SYMPOSIUM
ON THE
SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS
AUGUST 24, 2021

All Times Mountain Daylight Time

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

Invocation – by invitation

NEGOTIATION OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS

9:30 am  Navajo Nation
MODERATOR – Michelle Bushman, Assistant Director and General Counsel, Western States Water Counsel
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

10:30 am  Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Ryan Rusche, Attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Rhonda Swaney, Attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Jennifer Frozena, Attorney, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior
Jay Weiner, Administrative Law Judge, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

11:30 am  Aamodt
MODERATOR - Joe Tenorio, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Arianne Singer, General Counsel, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Alice Walker, Pueblo of Nambe
Jennifer Walters, Civil Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation
Josh Mann, Policy Analyst, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office, Department of the Interior
Richard Hughes, Pueblo of Tesuque
Peter Chestnut, Pueblo of San Ildefonso

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
Lester Randall, Kickapoo Chairman
David Barfield, Kansas Water Resources Consulting, LLC

1:30 pm  Adjourn
August 25, 2021

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9:00 am  The Administration’s Settlement Policy
Tanya Trujillo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior
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
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, Sr. Policy Advisor/Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Oceans and Wildlife, House Natural Resources Committee

1:00 pm  Colorado River Water & Tribes Initiative
Bidthah Becker, Associate Attorney, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
Heather Tanana, Assistant Research Professor of Law, University of Utah

2:00 pm  Adjourn