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## The Briefing

### Executive Director Update



It has been a busy few weeks in several areas. In transportation I attended the Ports to Plains Annual Conference in Lubbock, Texas, including a board meeting where I represent our area. A meeting in Brush provided an overview of a study to look at Highway 71 from Limon to Kimball, NE which is the Heartland Expressway part of Ports to Plains corridor.

We reached out to our elected officials as partners with other groups on health care at a Federal level. The last effort would have been particularly harmful to our rural

### Save the Dates

#### **October 19-20**

Pro 15 Fall Conference, Alumni of the Plains

Location: Candlelight Dinner Playhouse in Johnstown

#### **December 6**

Pro 15 Quarterly - Ag and Water

Location: Quintech, 529 North Albany, Yuma, CO

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#### **February 1-2**

Voices of Rural Colorado  
State Capitol

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areas.

In energy we supported expanded wind farms by Xcel Energy.

In health/human services we met with the Colorado Aging Planning group and will help them promote an event here in Fort Morgan on October 25th. We also participated in a survey for Serve Colorado on the needs in our region. In this area we are also working on a resolution on making sure the medical tax gets delayed another year at the federal level. The policy committee approved moving it to the Board of Directors for ratification.

In Ag we reached out to make sure federal officials were aware of the need in immigration reform to consider agriculture and to work on a resolution that works for everyone on DACA.

Colorado bioscience discussion were also had which rounded out the last three weeks.

Work is continuing on the Fall Conference and we believe we have an excellent program with relevant information, a little fun thrown in and lots of networking opportunities.

*Cathy*

**P. S. Can't attend the entire conference? We have set up one day registrations for you.**

**You can now make reservations at the Best Western Plus in Loveland for the Fall Conference. The link is at [www.pro15.org/events](http://www.pro15.org/events)**

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### **Conference Speakers**

#### **Keynote:**

Don Ament  
Lisa Johnson

#### **Program Speakers:**

Former Rep Bob Schaffer  
Tracee Bentley, API/CPI  
Brian Werner, Northern Water  
Emily Wilson, Innosphere  
Andy Montgomery, Northern Colorado  
Economic Alliance  
Herman Stockinger, CDOT  
Randy Grauberger, WSP

#### **Legislators/Candidates**

Rep Dan Young  
Brett Barkey, State Treasurer

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## Member News

### Do You Have News You Want to Share?

If you have news you would like to share with other Pro 15 members, send it to [Cathy@Pro15.org](mailto:Cathy@Pro15.org) and we'll include it in the next issue of The Briefing.

**SHARE**  
**YOUR NEWS**

### CAPA Newsletter - In Front of the Paver

To read the entire newsletter from CAPA, visit: <http://bit.ly/1Nw1YAO>

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### On Our Facebook Page: [Pro 15](#)

- CHFA
- Extending funding for CHIP
- New Community College State President Community Input
- Northern Water
- Colorado Energy Plan article by Trent Bushner
- Women in Ag Series
- Teacher Shortage
- Awards for Shaileen Bhatt and Joe Rice
- Hyperloop

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## State & Federal Updates

### Governor Hickenlooper Calls Special Session of the General Assembly

To read the entire press release from the Governor's office, visit:

<http://bit.ly/2j0dFd3>

### Colorado Agriculture is Focus of Annual Photo Contest

## State Board & Commission Openings

### Recently Enacted Boards:

The Governor's office is currently seeking candidates for these recently enacted boards:

- Division of Youth Services Community Board
- State Veterinary Education Loan Repayment Council

To read the entire press release from the Department of Ag, visit:  
<http://bit.ly/2yKloyB>

### **New State Advisor on Aging to Focus on Needs of Colorado's Increasing Senior Population**

To read the entire press release from the Governor's office, visit:  
<http://bit.ly/2yLROW3>

### **State Revenue Forecast Shows Increased Momentum**

To read the entire press release from the Governor's office, visit:  
<http://bit.ly/2x18IT6>

### **Governor Hickenlooper Announces Resignation of Executive Director Ellen Golombek from Colorado Department of Labor and Employment**

To read the entire press release from the Governor's office, visit:  
<http://bit.ly/2yx6EDt>

If you are interested in applying, please [submit your application](#) and resume. We ask that applicants apply to no more than five boards at a time.

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The Governor's office is looking for applicants for the following boards and commissions that have terms expiring in September and October. If you are interested in applying, please [submit your application](#) and resume as soon as possible. We ask that applicants apply to no more than five boards at a time.

#### **September**

- Colorado State Child Fatality Prevention Review Team
- Fire and Police Pension Association Board of Directors
- Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board
- Colorado New Energy Improvement District Board
- Nursing Home Innovations Grant Board
- State Board of Equalization
- Nurse Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Health Care
- Correctional Industries Advisory Committee
- Workforce Development Council

#### **October**

- High-Performance Transportation Enterprise
- Statewide Independent Living Council
- Water Resources and Power Development Authority
- Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council
- Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council
- Petroleum Storage Tank Advisory Committee

Anyone interested in appointment needs to complete the online application. Questions about the application and review process should be directed to Romaine



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## Membership Renewals

Colorado Livestock Association  
Connect 4 Health Colorado  
Highline Electric  
Northeastern Junior College  
Northeast Colorado Broadcasting  
Aurora Water  
Intermountain REA

## New Members

Brett Barkey



## Board of Directors

### Chair

Tammy Berbee, Viaero Wireless,  
Morgan County

### Vice-Chair

Randy Grauberger,  
Weld County

### Secretary

Josh Liss, Intermountain REA  
Douglas County

### Treasurer

Nancy Berges, Highline Electric  
Phillips County

### Past Chair

Barry Gore, Adams County ED  
Adams County

### Directors

Gerry Horak, City of Fort Collins  
Larimer County

Chuck Rech, C.W. Rech & Co.  
Arapahoe County

## Board Alternates

Michael Ellsberry, Adams County  
Jeff Baker, Arapahoe County  
Don Rutledge, Yuma County  
Kari Linker, Morgan County  
Greg Thomason, Morgan County  
Melanie Worley, Douglas County  
Jim Herron, Lincoln County

## Committee

### Co-Chairs

### Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

Steve Young & Mary Hodge

### Transportation

Randy Grauberger & Michael  
Ellsberry

### Business & Labor

Dawn Garcia & Kari Linker

### Energy

Josh Liss, & Tracee Bentley

### Health & Human Services

Trae Miller, Logan County ED  
Logan County

Mike Sullivan, Sedgwick County ED  
Sedgwick County

Lindsey Jones, City of Wray  
Yuma County

Paula Weeks, Kit Carson County  
Kit Carson County

Chris Snyder, Town of Limon  
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### Education

Jay Lee & Curt Freed



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