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## CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT Upcoming Webinar to Examine Surface and Groundwater Management

LINCOLN, Nebraska (October 7, 2009) - The challenges and opportunities presented by the physical differences in surface water and groundwater systems will be the topic of the upcoming Groundwater Foundation Webinar at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 27.



Ann Bleed, PhD, P.E.

Ann Bleed, Senior Program Manager with “Collaborative Decision Resources” (CDR) Associates, will discuss the need for hydrologically connected surface water and groundwater systems to be managed in an integrative fashion, as well as benefits of physical differences in the two systems.

Bleed has over 20 years of experience with the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, first as the State Hydrologist and then as Deputy Director and Director of the Department. Her experience includes being a State of Nebraska representative on the negotiating teams that settled two interstate water allocation lawsuits, helping develop the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program, and helping facilitate the Water Policy Task Force that wrote a new comprehensive integrated surface water and groundwater law for the State of Nebraska. Bleed is currently teaching graduate courses in water policy and law and integrated resources management at the University of Nebraska.

“Ann’s use of the historical perspective of Nebraska’s water issues translates well to other geographic locations around the country as well,” said Groundwater Foundation Executive Vice President Cindy Kreifels. “She is a well-qualified speaker on the groundwater/surface water topic with her history in water programs in the state of Nebraska and we are excited to have her take part in our ongoing webinar series.”

To register for the event, visit The Groundwater Foundation’s website at [www.groundwater.org](http://www.groundwater.org) and click on the Webinars button. For more information, email [webinar@groundwater.org](mailto:webinar@groundwater.org) or call 1-800-858-4844.

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