

# INDIAN WATER RIGHTS 101

“Sovereignty, Spirituality, Governance”

Ft. Randall Hotel & Casino – Pickstown SD 57367

May 28th, 29th & 30th 2019

Mni woconi is a precious gift from the Creator and Tribes must control, manage and protect water rights based on their values and beliefs. Tribes must formulate strong policies regarding these values and beliefs and develop the codes, standards, regulations and guidelines to implement these policies and protect people, resources and a way of life. This means exercising sovereignty wisely while also developing professional technical and administrative skills to monitor and protect in today's technological world.

## *Who Should Attend?*

*Elected Leaders, Spiritual Leaders, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Treaty Councils, Environmental Managers, College Administrators, Water Departments, Elders, Young people  
Trusted Legal advisers.*

## **AGENDA**

### **DAY ONE - am**

8:30-9:30      Opening Prayer

**Welcome – Chairman Robert Flying Hawk**

Introductions

9:30-10:30      **Wind River Experience/Big Horn Adjudication –Wes Martel**

10:30-10:45      **BREAK**

10:45-12      **Major Issues of Federal Reserved Indian Water Rights – Wes Martel**

12-1pm      **LUNCH - provided by Yankton Business & Claims Committee**

1-2:30      **Four Components of Tribal Water Code Development– Wes Martel**

Tribal Policy-making Guide

Legal

Technical – Jennifer Veilleux

Administrative

2:30-2:45      **BREAK**

2:45-4:00	<b>Treaty language and water rights</b> - Faith Spotted Eagle – Chair, Treaty Coordinating Comm.
	<b>Constitution revisions to support water rights</b> – Gail Hubbeling – Chair, Constitution Revision Committee
	<b>Importance of Elders in water rights Protection</b> – Sharon Drapeau – Chair Ihanktonwan Elders Council
	<b>Governance &amp; Grassroots – merging sovereignty and beliefs</b> – Jason Cooke - Vice Chairman Yankton Business & Claims Committee
4:00-4:45	<b>Water Rights Terminology</b> – Wes Martel
	Adjourn for day

8:30-10:30	<b>Importance of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office</b> Kip Spotted Eagle, Yankton THPO Sovereignty & Philanthropy
10:30-10:45	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45-12	<b>Federal Agency government-to-government support</b> <b>Data, maps and technology</b> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, EPA
12-1	<b>LUNCH - Provided by Yankton Business &amp; Claims Committee</b>
1-2:30	<b>Developing Water Administrative System</b> <b>Physical and Governmental Infrastructure</b> Wes Martel
2:30-2:45	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45-3:30	<b>Water Management Plan</b> Wes Martel
3:30-4:30	<b>Next steps and working together</b>

**Registration Fee: \$295 – To register send email to [martelwes@gmail.com](mailto:martelwes@gmail.com) to receive invoice and pay registration electronically. Cards and cash accepted at the door.**

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**Presenter – Wes Martel (E. Shoshone/Northern Arapaho)**

Mr. Martel served on the Eastern Shoshone Business Council for twenty years. During much of that time the Wind River Tribes were involved with the Big Horn Adjudication and were awarded 500,717 acre/feet of surface water. The Wind River Tribes are non-IRA Tribes with a General Council System form of government and had to draft, adopt and enforce codes for a Tribal Severance Tax, Wind River Game Code, Wind River Environmental Quality Commission and a Wind River Water Code. The Tribes also drafted and adopted the Shoshone & Arapaho Tribal Water Management Plan. Mr. Martel is a veteran and has a deep and abiding respect for the ceremonies and lodges of native people.