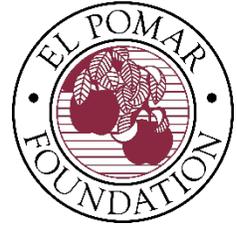


MEDIA ADVISORY



June 25, 2024

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El Pomar Foundation's Pikes Peak Heritage Series to Host "Moving Upstream: Navigating the Future of Water in the Pikes Peak Region" in collaboration with Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, and Colorado Springs Utilities

PHOTO/VIDEO/AUDIO DETAILS:

- **4:00 – 6:00 p.m. program will convene local leaders and experts to discuss the future of water in the Pikes Peak region.**
- **All media please check in by 3:30 p.m.**
- **Due to limited camera space, we ask that you let us know in advance if you plan to attend and take photos/video. Please reach out to Erin Hannan at contact info above.**
- **We have XLR Outputs available on our soundboard for those who wish to record audio directly.**
- **Media will be asked to stand unless they also have a valid RSVP.**

PHOTO/VIDEO/AUDIO OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE (Exact times subject to change):

- **4:00 p.m. Opening remarks with R. Thayer Tutt and Stella Hodgkins of El Pomar and Travas Deal, Colorado Springs Utilities CEO**
- **4:10 – 4:20 p.m. Recap of last year's event with Birgit Landin from Colorado Springs Utilities**
- **4:20 – 5:10 p.m. Panel presentations/discussion with Kim Gortz, Brian Risley, and Jessie Shaffer**
- **5:10 – 5:30 p.m. Q&A**
- **5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Informal reception**

WHAT: Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, Colorado Springs Utilities, and El Pomar Foundation's Pikes Peak Heritage Series will hold a panel discussion as a follow up to an event held last fall called "Moving Upstream: Protecting Our Water Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow," that discussed the history and current state of water in the region. This year's event "Moving Upstream: Navigating the Future of Water in the Pikes Peak Region" aims to educate and bring awareness to the future of water in the region, through conversations about regional water plans, and how community members can get involved. The event will include introductory remarks from El Pomar leadership, Travas Deal, Colorado Springs Utilities CEO. The panel conversation will be moderated by Karen Palus, Executive Director of Colorado Springs Leadership Institute and will include: Kim Gortz, Manager of Water Resources for Colorado Springs Utilities; Brian Risley, Colorado Springs City Councilmember; and Jessie Shaffer, District Manager for Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District No. 1. Key topics include: the Colorado Springs Sustainable Water Plan, interactions of water municipalities in the Pikes Peak Region, how infrastructure planning impacts water use, and the decision making process of the Colorado Springs City Council regarding water sustainability.

Attendees are invited to learn more about the challenges our region faces surrounding water use and explore practical steps to protect our water for future generations. A reception will immediately follow. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 26, 2024;** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: **Penrose House Conference Center | Garden Pavilion,** 1661 Mesa Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Media outlets interested in attending and documenting the event should contact Erin Hannan, El Pomar Senior Vice President of Communications at (719) 577-5750 or ehannan@elpomar.org.

About Pikes Peak Heritage Series

At El Pomar, just as Spencer and Julie Penrose relished, we have the joy of spending our days in the shadow of Pikes Peak. We also know there's always more to learn about the natural assets of the region surrounding America's Mountain. In keeping with the Penroses' interest in supporting and promoting the natural assets of the area, in 2015 we launched the Pikes Peak Heritage Series to celebrate, educate about, and explore the beautiful environment of the region through lectures, discussions and opportunities to connect with outdoor and land use leaders.

About El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community engagement and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations, including three historic properties open to the public: Penrose Heritage Museum, Penrose House Conference Center, and Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

About Colorado Springs Leadership Institute

CSLI was formed in 1996 with the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of the leaders in our community. The program provides a platform where established leaders come to network, share ideas, problem solve, and form collaborative relationships. Working collectively, CSLI graduates have a meaningful impact on our community.

About Colorado Springs Utilities

A community-owned not for profit utility provider of electric, natural gas, water, and wastewater services, Colorado Springs Utilities has been a community partner for 100 years and built value for more than 500,000 customers through operational effectiveness, customer loyalty, and competitive services.

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