

54th Annual New Mexico Water Conference Program

Water Planning in a Time of Uncertainty

Thursday, October 15

- 8:30 am Welcome by WRRRI Director *Karl Wood* and Isleta Pueblo Governor *Robert Benavides*
- 9:00 New Mexico's 16 Regional Water Plans: One Size Does Not Fit All
Angela Bordegaray and *Gretel Follingstad*, Interstate Stream Commission
- 9:30 Updating New Mexico's State Water Plan
Estevan Lopez, Interstate Stream Commission
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 The Legislative Perspective on Funding the State Water Plan
Representative *Andy Nuñez*, Chair, Water & Natural Resources Committee
- 11:00 New Mexico Planning Areas Versus Management Areas: Is There a Difference?
Blane Sanchez, Commissioner, Interstate Stream Commission
- 11:30 The Texas Water Planning Process
David Meesey, Texas Water Development Board
- 12:00 pm Utton Memorial Water Lecture: A Kaleidoscope of Water Issues
Representative *Joe Stell*, retired New Mexico Legislator
- 1:30 New Mexico's Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Development: Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and into the Future
Karen Gallegos, New Mexico Environment Department
- 2:00 The Hidden Value of Science in Planning
Wes Danskin, USGS, San Diego
- 2:30 The Land and Water Supply Connection: Does Water Limit Growth?
Susan Kelly, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, UNM
- 3:00 Scenario Planning: Making Strategic Decisions in Uncertain Times
Timothy Thomure, HDR Engineering, Tucson
- 3:30 Break
- 4:00 Panel Discussion: Regional Water Planners
San Juan Basin – *Randy Kirkpatrick*, San Juan Water Commission
Southwest Region – *Tom Bates*, City of Deming
Middle Rio Grande – *Joe Quintana*, Mid Region Council of Government
- 5:00 Daniel B. Stephens and Associates will host a reception as soon as we adjourn for the day. Please join your colleagues for good food and more great conversations. Cash bar available

Friday, October 16

- 8:00 am Flood Control in an Urban Area: Challenges for AMAFCA
John Kelly, Albuquerque Metro Area Flood Control Authority
- 8:30 NMED's Approach to Aquifer Storage and Recovery Water Quality Issues
Robert George, New Mexico Environment Department
- 8:45 The Future of New Mexico's Deep Water:
John D'Antonio, Office of the State Engineer
Michelle Henrie, MHenrie | Land | Water | Law
Ann Rodgers, Chestnut Law Office
Guy Bralley, Sandoval County
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 Using New Mexico's AIS Management Plan and Legislation to Protect Our
Aquatic Resources
Barbara Coulter, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- 11:45 They Are Going to Miss Me When I'm Gone: The Loss of Knowledge and Institutional
Memory Due to Retirement
Karl Wood, NMWRRRI
- 12:00 Water conference drawing – must be present to win (one-night stay at Isleta Resort
and Casino)
- Adjourn