

# Democrats pick replacement for Isgar's seat

## Bruce Whitehead to finish state senator's term

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The Democrats who make up the 6th Senate District Vacancy Committee assigned to replace outgoing state Senator Jim Isgar, announced Saturday the appointment of Bruce Whitehead to serve out the remainder of Isgar's term.

Whitehead, of Hesperus, is a member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and worked for 25 years for the Colorado Division of Water Resources. He is the executive director of the Southwest and Animas-La Plata water conservation districts. He was appointed by Gov. Bill Ritter last year to serve on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.

Isgar's seat has been vacant since July 20, when he was appointed to head the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development office in Denver. Isgar is barred by term limits from seeking re-election. He has one year remaining on his four-year term.

The Colorado Constitution stipulates both state senators and representatives may hold their seats for no more than eight years. In Colorado, senators serve four-year terms and representatives two-year terms.

Chairwoman of the La Plata County Democrats Jean Walter said Whitehead shares Isgar's interest in rural issues. "We're thrilled with Bruce's appointment," she said. "We're thrilled to see someone with his expertise in water and agriculture issues representing our district."

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