

The Alberta Irrigation Projects Association

2010 Conference

“Alberta’s Water Balancing Act”

Radisson Hotel, 2120 -16th Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta; February 22-24, 2010

Monday, February 22

7:00 pm Wine and Cheese
Registration begins

Tuesday, February 23

7:30 Registration continues
8:45 **Opening Remarks** – AIPA Chair,
Richard Phillips
Introduction of Minister Renner

Keynote Address

9:00 **Water: New Directions** –
Minister Rob Renner

Alberta’s Water Policy Review

9:30 **Where Does Our Water Come From** –
John Pomeroy
10:00 **Water Allocations and Reallocations: Past,
Present and Future** – TBA
10:30 Networking Coffee Break
11:00 **First in Time, First in Right (FITFIR) Panel**
FITFIR – Why is it Important for Irrigation –
Len Ring
FITFIR – Why is it Important for Municipal
Licenses – **Paul Fesko**
FITFIR – What Needs to be Changed and the
Alternatives – **Barry Robinson**
FITFIR – Legal review and the Expected Cost of
Change – **Richard Jones**

12:15 Lunch

Managing Water for Society

1:30 **Conservation, Efficiency, Productivity:
Irrigation’s Targets** – **Kent Bullock**
2:00 **Water Market’s Role in Managing Water for
Society** – **Henning Bjornlund**

2:30 **Rural Water Distribution Networks** –
Mike Coles
3:00 Networking Coffee Break
3:30 **Water for a Sustainable Society: How Much
Do We Really Need** – **Kim Sturgess**
4:00 **SSRB Study: Conclusions and**
Recommendations – **Jennifer Nitschelm**
4:30 Adjourn for the afternoon

Evening Events

6:00 Cocktails
6:30 Banquet
7:30 AIPA Awards
7:45 Banquet Speaker – **Ken Nicol**
Financial Rewards for Stewardship

Wednesday, February 24

Water and the Environment

8:30 **Implications of the Land-use Strategy and
Cumulative Effects Legislation for Water
Resources** – **Bev Yee**
9:00 **Water Quality Panel**
WPACs’ Focus – **Lisa Fox** BRBC, **Bob Phillips**
SEAWA, **Andrea Kalischuk** OWC
10:00 Networking Coffee Break
10:30 **Implementing Environmental Flows in the
South Saskatchewan River Basin** –
Stewart Rood
11:00 **Wetland Compensation Program: a New Era** –
Dave Kay

Water for Irrigation

11:30 **History of Irrigation in Alberta** – **Keith Francis**
12:00 **Wrap up and closing remarks**
12:15 **Lunch**