



Western Water Workshop

Water law & policy 101 for young and beginning farmers and ranchers

Friday, Jan. 25th 8:00am

The National Young Farmers Coalition (NYFC) hosts the Western Water Workshop to ensure young and beginning farmers and ranchers have the information, knowledge, and resources necessary to enter roles of water leadership. The workshop will be part of the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum: Healthy Fields, Farmers, Futures.

Speakers from the National Young Farmers Coalition, Office of the State Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation District, and Gunnison Basin Roundtable will present on topics including:

- Foundations of water law and policy in the Colorado River Basin
- “Use it or lose it:” myth or reality?
- Water administration & regional water plans
- Conservation and efficiency financing
- Opportunities to engage in water leadership

The presentations will be followed by a panel session with our speakers.

Everyone is encouraged to bring any specific questions they have to our panel session and will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with our local water experts.

The workshop will include a locally sourced lunch, continental breakfast and snacks.

Who should attend? While we strongly encourage young and beginning farmers and ranchers to attend, this workshop is open to the public—from backyard gardeners to experienced ranchers, and community members seeking more knowledge on water.