

# 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Mexico Water Conference

## *Surface Water Opportunities in New Mexico*

Albuquerque Embassy Suites

**Tuesday, October 21, 2008**

- 8:30 Welcome by WRRI  
*Karl Wood*, Director
- 8:45 Welcome by Albuquerque Department of Municipal Development  
*John R. Castillo*, Director
- 9:00 Overview of Albuquerque's Vision and Projects  
*John Stomp*, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Economics and Legal Limitations of Using Surface Water for Municipal Supply  
*John D'Antonio*, New Mexico State Engineer  
Regulatory Challenges of the State's Shift from Groundwater to Surface Water as a Source of Municipal Water Supply  
*Robert Pine*, New Mexico Environment Department, Drinking Water Bureau
- 11:00 Return Flow Efficiency  
*Phil King*, Department of Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University
- 11:30 El Paso's Experience in Surface Water Treatment – Lessons Learned  
*Ed Archuleta*, El Paso Water Utilities
- 12:00 Luncheon: Albert E. Utton Memorial Water Lecture,  
"100 Years of Water Management in New Mexico – Stories about the People Involved"  
*John W. Hernandez*, Water Resources Consulting Engineer
- 1:30 SECURE Water Act – Senate Bill 2156  
Legislative Intent  
*Mike Connor*, Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman  
Impact on USGS Programs  
*Matthew Larsen*, Associate Director for Water, USGS  
Impact on USBR Programs  
*Michael Gabaldon*, Director, Technical Resources Office, Denver, USBR

- 2:30 Rio Grande Salinity Management – First Steps Toward Interstate Solutions  
*Dale Doremus*, New Mexico Environment Department, and  
*Ari Michelsen*, Texas AgriLife Research Center at El Paso
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 New Mexico Municipal Representatives on the Use of Surface Water for Their Cities  
*Claudia Borchert*, Santa Fe  
*Frank Armijo*, Las Vegas  
*Jorge Garcia*, Las Cruces
- 5:00 Adjourn

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008**

- 8:00 The Evolution of Markets for Water Rights and Bulk Water  
*Lee Brown*, H2O Economics
- 8:30 Just Add Water: Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Status Report  
*Scott Verhines*, Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority and  
*Greg Gates*, CH2M HILL
- 9:00 Update Regarding the Navajo Settlement and the Navajo-Gallup Pipeline  
*Tanya Trujillo*, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, and  
*John Leeper*, Navajo Nation
- 9:30 Mutually Supportive Uses of Gila Settlement Water and Money  
*Craig Roepke*, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 The Bear Canyon Recharge Demonstration Project  
*Stephanie Moore*, Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc.
- 11:00 Lower Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement: Settlement of Litigation  
*Gary Esslinger*, Elephant Butte Irrigation District  
*Jesus Reyes*, El Paso County Water Improvement District #1  
*Filiberto Cortez*, Bureau of Reclamation
- 12:00 Adjourn