

SPEAKER PREVIEW  
29th ANNUAL NEW MEXICO WATER CONFERENCE

Thomas G. Bahr has been director of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute since 1978. In 1982-83 he was the director of the Office of Water Policy, which was established to address water issues related to Interior Department responsibilities. Before coming to New Mexico he was director of the Institute of Water Research at Michigan State University. He holds degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Idaho.

Garrey Carruthers is assistant secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Interior Department. Previously, he was acting director of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute and a White House Fellow and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture. He has served on several research committees including the Western Agricultural Research Council and the Eisenhower Consortium. He holds degrees from Iowa State University and NMSU.

Jed D. Christensen is the deputy assistant secretary for Water and Science, Interior Department, where he assists with the administrative and policy oversight of the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Mines, and the U.S. Geological Survey. His extensive experience in city and county management includes positions in Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona. He studied at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, in 1964. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and has a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University.

Robert Emmet Clark, namesake of the Irish patriot Robert Emmet, has nearly four decades of experience in water law. He was the chief researcher under the New Mexico Attorney General in a 1951 lawsuit with Texas over the Rio Grande, he taught law at the University of New Mexico for 16 years, and he is known as the "father of the Natural Resources Journal." In addition, he is the editor-in-chief of the seven-volume Water and Water Rights. He is a University of New Mexico graduate and received a law degree from the University of Arizona and a juris doctorate from Yale.

Sam Deloria has been director of the American Indian Law Center in Albuquerque since 1972. The center coordinates a national scholarship program for Indian law students and provides staff support for tribal relations. He is a founder of the Commission on State-Tribal Relations, an intergovernmental agency of tribes, states, counties and municipalities. In 1980, he served as deputy assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, Interior Department. He is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe of North Dakota and South Dakota.

Charles T. DuMars, professor of law at the University of New Mexico, recently served as chairman of the New Mexico Water Law Study Committee. He is the author of numerous articles in the area of water law and water rights and is the co-author of Economic Impact of Alternative Resolutions of New Mexico Pueblo Indian Water Rights. DuMars, a true Westerner, was born in Arizona, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and a law degree from the University of Arizona. His grandmother taught school in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, at the turn of the century.

Bruce S. Garber, now a private attorney specializing in federal pollution control compliance, was the chief legal counsel to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division from 1978-1983. For six years he was legal counsel to the Water Quality Control Commission. While at the EID, he worked in various environmental fields focusing mostly on water quality. The Michigan native holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate from Wayne State University.

Jesse B. Gilmer has been the Rio Grande Compact commissioner for Texas since 1969. The civil engineer began his career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1934. At the USDA, he eventually became administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration and was president of the Commodity Credit Corporation. In 1948 he joined the Tri-State Equipment Co., El Paso, Texas, and is currently the board chairman. In 1974, he was named Distinguished Alumnus of NMSU's College of Engineering.

Ben Greene is an NMSU doctoral student in chemistry. The California native holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree from NMSU, also in chemistry.

Lawrence J. Jensen is the associate solicitor for Energy and Resources, Interior Department. Previously, he was the associate solicitor for Indian Affairs in the Office of the Solicitor, Interior Department. Under the Attorney General's Honors Program, he served as a trial attorney in the civil division in the Department of Justice. He also has been a member of the firm of Jones, Waldo, Holbrook and McDonough in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University.

Craig L. Mapel is an agricultural economics graduate student at NMSU. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in history. He is a native of Hamilton, Ohio.

Catherine Rankin is an undergraduate senior at NMSU majoring in civil engineering. She is from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

V. Phillip Soice has been the executive assistant in Water Resources, Public Service Company of New Mexico since 1979. At PNM, he coordinates the acquisition, development, maintenance, and sale of water rights by PNM. Previously, he was senior project engineer with Blatchley Associates, Inc., Denver, Colorado, and project engineer with Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers. He grew up in Montequma, Kansas, and graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. in civil engineering and an M.S. in water resources engineering. He also holds a law degree from the University of Denver.

Gerald W. Thomas, president of New Mexico State University, will retire from the university in July after 14 successful years at the helm. In honor of his significant contribution in the fields of agriculture, ecology and resource management, the establishment of a \$1 million endowed chair in food production and natural resources is underway. Thomas is the author of Progress and Change in the Agricultural Industry and co-author of Food and Fiber for a Changing World. Before his tenure at NMSU, Thomas was dean of agriculture at Texas Tech University. He holds degrees from the University of Idaho and Texas A & M University.

Ross Douglas Turnbull is completing his master's degree in fishery and wildlife sciences at NMSU. The Toronto, Canada, native received his bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri.

Peter Thomas White is the general counsel for the New Mexico State Engineer and the Interstate Stream Commission. He has been with the agencies since 1969. He is the lead counsel for State of New Mexico v. Aamodt, the Indian Pueblo water rights case and Texas v. New Mexico. He holds a bachelor's degree and a juris doctorate in law from the University of New Mexico. He was born in Evanston, Illinois.