

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

**AUGUST 8, 2023**

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**All Times Mountain Daylight Time**

- 9:00 am      **WELCOME**  
*Introductory Remarks*  
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund (NARF)  
Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council (WSWC)
- 9:15 am      **THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND THE NATURE OF THE FEDERAL TRIBAL TRUST**  
*Department of the Interior v. Navajo Nation, Arizona v. Navajo Nation*  
MODERATOR – Michelle Bushman  
Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice  
John Smeltzer, Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice  
Lisa McKnight, Of Counsel, Salmon, Lewis and Weldon
- 10:15 am     **SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, AND DROUGHT**  
Camille Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
- 10:45 am     **THE ADMINISTRATION’S SETTLEMENT POLICY**  
MODERATOR – John Echohawk  
Lynn Trujillo, Sr. Counselor to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, DOI  
Pamela Williams, Director, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office
- 11:30 am     **A Tribal Perspective**  
Steve Moore, Attorney, NARF
- 11:50 am     **Permanent Settlement Fund**  
Michelle Bushman, Deputy Director/General Counsel, WSWC
- Noon         *Lunch Break*
- 1:00 pm      **SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION: GETTING BILLS THROUGH CONGRESS**  
MODERATOR – Tony Willardson  
Jennifer Romero, Majority Staff Director/Chief Counsel, Senate Indian Affairs  
Annick Miller, Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, House Natural Resources  
Resources  
Matthew Muirragui, Deputy Staff Director, House Natural Resources Committee
- 2:00 pm      **Tribal Perspectives**  
MODERATOR – John Echohawk  
Samantha Skenandore, Of Counsel, Quarles and Brady (Tule River)  
Ann Berkley Rodgers, Attorney, Chestnut Law Offices, P.A. (Acoma/Laguna)  
David Yepa, Attorney, New Mexico Law Group (Jemez/Zia)

Joanne Harmon Curry, Partner, Patterson Earnhart Real Bird & Wilson LLP (Ft. Belknap Indian Community)

**Coming Back to Congress: Technical and Other Fixes**

KeAloha Douma, Douma Law PLLC (White Mountain Apache)

- 3:30 pm **COLORADO RIVER**  
MODERATOR – John Echohawk  
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community  
Nicole Klobas, Chief Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
- 4:30 pm Adjourn

**AUGUST 9, 2023**

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**All Times Mountain Daylight Time**

- 9:00 am **WELCOME**
- 9:15 am **NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS**  
*Hualapai Tribe*  
MODERATOR – John Echohawk  
Mary Pavel, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP  
Sarah LeFlore, Policy Analyst, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office  
Jeff Heilman, Legal Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
- 10:45 am *Break*
- 11:00 am **FUTURE WATER SUPPLY PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
MODERATOR – Tony Willardson  
Crystal Tulley-Cordova, Principal Hydrologist, Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources  
Nikki Tulley, Scientist, NASA’s Indigenous Peoples Initiative; Associate Program Manager, NASA’s Equity & Environmental Justice Program  
Gretel Follingstad, Intermountain West Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) Coordinator/Drought Planning Lead, NOAA’s National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)  
Crystal Stiles, Tribal Engagement Coordinator, NOAA NIDIS
- Noon *Lunch Break*
- 1:00 pm **WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR DROUGHT**  
MODERATOR – John Echohawk  
*Colorado River Indian Tribes and Water Leasing*  
Devin Rhinerson, Partner, PACE LLP

*Western States Water Council Water Data Exchange (WestDAAT)*

Tony Willardson, Executive Director, WSWC

Adel Abdallah, WaDE Program Manager, WSWC

2:45 pm     **Closing Remarks**

3:00 pm     Adjourn