your best friend's life or your pet's life without water? This contest offers a platform for contestants to show how water affects their daily lives and perhaps offer positive or alternative solutions to water scarcity issues. The seed video can be viewed [here](#) and was created by the Water Leaders group. Video submissions should be no more than 2 minutes and the deadline is August 1. Videos will be judged by a panel of water enthusiasts and winners will be announced by the end of the year. Put your creative thinking caps on!

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The Colorado Water 2012 Newsletter is a great place to showcase your upcoming events! If you'd like to submit an article for the March issue of the Colorado Water 2012 newsletter about the activities you have planned for 2012 please contact Nona Shipman at Water2012@cfwe.org. Please provide a short article between 100-200 words accompanied by a picture or graphic if available. All submission are appreciated!