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Jennifer Gimbel named to Northern Water Board

BERTHOUD – Jennifer Gimbel of Loveland has been chosen to serve on the Northern Water Board of Directors and Municipal Subdistrict Board of Directors.

She will represent Larimer County and replaces Bill Fischer, who passed away May 7. By state law, directors are chosen by the chief judge of the district court.

Gimbel has an extensive background in state and federal water policy.

She currently is the senior water policy scholar for the Colorado Water Center, based at Colorado State University. In this position she teaches a graduate seminar on water issues and develops policy strategy papers on issues facing the Colorado River and the Upper Basin states, of which Colorado is one.

Before that, she served as the principal deputy assistant secretary for water and science in the Department of the Interior and was deputy commissioner for external and intergovernmental affairs for the Bureau of Reclamation.

From 2008 to 2013, Gimbel was the director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, a group within the Department of Natural Resources that works to protect and develop the state's water resources.

"Water is such an important part of our lives and our future," she said. "It is an honor to be appointed to the Northern board, which has been and continues to be important in water supply and policy not only in Northern Colorado but also in all of the state."

Gimbel enjoys hiking and reading. She has two adult children and two grandchildren.

About Northern Water:

Northern Water, a public agency created in 1937, provides water for agricultural, municipal, domestic and industrial uses to an eight-county service area with a population of nearly 1 million. Northern Water and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation operate the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, which collects water on the West Slope and delivers it to Northeastern Colorado through a 13-mile tunnel beneath Rocky Mountain National Park. It and the Municipal Subdistrict are currently developing the Windy Gap Firming Project and the Northern Integrated Supply Project to enhance Front Range water supplies for the future.