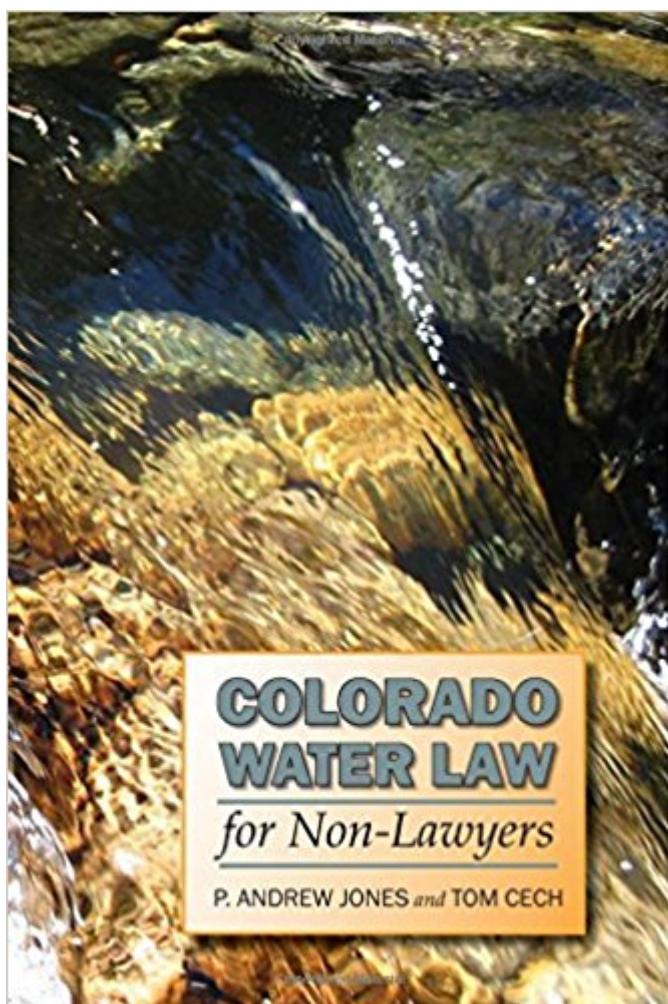


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# Colorado Water Law For Non-Lawyers



## Synopsis

Why do people fight about water rights? Who decides how much water can be used by a city or irrigator? Does the federal government get involved in state water issues? Why is water in Colorado so controversial? These questions, and others like them, are addressed in Colorado Water Law for Non-Lawyers. This concise and understandable treatment of the complex web of Colorado water laws is the first book of its kind. Legal issues related to water rights in Colorado first surfaced during the gold mining era in the 1800s and continue to be contentious today with the explosive population growth of the twenty-first century. Drawing on geography and history, the authors explore the flashpoints and water wars that have shaped Colorado's present system of water allocation and management. They also address how this system, developed in the mid-1800s, is standing up to current tests—including the drought of the past decade and the competing interests for scarce water resources—and predict how it will stand up to new demands in the future. This book will appeal to students, non-lawyers involved with water issues, and general readers interested in Colorado's complex water rights law.

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P. Andrew Jones, a lawyer specializing in water rights and water quality issues, was recently appointed by the chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court to serve on a committee created to study potential reform of Colorado's water court system. Tom Cech is director of the One World One Water Center for Urban Water Education and Stewardship at Metropolitan State University of Denver. Formerly he was the executive director of the Central Colorado Water

Conservancy District in Greeley for over 20 years, and he has also taught water resources courses at the University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University.Ã  Ã

Needs an index to specific questions like "What are the specific CRS nos. requiring augmentation?"

I downloaded this book expecting to have to slog through dense, dry text so I could interview intelligently for a job. It's turned out to be far, far better than I expected. The ideas are clearly presented and thoughtfully laid out, the information is exactly what I was looking for but what surprised me was how well it was written. It's almost a story that pulls the reader along. I haven't had to re-read a sentence three times to untangle the meaning. That's rare in either water resource literature or law (even for non-lawyer) books. At the same time, I'm comfortable that I have an overview of the subject that I can build on. Thank you!

I was surprised by how clearly the author describes water law; the book is worth it for that alone. What I did not expect was Jones' thorough review of hydrology. This is an essential reference book for anyone who wants to understand Colorado water issues.

The book provides a useful summary for lawyers too, and gives a comprehensive introduction to complex groundwater rules. Highly recommended particularly for those conducting comparative research against Colorado.

Interesting book - heard Any Jones speak at at a water seminar in Fort Collins, CO.

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