

WATER ISSUES in NEW MEXICO: Streamlining the Hard Water Facts for Journalists

Education program conducted to aid newspaper and electronic journalists in reporting on the complex, convoluted, and important matter of water in New Mexico. Program designed for all reporters covering water and issues related to water.

- When:** Monday, April 5, 2004, **Registration: 9:15 AM / Program: 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**
- Where:** Journal Center Ray Cary Auditorium, 7777 Jefferson NE (2nd Floor), Albuquerque
- Cost:** None. Program includes hosted beverages & working lunch
- Sponsors:** Utton Transboundary Resources Center (UNM School of Law); Associated Press Managing Editors; and New Mexico Press Association
- RSVP:** Reservations are due by Wednesday, March 31, 2004 to Ruth Singer, Utton Center: singer@law.unm.edu or 277-5655

PANEL

- ◆ **Marilyn C. O'Leary**, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center
Bio: Water, utility, and natural resources attorney; faculty, UNM School of Law, currently teaching International Water Law.
- ◆ **Susan Kelly**, Assistant Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center
Bio: Water attorney; formerly Water Rights Manager, City of Albuquerque.
- ◆ **DL Sanders**, Chief Counsel, Office of the State Engineer
Bio: Attorney; extensive experience and knowledge regarding water legislation, compacts, and water rights and adjudications in general.
- ◆ **Tania Soussan**, Staff Writer, Albuquerque Journal
Bio: Has covered New Mexico water issues since 1996, including in-depth reporting on the Rio Grande and Western water issues.
- ◆ **Bill Hume**, Director of Policy and Issues, Office of the Governor, State of New Mexico
Bio: Served 33 years with the Albuquerque Journal including 18 years as Editorial Page Editor.

PROGRAM

- 9:30–9:35** Welcome & Introduction of Panel, **Marilyn O'Leary** (Moderator)
- 9:35–9:50** Brief Overview of the Issues Confronting Journalists with Regard to Reporting Water Issues / View from Governor's Office on Water Issues, **Bill Hume**
9:50–10:00 Q & A
- 10:00–10:30** Overview of New Mexico Water Rights, **Marilyn O'Leary**
- Historical / how we got here

- Legal framework
- Current issues / water rights and development
- State Water Plan: what the public voiced

10:30–10:40 Q & A

10:40–10:50 BREAK

10:50–11:20 Overview of Middle Rio Grande System, **Susan Kelly**

- Water uses & users:
 - ~ Irrigation
 - ~ Natural environments (including endangered species)
 - ~ Municipal
 - ~ Pueblos
 - ~ Rural systems
- Storage & delivery systems
- Legal issues
- Ground water supplies

11:20–11:30 Q & A

11:30–12:00 Simplifying the Complex: Tips & Guidelines for Water Reporting, **Tania Soussan**

- Suggestions for finding sources
- Examples of reporting done well
- Ideas for bringing stories home

12:00–12:10 Q & A

12:00 LUNCH SERVED

12:25–1:00 Lunch Keynote: 2004 Legislative Update, **DL Sanders**

- Overview of current water related legislation

1:00–1:15 Q & A

1:15–1:30 Conclusion: The Future of Water, **All Panelists**

- Important water issues journalists will be facing