

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

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015

5:00 – Early Registration
7:00 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

7:00 am Registration

8:30 am ***Introductory Remarks***

John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund
Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council

Invocation – by invitation

9:00 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Rod Lewis, Consultant, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP

10:00 am Break

10:15 am **NEGOTIATION OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS: THE BASICS**
Gathering Background Information and the Role of Technicians in Negotiations

MODERATOR – Cindy Chandley, Partner, Snell & Wilmer

Tom Paul, Deputy Director, Oregon Water Resources Department
Gerald Lunak, Director, Natural Resources Department, Blackfeet Tribe
Doug Oellermann, Deputy Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

Noon Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30 pm **Identifying Parties and Issues and How Negotiations Bind Larger Groups**

MODERATOR – Norman Johnson, Division Director, Utah Attorney General's Office

Clive Strong, Natural Resources Division Chief, Idaho Attorney General's Office
Clayton Matt, Director of Tribal Services, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Michael Bogert, Attorney, Parsons Behle & Latimer
John Weldon, Partner, Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, PLC

3:00 pm Break

3:30 pm **SECURING FUNDING FOR SETTLEMENTS**

MODERATOR – Ryan Smith, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

Mary Pavel, Partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Enderson & Perry

Bob Wolf, Director, Program and Budget, Bureau of Reclamation

Jodi Gillette, Policy Advisor, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Enderson & Perry, former
Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs in the White House

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5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Reception

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

8:30 am

PRESENTATION

Kiel Weaver, Majority Staff, House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water,
Power and Oceans

THE ADMINISTRATION'S SETTLEMENT POLICY

9:15 am

Presentation

Letty Belin, Senior Counselor to the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior
Pamela Williams, Director, Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office, Department of
the Interior

10:45 am

Break

11:00 am

Response Panel

MODERATOR – Michael Bogert, Attorney, Parsons Behle & Latimer

Arianne Singer, Deputy General Counsel, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

Kenneth McDarment, Vice-Chairman, Tule River Tribe

Stanley Pollack, Assistant Attorney General, Water Rights Unit, Navajo Nation
Department of Justice

Noon

Lunch Break (on your own)

1:00 pm

DESCRIPTION OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE'S WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT

MODERATOR – Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Jason King, Nevada State Engineer, Nevada Division of Water Resources

Vinton Hawley, Chairman, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Terri Edwards, Lahontan Basin Area Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

2:30 pm

FIELD TRIP

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Settlement Water Features

6:00 pm

DINNER AND CULTURAL PRESENTATION AT PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015

- 8:30 am **SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION: GETTING BILLS THROUGH CONGRESS**
Congressional Outlook for Indian Water Rights Settlements
MODERATOR – David Gover, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Stratton Edwards, Legislative Counsel, Capitol Hill Consulting Group
Anthony Walters, Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Minority, Senate Indian Affairs Committee
Chris Kearney, Budget Analyst and Senior Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am **Response Panel**
MODERATOR – Steve Moore, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Jay Weiner, Assistant Attorney General, Montana Attorney General’s Office
Rod Lewis, Consultant, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP
Pamela Williams, Director, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office, Department of the Interior
- 11:45 am **WRAP-UP/SUMMARY**
Nathan Bracken, Of Counsel, Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC
- 12:15 pm Adjourn