

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

AUGUST 8, 2023

All Times Mountain Daylight Time

- 9:00 am **Introductory Remarks**
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council (WSWC)
- Invocation – by invitation**
- 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
Nicole Klobas, Chief Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Lisa McKnight, Of Counsel, Salmon, Lewis and Weldon
John Smeltzer, Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice
Paul Spruhan, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation Department of Justice (invited)
- 10:30 am **THE ADMINISTRATION’S SETTLEMENT POLICY**
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**
Jennifer Romero, Majority Staff Director/Chief Counsel, Senate Indian Affairs (invited)
Amber Ebarb, Minority Staff Director, Senate Indian Affairs (invited)
Annick Miller, Staff Director, Sub. on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, House Natural
Resources (invited)
Mathew Muirragui, Deputy Staff Director, House Natural Resources Committee
- 2:00 pm **Tribal Perspectives**
Samantha Skenadore, Of Counsel, Quarles and Brady (Tule River)
Ann Berkley Rogers, Attorney, Chestnut Law Offices (Acoma/Laguna)
David Yepa, Attorney, New Mexico Law Group (Jemez/Zia)
Joanne Curry, Partner, Native Law Group (Ft. Belknap/Gros Ventre)
- 3:30 pm **COMING BACK TO CONGRESS: TECHNICAL AND OTHER FIXES**
KeAloha Douma, Douma Law PLLC (White Mountain Apache)

4:30 pm Adjourn

AUGUST 9, 2023

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9:00 am **Invocation – *by invitation***

9:15 am **NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS**
Hualapai Tribe
Sarah LeFlore, Policy Analyst, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office
Jeff Heilman, Legal Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Mary Pavel, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP

10:45 am Break

11:00 am **IMPLEMENTING TRIBAL SETTLEMENTS**
Climate Change and Planning for the Future
Navajo Nation (invited)
NASA (invited)

Noon *Lunch Break*

1:00 pm **COLORADO RIVER**
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community
Camille Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation (invited)

2:30 pm **WATER MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR DROUGHT**
Colorado River Indian Tribes and Water Leasing
Margaret Vick, Special Counsel (invited)

Western States Water Council Water Data Exchange (WestDAAT)
Tony Willardson
Adel Abdallah

4:00 pm Adjourn