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Rusch appointed to Northern Board

LOVELAND – District Judge Steven Shinn April 12 announced that John Rusch has been appointed to represent Morgan and Washington counties on the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board of Directors. He succeeds John Caneva who passed away Feb. 27 after serving 24 years on the NCWCD Board. Rusch will complete Caneva's 3 ½-year term.

Rusch was surprised and pleased when contacted about his appointment by Judge Shinn.

“I've got some huge shoes to fill, following John,” said Rusch. “I've always had so much respect for John and the Northern District.”

A Morgan County native, Rusch grew up on a farm. He and his brother Mark farm about 1,600 acres, most of that in corn.

Rusch has been active in irrigation and water management issues for many years. He has served on the Bijou Irrigation District Board since 1983. He currently serves as Bijou's president. Rusch also has served on the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Board of Directors. He is an active participant in the Irrigationists Association, a group of a dozen small ditch companies in northeastern Colorado.

John and his wife Becky have two children, Jill, 16, and Matt, 12.