

## Coors Brewing Company Water Rights and Hydrology

In 1963, WWE was retained by Coors Brewing Company of Golden, Colorado, to initiate an acquisition program for water rights. Coors acquired water rights in the Clear Creek basin to maintain a firm and reliable water supply. Coors' initial Augmentation Plan of 1977, developed by WWE, Glenn Saunders and Jack Ross, was the first major augmentation plan in the state.



Later, WWE performed engineering services to incorporate 57 irrigation water rights purchases from three ditches into a second Augmentation Plan. Our services included research of historically irrigated areas and ditch-wide analyses. The historical consumptive-use credits and winter return flow requirements were quantified. Terms and conditions were developed to protect and satisfy the 15 objectors, which avoided a lengthy court hearing. Our water rights services to Coors continue after 50 years.

WWE has served as Coors' water supply engineers continuously from 1963 to the present. Work has included expert witness services in court approximately 50 times.

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