



## River Restoration: Exploring Institutional Challenges and Opportunities

September 14 & 15, 2011

Hotel Andaluz  
Albuquerque, New Mexico



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### Evening of September 13

6:00 – 7:30 Reception at the hotel for people arriving early – including snacks and a no host bar. Conference materials will be available.

### Day 1 September 14

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast (provided at the hotel)

8:00 – 9:00 **Welcome:**

Kevin Washburn, Dean, UNM School of Law  
Mike Hamman, Albuquerque Area Manager, USBR

#### **Overview of Program:**

Professor Denise Fort, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, UNM School of Law

**Introductory remarks:** Tim Karpoff, Karpoff & Associates, Facilitator

9:00 – 9:45 **Keynote:** Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior (30 minutes)

Q&A: 15 minutes

9:45 – 10:00 AM Break

10:00 – 11:00 **Evaluating Governance Arrangements for Large Scale River Restoration**

Rodney J. Wittler, Ph.D., P.E., Regional Science Liaison, Mid Pacific Region, US Bureau of Reclamation (20 minutes)

Andrea Gerlak, Ph.D., Director of Academic Development, International Studies Association and Senior Policy Associate, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona (25 minutes)

Q&A: 15 minutes

11:00 – 12:00 **Progress Toward Restoration: Institutional Challenges of Ecosystem Complexity and Response Time**

Curt Brown, Ph.D., Director, Research and Development, US Bureau of Reclamation (20 minutes)

Robert Adler, Chair, Quinnet College of Law, University of Utah (25 minutes)

Q&A: 15 minutes

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch provided (in atrium)

1:00 – 2:10 **Support and Investment in River Restoration**

Mark McKinstry, Ph.D., Biological Scientist, Office of Adaptive Management, Upper Colorado Region, US Bureau of Reclamation (25 minutes)

Betsy Cody, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service (20 minutes)

Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council (20 minutes)

Q&A: 15 minutes

2:10 – 3:10 **Organizing Science in Large Scale River Restoration Programs**

Michael Newsom, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Program Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Region, US Bureau of Reclamation (20 minutes)

Cliff Dahm, Ph.D., Lead Scientist, Delta Stewardship Council; Professor of Biology, University of New Mexico (25 minutes)

Q&A: 15 minutes

- 3:10 – 3:30 PM Break
- 3:30 – 4:10 **Report on Rivers and Reservoirs Research Workshop and USBR/USACE Joint Stream Restoration Workshop**
- Tim Randle, Group Manager, River Hydraulics and Sedimentation, US Bureau of Reclamation (30 minutes)
- Q&A: 10 minutes
- 4:10 – 4:30 **Discussion of breakout groups and introduction of facilitators**  
Tim Karpoff, Sue George, Adrian Oglesby, David Feldman
- 4:30 – 4:45 **Presentation of award**
- 5:00 Reception (hors d'eours provided, no host bar)
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## **Day 2 September 15**

- 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast (provided)
- 8:00 – 8:15 **Overview of Day One:** Denise Fort/Curt Brown
- 8:15 – 9:15 **How Does the Law Shape River Restoration Efforts?**
- John Bezdek, Assistant Solicitor for Water and Power, USDOJ Office of the Solicitor (20 minutes)
- Reed Benson, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law (25 minutes)
- Q&A: 15 minutes
- 9:15 – 9:55 **Keynote:** Kira Finkler, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation (25 minutes)
- Q&A: 15 minutes
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break and morning snack

- 10:15 – 11:45 Small group discussions  
**Greatest Challenges to River Restoration**
- 11:45 – 12:40 Lunch in ballroom
- 12:45 – 1:30 Report back to full group
- 1:30 – 3:00 Small group discussions  
**Six top actions to address the challenges**
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break and afternoon snack
- 3:15 – 4:15 Report back to full group – discussion
- 4:15 – 4:45 **Paths Forward** – Denise Fort/Curt Brown
- 4:45 – 5:00 **Closing remarks:** Tanya Trujillo, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary  
for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior
- 5:00 Conclude