

GRAD592

Interdisciplinary Water Resources Seminar

Fall 2009 Theme: **Environmental Protection and Water Management: Are They Compatible?**
Mondays at 4:00 PM, Clark A 206

Lecture Title:

Water Management & the Environment: Programs & Priorities for the Western Governors

Speaker

Tom Iseman
Western Governors' Association

Location and Time

Clark A 206
November 2nd, 2009 at 4 PM

Abstract

The Governors of the Western states recognize the significant water management challenges we face: we live in a predominantly semi-arid climate, we're the fastest growing region in the United States, and we're dealing with uncertainty with respect to our climate future. The fundamental challenge is to provide clean water for people while sustaining the natural environment and quality of life that are so important to our communities. Tom Iseman, Director for Water Policy at the Western Governors' Association, will discuss some of the ways the Western Governors are preparing to meet this challenge. Topics will include drought and climate change, endangered species, water transfers, and the energy-water nexus.

Tom Iseman

Tom Iseman serves as the Program Director for Water Policy and Implementation for the Western Governors Association. Tom addresses water supply, drought, and climate issues for the 19 Western States and 3 U.S.-Flag Pacific Islands. Prior to joining WGA, Tom managed the water program for The Nature Conservancy in Colorado and worked on water and hydropower issues for the Office of Policy in the Department of the Interior. Tom has extensive experience in statewide and regional water supply planning, including Colorado's Statewide Water Supply Initiative, the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, and FERC hydropower relicensing. Tom has promoted market-based tools to address water allocation and shortage issues as a board member of the Colorado Water Trust and through a fellowship with the Property and Environment Research Center on water markets. Tom grew up in Englewood, CO, and received a BA in History from Princeton University (focusing on Western water issues) and an MS from the University of Michigan in freshwater ecology.

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All interested faculty, students, and off-campus water professionals are encouraged to attend.
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