

**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
Norm 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**
Jeanine Jones, WSWC Chair, California Department of Water Resources
Bo Mazzetti, President, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority
Introducing representatives of the La Jolla, Rincon, San Pasqual, Pauma and Pala Bands of Mission Indians

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 – David Gover, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Gerald Lunak, Acting Director, Water Resources Department, Blackfeet Tribe
Doug Oellermann, Supervisory Civil Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation
Jay Weiner, Assistant Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice

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

2:00 pm **Identifying Parties and Issues and How Negotiations Bind Larger Groups**
MODERATOR – Arianne Singer, General Counsel, Interstate Stream Commission
Sara Gibson, Legal Counsel, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Joshua Mann, Policy Analyst, Department of the Interior
Stanley Pollack, Contract Attorney, Navajo Nation

- 3:30 pm Break
- 4:00 pm **WATER PLANNING: SCARCITY AND COLLABORATION**
MODERATOR – Michelle Bushman, Legal Counsel, Western States Water Council
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community
Kenneth Slowinski, Chief Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Leslie Meyers, Phoenix Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation
Kevin Moran, Senior Director, Western Water, Environmental Defense Fund
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Reception

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

- 7:30 am Registration
- Invocation by Invitation*
- 8:00 am **WELCOME**
Christina Snider, Tribal Advisor, Governor Newsom’s Office
- 8:15 am **PLENARY SPEAKER**
Mike Connor, Partner, WilmerHale
- 9:00 am **THE ADMINISTRATION’S SETTLEMENT POLICY**
Presentation
Alan Mikkelsen, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior for Water and Western Resource 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 am Break
- 11:00 am **Response Panel**
MODERATOR – Steve Moore, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Arienne Singer, General Counsel, Interstate Stream Commission
Neil Peyron, Chairman, Tule River Tribal Council
Vanessa Ray-Hodge, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Mielke & Brownell
Norm 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”**
Bo Mazzetti, President, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority
Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Water Resources

- 1:30 pm **DESCRIPTION OF THE SAN LUIS REY INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT**
MODERATOR – Susan Cottingham, Consultant, Western States Water Council
Robert Pelcyger, Counsel, San Luis Rey Indian Water Authority
John Carter, Counsel, Vista Irrigation District
Chris McKinney, Director of Utilities, City of Escondido
Joe Vanderhorst, Assist. General Counsel, Metropolitan Water District of So. California
Christopher Watson, Attorney, Division of Water Resources, Office of the Solicitor
- 3:00 pm **FIELD TRIP**
- 5:00 pm **DINNER**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Invocation by Invitation

- 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 Deputy Staff Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Josh Mahan, Minority Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Matthew Muirragui, Majority Staff Director, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife,
House Natural Resources Committee
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am **Response Panel**
MODERATOR – Jay Weiner, Assistant Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice
Tracy Goodluck, Deputy Director, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office, Department
of the Interior
Stanley Pollack, Contract Attorney, Navajo Nation
Kenneth Slowinski, Chief Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
- 12:15 am **WRAP-UP/SUMMARY**
Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council
- 12:45 pm Adjourn