

Residents talk water at State of the Basin Symposium

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The aquifer is depleting rapidly ... Should residents be concerned? Maybe the Ogallala Aquifer in some areas is stable, but according to the annual measurement of wells throughout the area, the water table under a vast majority of the Northern High Plains Basin has dropped consistently for decades.

The Republican River Water Conservation District, together with numerous businesses throughout the basin, co-sponsored the State of the Basin Symposium Monday, March 17 in Wray to address questions and concerns surrounding the water tables in northeastern Colorado.

Justice Greg Hobbs started the day giving an informative synopsis of the history of water law in Colorado. Hobbs is one of seven individuals on the Colorado Supreme Court. He gave a very informative historical perspective of the Republican River Compact and the reasoning why it was written.

Premier Farm Credit and CO Bank provided copies of the Citizen's Guide to Colorado's Interstate Compacts to all who attended the symposium. Hobbs referenced this booklet several times in his presentation.

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