

INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS TO WATER MANAGEMENT IN NEW MEXICO

PROGRAM

UNM Student Union Ballroom

Friday, May 20, 2016, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

(#NMWater2016)

Event Moderator: Kerry Howe, Director, UNM Center for Water and the Environment

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

- Gabriel López, UNM Vice President for Research
- Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham

9:00 AM Update on New Mexico's Water Resources

- Moderator: *Bridget Condon (Field Representative for US Representative Steve Pearce)*
- Status of Drought and Water Resources in New Mexico (*David Gutzler, Professor, University of New Mexico*)
- Status and Outcomes from Recent Water Summits, Workshops, and Meetings (*Adrian Oglesby, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico*)
- Status of Proposed Water Resource Legislation in the US House of Representatives (*Mariana Padilla, District Director for US Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham*)
- Status of Proposed Water Resource Legislation in the US Senate (*Patricia Dominguez, Field Representative for US Senator Martin Heinrich*)
- Audience Questions and Discussion

10:00 AM Networking Break

10:15 AM Watershed Health

- Moderator: *Jennifer Catechis (District Director for US Representative Ben Lujan)*
- Highest is Best Use – Water Conservation at a Landscape Scale (*Krista Bonfantine, Arid Land Innovation*)
- Challenges and Opportunities for Developing a Viable Forest Products Industry from Thinning Practices (*Brent Racher, President, NM Forest Industry Association*)
- Watershed Health: Policy Barriers and Funding Opportunities (*Laura McCarthy, Director of Conservation Programs, The Nature Conservancy*)
- Audience Questions and Discussion

11:30 AM Lunch and Networking Break

12:45 PM Surface Water Quality

- Moderator: *Elizabeth Reitzel (Field Representative for US Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham)*
- Challenges for Protecting Public Health and the Environment in New Mexico from the Colorado Gold King Mine Spill (*Dennis McQuillan, Chief Scientist, NM Environment Department*)
- Challenges for Implementing New Federal Storm Water Management Regulations (*William Honker, Director, Water Division, Region 6, US Environmental Protection Agency*)
- Sediment Transport, River Incision, and Bosque Health (*Michael Scialdone, Bosque Project Manager, Pueblo of Sandia*)
- Pueblo of Isleta Perspectives on River Health (*Ramona Montoya, Environment Division Manager, Pueblo of Isleta*)
- Audience Questions and Discussion

2:25 PM Reservoir Operations

- Moderator: *David Williams (Special Projects Coordinator for US Senator Tom Udall)*
- Alternative Reservoir Operations (*Sterling Grogan, Carpe Diem West*)
- Challenges and Opportunities for Federal Reservoir Management – Part 1 (*John D’Antonio, US Corps of Engineers*)
- Challenges and Opportunities for Federal Reservoir Management – Part 2 (*Jennifer Faler, Manager of the Albuquerque Area Office, US Bureau of Reclamation*)
- State Perspectives on Reservoir Management (*Grace Haggerty, Senior Hydrologist, NM Interstate Stream Commission*)
- Audience Questions and Discussion

4:00 PM Closing Remarks

- John Fleck (*Adjunct Lecturer, University of New Mexico*)

4:30 PM Adjourn