

35TH ANNUAL NEW MEXICO WATER CONFERENCE

Toward a Common Goal: Forging Water-Quality Partnerships

Holiday Inn Pyramid
Albuquerque, New Mexico

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Session I: Surface-Water Quality

Moderator: **Bob Creel, Water Resources Research Institute**

8:30 a.m. Overview of Federal Water Quality Laws and Regulations
Joe Moore, BCM Engineers, Dallas

9:00 a.m. Surface Water Legislation and Regulation in New Mexico
Ruth Kovnat, University of New Mexico Law School

9:30 a.m. Tribal Water Quality Regulation
Kevin Gover, Gover, Stetson & Williams, P.C.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Introduction to Surface Water Issues and Conflicts
Gary Daves, City of Albuquerque

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Al Utton, University of New Mexico Law School**

Panel Members:
Daniel Sanchez, All Indian Pueblo Council
Cecilia Castillo, Silver City attorney
Steve Hernandez, Elephant Butte Irrigation District attorney
Bob Hogrefe, City of Albuquerque
Ken Kirkpatrick, EPA Region 6 Office
Bill Miller, State Engineer Office
Jim Piatt, Environmental Improvement Division
Nicasio Romero, New Mexico Acequia Association
Jean Manger, US Army Corps of Engineers

Noon Lunch

Session II: Groundwater Quality

Moderator: Lynn Brandvold, New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources

**1:30 p.m. An Overview of State and Federal Legislation Designed to Protect Groundwater from Contamination
John Hernandez, New Mexico State University**

**2:00 p.m. What is Groundwater and How Does it Behave?
Robert Bowman, New Mexico Tech**

**2:30 p.m. USGS Water Quality Assessment Program
Russell Livingston, U.S. Geological Survey**

3:00 p.m. Break

**3:15 p.m. Drinking Water Protection Strategies
Bruce Thomson, University of New Mexico**

**3:45 p.m. Groundwater Issues and Conflicts: The Decade Ahead
George William Sherk, Will & Muys, P.C.**

4:15 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator: George William Sherk, Will and Muys, Wash. D.C.

Panel Members:

Cynthia Ardito, Hydrogeologist

Dave Boyer, Oil Conservation Division, NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Stuart Castle, Environmental Improvement Division

Dan Stephens, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Albuquerque

Greg Odegarde, El Paso Natural Gas

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Session III: The Human Element in Water Pollution Control

- Moderator: Maxine Goad, Environmental Improvement Division**
- 8:30 a.m. Risk Assessment: How Safe is Safe?
Stephen Shelton, University of New Mexico**
- 9:00 a.m. The Squawfish that Ate Farmington
Charles DuMars, University of New Mexico Law School**
- 9:30 a.m. Aquatic Habitat and Critters in a Dry State
Richard Cole, New Mexico State University**
- 10:00 a.m. Break**
- 10:15 a.m. Costs and Benefits: What is Sensible and Reasonable
in the Realm of the Possible?
William Humphries, State Land Office**
- 10:45 a.m. Panel Discussion**
- Moderator: John Hernandez, New Mexico State University**
- Panel Members:**
John Dendahl, Economic Development and Tourism Dept.
Fred Gross, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
David Henderson, Audubon Society
Richard Mitzelfelt, Environmental Improvement Division
Dick McCleskey, New Mexico Game & Fish Dept.
Bob Porter, New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
William Humphries, State Land Office