

Energy Water Nexus Policy CLE

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Water for Energy in the Southwest: Where Will It Be Found?

- 8:00 Registration and Coffee
- 8:30 Introductory Remarks
Marilyn C. O’Leary, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center
Suellyn Scarnecchia, Dean, University of New Mexico School of Law
Kyle Harwood, Chair, State Bar of New Mexico, Natural Resources, Energy and
Environmental Law Section
- 8:45 The Role of Policy in Energy and Water Development – Marilyn C. O’Leary
- 9:00 Congressional Concerns related to the Energy/Water Nexus – Erik Webb, Congressional
Aide, Senator Pete Domenici’s Office
- 9:30 Federal Priorities on the Energy/Water Nexus Issues – Gene Whitney, US Office of
Science and Technology Policy
- 10:00 Questions & Discussion
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Perspectives on the Energy/Water Nexus
Moderator: Bill Hume, Policy Advisor to Governor Bill Richardson
- Utility Resource Planning in a Water Short Region – Evelin Wheeler, Public Service
Company of New Mexico, Director, Strategy, Planning & Analytics
 - State Plans For Energy Development and Conservation – Tom Mills, Deputy
Secretary, NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
 - Environmental Issues in Providing Water for Energy – Bart Miller, Water Program
Director, Western Resource Advocates
- 12:00 Lunch and Guest Speaker on Energy/Water Issues and Climate Change – Michael
Connor, Democratic Counsel, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- 1:30 Perspectives on Energy/Water Issues on Tribal Lands
Moderator: Cindy Murray, Public Service Company of NM, Water Resource Supply
- Tribal Use for Water for Energy Development – David Lester, Council of Energy
Resource Tribes
 - Use of Water for Energy Development on Navajo Lands: The Desert Rock Project –
Nathan Plagens, Sithe Global
 - The Mojave Generation Project – Stanley Pollack, Navajo Nation Department of
Justice

- 2:30 Regulatory Issues Affecting Water Use
Moderator: Jennifer Pruett, Esq.
- Water for Energy Development in Southern NM – Tim De Young , Modrall Sperling Law Firm
 - Effect of Active Water Resource Management Rules on Water Availability – DL Sanders, General Counsel, NM Office of the State Engineer
 - Produced Water Issues – Mark Fesmire, Division Director, NM Oil Conservation Commission
- 3:30 Hydrologic Issues Relating to Availability of Brackish Water Supplies – John Shomaker, John Shomaker & Associates, Inc.
- 4:00 Discussion – Direction for New Mexico and the Southwest
Moderators – Marilyn C. O’Leary and Anne Watkins, Special Assistant to the State Engineer
- 4:30 Adjourn