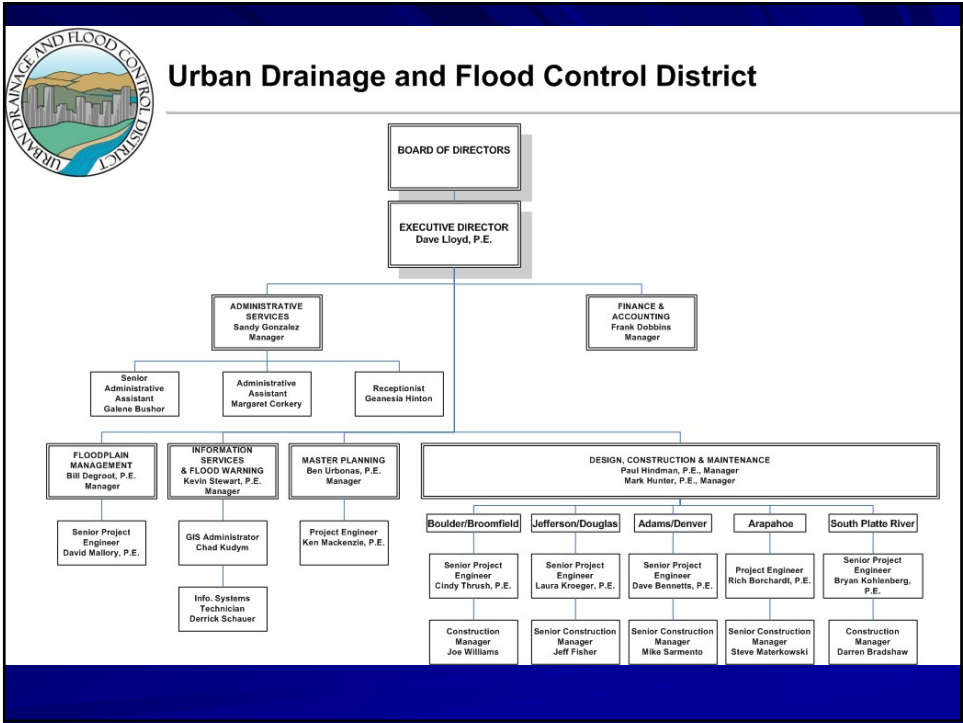


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# Friend of UDFCD Award

- The District last year initiated a *Friend of UDFCD* award series
- Its intent is to recognize individuals that have contributed *significantly and selflessly* to the field of stormwater and flood management and its technology in the Denver Region and within the State of Colorado

## ***2008 Friend of UDFCD Award***

- The recipient of this year's *Friend of the UDFCD Award* which we are honoring today is a person who prepared the original Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD) Drainage Criteria Manual that published in 1969 and who served as the UDFCD technical staff for its first 1 ½ years.
- This engineer is Ken Wright of Wright Water Engineers, Inc.
  - He founded the company in 1961 and is still fully active as a regular staff member of the firm.

## ***2008 Friend of UDFCD Award (cont.)***

- The objective of the 1969 Manual was to provide performance-oriented drainage criteria based on sound hydrological, hydraulic, and urban planning principles. Ken Wright was the lead in authoring it and assembled a most talented team that included very prominent names in the field to help him with this task, including:
  - Jack Shaeffer of the University of Chicago
  - D. Earl Jones, the Chief Engineer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Senator Joe Shoemaker, Denver's Director of Public Works at that time
- Ken Wright's interest in urban hydrology research and sound planning has not waned over the last 40 years.

## 2008 Friend of UDFCD Award (cont.)

- During his spare time, he has taken on research work in the field of paleohydrology.
  - His field research in Peru and many publications have resulted in two of the leading universities in Lima, Peru each awarding him an *honorary professorship*.
  - Recently he was awarded a *gold medal* authorized by the Peru's President Garcia for distinguished service to the Republic of Peru.
  - The American Society of Civil Engineers honored him in 2006 by naming him an Honorary Member, and later a Distinguished Member of ASCE.

## 2008 Friend of UDFCD Award (cont.)

- Ken has continually has given his service for nearly 50 years to the Denver Metropolitan Area and the State of Colorado:
  - in the field of urban drainage and flood control, and
  - in 1968-1969 helped to create UDFCD.
    - his testimony to the State of Colorado Legislature on formation of the UDFCD was instrumental in convincing them to form UDFCD, a move that was necessary to:
      - protect the Denver Metropolitan Area from the ravages of flooding, and
      - to create a unified program to better provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

*2008 Friend of UDFCD Award (cont.)*

For this selfless and outstanding service to our community, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District awards its

*2008 Friend of UDFCD Award*

to

**Kenneth Wright, P.E.**