

**SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
ORDER**

**Concerning the Establishment of the Water Court Committee
of the Colorado Supreme Court**

I hereby constitute a standing Water Court Committee of the Colorado Supreme Court. Its charge is to work with the Water Judges, the State Court Administrator's Office, the members of the Colorado Supreme Court, the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, other public agencies having water responsibilities, and interested organizations and members of the public on matters concerning Colorado's water courts.

These matters include, but are not limited to, the recommendations contained in the report of August 1, 2008 submitted to me by the predecessor committee I established by order of December 4, 2007. The purpose of the Water Court Committee shall not include altering or impairing the existing water use rights of any public agency or private person.

I appoint Justice Greg Hobbs to chair the committee. Additional members of the committee will consist of an active water judge, two water referees, another justice of the supreme court, the state court administrator or designee, a senior water judge, the designee of the attorney general, the deputy for water of the department of natural resources, the state engineer, a division engineer, the director of the water conservation board, two persons who own and use water rights, two practicing water engineers, and six attorneys who have substantial experience in the water courts of the State of Colorado, one of whom shall represent the Water Section of the Colorado Bar Association. The members of the committee shall be appointed from time to time by the Chief Justice.

I appoint the following persons as the initial members of the Water Court Committee, with staggered terms all commencing August 15, 2008, so that a full term on the committee will be three years subject to reappointment:

Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr., Chair (3 years)
Judge John Kuenhold, Water Judge, Water Division 3 (2 years)
Justice Michael Bender (1 year)
Judge Thomas Ossola, Senior Water Judge (1 year)
Referee John Cowan, Water Division 1 (2 years)
Referee Lain Leoniak, Water Division 5 (1 year)
Mr. Jerry Marroney, State Court Administrator (3 years)
Ms. Casey Shpall, Deputy Attorney General (1 year)
Mr. Dick Wolfe, State Engineer (3 years)
Mr. Steve Witte, Division Engineer for Water Division 2 (2 years)
Ms. Alexandra Davis, Department of Natural Resources,
Deputy for Water (2 years)
Ms. Jennifer Gimbel, Director,
Colorado Water Conservation Board (3 years)

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Mr. Robert Sakata, water right owner and user (1 year)
Mr. Bill Trampe, water right owner and user (2 years)
Mr. Doug Clements, practicing engineer (3 years)
Mr. Hal Simpson, practicing engineer (1 year)
Mr. Mark Hamilton, Chair, Water Section,
Colorado Bar Association (1 year)
Mr. Mark Hermundstad, attorney (3 years)
Mr. Andy Jones, attorney (2 years)
Mr. David Robbins, attorney (3 years)
Mr. Michael Shimmin, attorney (1 year)
Mr. Jim Witwer, attorney (2 years)

Done this 8th day of August, 2008.


Mary J. Mullarkey