

Nominations for Annual “Bob Appel – Friend of the Arkansas” Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 8th Annual “Bob Appel – Friend of the Arkansas” award that is presented each year at the Arkansas River basin Water Forum. The award is designed to honor an individual who has over the years demonstrated their commitment to improving the condition of the Arkansas River as it flows from its headwaters near Leadville to the state line.

Criteria: This award is meant to recognize someone who has helped to promote the best management practices in the usage of water in the Arkansas River basin. Their efforts may include contributions in the general areas of development, preservation, conservation, and/or leadership. The ability to reach out to as many constituents as possible, and cooperation and consensus building, is an important aspect in the consideration of this award. Other considerations include, but are not limited to, the nominee’s length of service in the area of water resources, the impact of their accomplishments, and their respect within the water community of the Arkansas River basin.

Nominations should include a thorough description of why the individual is being nominated as well as any testimonials or letters of recommendation. Nominations may be sent to Jean Van Pelt at the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District office, 31717 United Ave., Pueblo, CO 81001 or email to jean@secwcd.com or fax 719-948-0036. Nominations need to be received **no later than March 9, 2012**. If you have any questions about the award or the nomination process, please call Jean at 719-948-2023.

Past “*Bob Appel – Friend of the Arkansas*” winners are:

2005 - Mike Conlin	2006 – Denzel Goodwin	2007 – Paul Flack
2008 – Reed Dils	2009 – Carl Genova	2010 – Allen Ringle
	2011 – Roger “Bud” O’Hara	

The Forum will be April 25 and 26, 2012 in Leadville. Registration information will be mailed out soon or you can go to www.arbwf.org for information.

Please forward this announcement to people in the water industry in the Arkansas River basin or feel free to include it in any newsletter or mailings.