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### **WELD COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO HOST OIL AND GAS 101**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners announces the first oil and gas information session to benefit county residents. Staff from the Planning Services Department, County Attorney's Office and the County Extension Office will be present to answer questions from the public related to oil and gas development. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 14, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Events Room at the Weld County Administration Building located at 1150 O Street in Greeley.

"Weld County recently hired Troy Swain as the Weld County Oil and Gas Liaison to be a resource for county residents and assist them with any questions or concerns they may have with oil and gas development in the county," said Commissioner Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer. "This is the first of several events Troy will host for the public to provide information and answer questions about the oil and gas industry in Weld County."

During this session, people can meet in small groups and one-on-one to discuss various topics including local permitting, pooling, spacing and leasing; notices; location assessments, environmental issues, impact mitigation and agricultural concerns. Two representatives from the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) will be present to provide information on COGCC permitting and oversight functions.

"This event is open to the public, and we encourage surface and mineral owners, as well as people who have received notices from an operator, to drop in anytime between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. so we can answer any specific questions about the paperwork they have received," said Swain.

The county will host more oil and gas information sessions in other areas of the county. Those dates are to be determined.

"I hope county residents take advantage of these information sessions," said Commissioner Steve Moreno, coordinator for the Department of Planning Services. "It will be a great opportunity for people to learn about oil and gas development and get all their questions answered."

For more information on oil and gas in Weld County visit [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com) and click on the Building Department then the Building Permits tab and the Oil and Gas tab.

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