

DRAFT AGENDA

**SYMPOSIUM
ON THE
SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS**

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

5:00 – Early Registration
7:00 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

7:00 am Registration

8:00 am Western Water Law and Indian Reserved Water Rights: A Primer
Norman Johnson, Natural Resources Division Director, Utah Attorney General's Office

9:00 am ***Introductory Remarks***
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund
Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council

Invocation – Chris Devers, Pauma Band of Mission Indians

9:30 am **WELCOME**
Christina Snider, Tribal Advisor, Governor Newsom's Office
Jeanine Jones, WSWC Chair, California Department of Water Resources
Bo Mazzetti, San Luis Rey Water Authority

10:00 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Jeanne Whiteing, Water Rights Counsel, Blackfeet Nation

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **NEGOTIATION OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS: THE BASICS**
Gathering Background Information and the Role of Technicians in Negotiations
MODERATOR – Native American Rights Fund
_____, Choctaw Tribe (invited)
Doug Oellerman, Bureau of Reclamation
Jay Weiner, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Services Bureau, Montana Office of the Attorney General

12:30 pm **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

- 2:00 pm **Identifying Parties and Issues and How Negotiations Bind Larger Groups**
MODERATOR – Western States Water Council
Sara Gibson, Legal Counsel, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
_____, Department of Justice
_____, Pechanga (invited)
- 3:30 pm Break
- 4:00 pm **WATER PLANNING: SCARCITY AND COLLABORATION**
OVERVIEW AND MODERATOR –
Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community
Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Leslie Meyers, Phoenix Area Office Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
Kevin Moran, Sr. Director, Colorado River Program, Environmental Defense Fund
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Reception

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

- 8:00 am **PLENARY SPEAKER**
Mike Connor, Partner, Wilmer Hale
- 9:00 am **THE ADMINISTRATION'S SETTLEMENT POLICY**
Presentation
Alan Mikkelsen, Sr. Advisor to the Secretary for Water and Western Resources Issues,
Department of the Interior
Pam Williams, Director, Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office,
Department of the Interior
- 10:30 am **Administration Policy Q and A**
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 am **Response Panel**
MODERATOR – Native American Rights Fund
Arianne Singer, Deputy General Counsel, New Mexico State Engineer's Office
_____, Tule River Tribe (invited)
_____, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe (invited)
Norman Johnson, Natural Resources Division Director, Utah Attorney General's Office
- 12:00 pm **LUNCH BUFFET**

- 12:30 pm **FILM: SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT – “ONCE THERE WAS A RIVER”**
Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Water Resources
- 1:30 pm **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT**
MODERATOR – Western States Water Council
Representatives of La Jolla, Rincon, San Pasqual, Pauma and Pala Bands of Mission Indians
Robert Pelcyger, Counsel, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority
John Carter, Counsel for the Vista Irrigation District
Chris McKinney, Director of Utilities for the City of Escondido
Joe Vanderhorst, Metropolitan Water District
Christopher Watson, Attorney, Division of Water Resources, Office of the Solicitor
- 3:00 pm **FIELD TRIP**
- 5:00 pm **DINNER**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

- 8:00 am **SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION: IMPACTS OF POLICY CHANGES**
Shalee Russette, Project Manager, Chippewa Cree Construction Corp
Deon Stockert, Client Program Leader, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services
- 9:00 am **SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION: GETTING BILLS THROUGH CONGRESS**
Congressional Outlook for Indian Water Rights Settlements
Brandon Ashley, Majority Senior Policy Advisor, Senate Indian Affairs (invited)
Josh Mahan, Minority Counsel, Senate Indian Affairs
Lane Dickson, Majority Professional Staff, Senate Energy and Natural Resources (invited)
David Brooks, Minority Professional Staff, Senate Energy and Natural Resources (invited)
Matthew Muirragui, Majority Professional Staff, House Natural Resources (invited)
William Ball, Minority Staff Director, House Natural Resources (invited)
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **Response Panel**
MODERATOR – Western States Water Council
Tracy Goodluck, Deputy Director, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office,
Department of the Interior
Stanley Pollack, Attorney, Navajo Nation
Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
- 12:15 am **WRAP-UP/SUMMARY**
- 12:45 pm **Adjourn**