

Greetings!

Below is the One World One Water Newsletter. Here you will find special features, event announcements, and OWOW Center updates. Do you have a special tidbit you think water lovers should know about? Share it here! Contact Nona for more information.

Thank you and have a lovely day,  
The OWOW Center



## I Am A Fifth Generation Coloradan

By: Andrea Gonzales

"Save some water for the whales" is a challenge I remember repeating to my family and friends in the 80s and shamefully until recently, this was the foundation of my water awareness.

My name is Andrea Gonzales. I am a fifth generation Coloradan, a Denver native and descendant of a displaced Aurarian family. I am also a proud MSU Denver employee and student. Your Colorado story may not look like mine, but our futures are more alike than you think. As residents of Colorado we make decisions about water every day and it's about time to start making educated decisions to ensure a positive impact for our future generations.

This fall I participated in the OWOW Center's Water Diplomat Weekend Workshop where I joined college students from around the state to learn about Colorado water and our Colorado Water Plan. The most important thing I learned was the importance of understanding how the Colorado Water Plan will affect

our future. There are many challenges in our future with water and no simple solutions. As a good water steward I want to share some key Colorado water facts I found fascinating.



### Did you know?

~ There are 5.3 million people living in Colorado today, and by 2050 the population is predicted to nearly double. This fact alone will greatly increase the demand for water and create a shortage in supply.

~ There are highly-valued competing uses of water in Colorado - Industrial, Municipal, Recreation & Environmental, and Agricultural.

~ Colorado is one of two headwater states. This means there are no incoming rivers; our sole source of water comes from precipitation - rain, sleet, hail and snow.

~ By law, Colorado is required to send two-thirds of its water to downstream states, providing water to 18 total states.

- ~ Colorado's water supply is made up of the remaining one-third which is shared between the competing uses already mentioned.
- ~ Colorado water systems are effective, allowing each drop of water to be used eight times before it leaves the state.
- ~ Thanks to existing infrastructures Denver's drinking water comes from the Dillon Reservoir.
- ~ Water is important to our state but did you know that Colorado was the only state without a water plan - until this year.

### What's next?

Water is a precious natural resource and we must remember that as we live our daily lives. There is an increasing demand on our water supply and there are continual challenges. For now, do your part to conserve water and learn more about your Colorado water by visiting the Resources page on the OWOW Center website where you will find educational videos, articles and events. Learn more about the Colorado Water Plan or get involved in conservation efforts by visiting [ColoradoWaterPlan.com](http://ColoradoWaterPlan.com) or the Colorado Water Conservation Board website at [cwcb.state.co.us](http://cwcb.state.co.us).

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**We're going to Australia! Why don't you join us?**

## Study in Australia with OWOW!

**SPS390  
Perspectives in Water: Australia**

**Maymester 2016 – Travel to Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide – May 20-30, 2016: 3 credits**



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The One World One Water Center is hosting an informational session on

**November 16 from 3:30-4:30pm at 1045 9th Street.**

Stop by to learn more about this amazing opportunity and ask questions. Degree seeking and non-degree seeking students are invited to join the trip.

If you're not able to join us on November 16 or just need to know more information now because you are so excited, contact [Nona](#) today!

## AWRA Water Resources Networking Event

This year the annual AWRA Water Resources Networking Night will be part of the National AWRA Conference. There will be panelists from all over the country providing insight and sharing their experiences.

Come join AWRA and OWOW for free on November 18th!

# Student Water Resources Networking Night

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Grand Hyatt Denver , 1750 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202**

Join students from around the country to learn about careers in water resources while networking with professionals and organizations in engineering, watershed sciences, water management, conservation and more! This FREE event will be hosted as part of the National AWRA Conference.

**Sign up for the event on the AWRA Colorado website:**

<http://www.awracolorado.org/2015-awra-student-colorado-networking-night/>

**Space is limited, RSVP by November 9<sup>th</sup>!**

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To learn more about the 2015 AWRA  
Annual Water Resources Conference, visit  
<http://www.awra.org/meetings/Denver2015/>



[Register to attend the event](#)





Join the WASSUP Club and the OWOW Center for a special holiday party!

**December 2, 2015**  
**5:30-6:30pm**  
**Tivoli 442**

# Holiday Extravaganza!

Join WASSUP and OWOW for food and to celebrate the Water Studies Graduates!

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There will be food, good moods, and special recognition of December graduates.

## Spring Semester Classes

Still need to round out your spring semester? Why not consider one of these great water courses?

- GEG 1910 Water Essentials/Global Water Concerns
- MGT/ENV 3250 Colorado Water Law & Water Rights Administration
- ENV 3400 Water Resources
- JRN 390T Covering the Environment
- HIS 3426 Colorado Water & the American West
- ENV 4450 Stream Ecology

Check out the [Minor, Certificate, & Course Information](#) page for more classes.

The OWOW Center now offers a [Water Studies Certificate](#) for degree seeking and non-degree seeking students. Earn a Water Studies Certificate in three or less semesters with 15 credits of valuable water knowledge!



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