

DRAFT AGENDA

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

AUGUST 24, 2021

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

NEGOTIATION OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS

9:30 am **Navajo Nation**
MODERATOR -
Stanley Pollack, Contract Attorney, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
Norman Johnson, Natural Resources Division Director, Utah Attorney General's Office
Justin Record, Water Rights Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation (invited)

10:30 am **Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes**
TBA

11:30 am **Aamodt**
MODERATOR -
Arianne Singer, General Counsel, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Jennifer Faler, Bureau of Reclamation (invited)
Jennifer Waters, Bureau of Reclamation (invited)
Alice Walker, Pueblo of Nambe (invited)
Maria O'Brien, Pueblo of Pojoaque (invited)
Richard Hughes, Pueblo of Tesuque (invited)
Peter Chestnut, Pueblo of San Ildefonso (invited)

12:30 am **Kickapoo**
MODERATOR – Steve Moore, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Burke Griggs, Associate Professor, Washburn University School of Law
Scott Bergstrom, Assistant Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior
Kickapoo Chairman Lester Randall (invited)
Kenneth Titus, Chief Counsel, Kansas Department of Agriculture

1:30 pm Adjourn

AUGUST 25, 2021

9:00 am **THE ADMINISTRATION'S SETTLEMENT POLICY**
MODERATOR -
Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior (invited)
Tanya Trujillo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department

of the Interior (invited)
Elizabeth Klein, Senior Counselor to the Secretary of Interior, and Chair of the Working
Group on Indian Water Settlements
Pamela Williams, Director, Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office, Department of the
Interior

11:30 am **SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION: GETTING BILLS THROUGH CONGRESS**

MODERATOR -

Melanie Stansbury, U.S. Representative, New Mexico Congressional District 1
Matthew Muirragui, Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Oceans and Wildlife, House Natural
Resources Committee
Kiel Weaver, Senior Policy Advisor and Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Oceans and
Wildlife, House Natural Resources Committee (invited)
Jennifer Romero, Staff Director and General Counsel, Senate Indian Affairs (invited)
Brandon Ashley, Deputy Staff Director, Senate Indian Affairs (invited)
Melanie Thornton, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources (invited)
Brain Clifford, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
(invited)

2:00 pm **COLORADO RIVER WATER & TRIBES INITIATIVE**

Bidtah Becker, Associate Attorney, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

3:00 pm Adjourn