The Fourth Annual Comprehensive Conference on

Tribal Water in Arizona

Major new developments for Indian water rights policy, regulations, and settlement processes

February 9 & 10, 2017
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**Thursday, February 09, 2017**

**8:00** Registration Opens

**8:30** Introduction & Overview

*Cynthia M. Chandley, Esq., Program Co-Chair*
Snell & Wilmer LLP ~ Phoenix, AZ

*Steven J. W. Heeley, Esq., Program Co-Chair*
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ~ Phoenix, AZ

**9:00** Water Supplies: Update on the Long Range Regional Precipitation Forecast for the Southwest

Ongoing development of forecasting science: What does it tell us about water supplies for the near and long term future?

*Nancy J. Selover, Ph.D., State Climatologist*
Office of Climatology ~ Arizona State University ~ Tempe, AZ

**9:30** Conjunctive Management: The Science

The scientific reality of ground and surface water flows: How they interact and the implications for designing effective water management policies

*Peter A. Mock, Ph.D., R.G., President and Principal Hydrologist/Geologist/Environmental Scientist*
Peter Mock Groundwater Consulting Inc. ~ Paradise Valley, AZ

**10:15** Break

**10:30** Conjunctive Management: Policy Options for Resolving Tensions between Conjunctive Management of Tribal Water and States with Separate Ground and Surface Water Regimes

Overview of the regulatory regimes for ground and surface water in the southwestern states

*Rita P. Maguire, Esq., Moderator*
Maguire Pearce & Storey PLLC ~ Phoenix, AZ

Lessons learned from the evolution of Indian water rights settlements in New Mexico

*D. L. Sanders, Esq.*
DL Sanders LLC: Water in New Mexico ~ Santa Fe, NM

Tribal perspective on issues at the intersection of state and Tribal management

*C. Eugene Franzoy, P.E.*
Franzoy Consulting, Inc. ~ Peoria, AZ

The dichotomy of influence between states and Tribes on the Colorado River

*Margaret J. Vick, Ph.D, Esq., Attorney*
Havasupai Tribe ~ Tempe, AZ

**12:15** Lunch (on your own)

**1:30** Quantification of Indian Water Rights

What it takes to make your case

*Joe Ely, Director of Indian Project Development*
Stetson Engineers Inc. ~ Chandler, AZ

**2:00** Waters of the US

Clean Water Act regulations: litigation update; likely Trump administration policy changes; implications for Tribal water use and management

*Christopher W. Payne, Esq.*
Snell & Wilmer LLP ~ Phoenix, AZ

*Linus Everling, Esq., General Counsel*
Gila River Reservation ~ Sacaton, AZ

**3:00** Break

**3:15** Drafting Tribal Water Codes

Processes and criteria for a workable code

*Jason T. Hauter, Esq.*
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ~ Washington, DC

**4:00** Standing Rock Sioux vs. Energy Transfer Partners (Dakota Access Pipeline)

A case study of the political dynamics of the consultation requirements for projects with a potential impact on Tribal water quality and cultural sites: To what extent do we need nationwide reform with respect to these types of infrastructure projects?

*Patrick J. Cunningham, Esq.*
The Law Office of Patrick J. Cunningham LLC ~ Scottsdale, AZ

*The Hon. Dave Archambault, II, Chairman*
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe ~ Fort Yates, ND

**5:00** Continue the Exchange of Ideas: Reception for Faculty and Attendees

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8:30 Post-Election Shifts in Federal Tribal Water Policy
Administrative branch: How the players are changing at key federal agencies

Jodi A. Gillette, Policy Advisor
Sonosky Chambers Sachse Endreson & Perry LLP ~ Washington, DC

Legislative branch: How the election is affecting committee structures in the House and Senate

Allison C. Binney, Esq.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP ~ Washington, DC

9:45 National Update on Tribal Water Rights Settlement Activities
Overview of pending Tribal/state water settlements

Michelle Bushman, Esq., Legal Counsel
Western States Water Council ~ Salt Lake City, UT

10:30 Break

10:45 Federal Criteria and Procedures for Indian Water Rights Settlements and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Funding under the Bishop Letter
Roles of the Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Justice (DOJ), and OMB; the working relationship among the agencies; current OMB restrictions on funding; prospects to changes to the Bishop letter; new administration’s policy priorities

Donald J. Simon, Esq.
Sonosky Chambers Sachse Endreson & Perry LLP ~ Washington, DC

11:30 Tips from the Trenches for Working with the Federal Government on Settlement Issues

L. Michael Bogert, Esq.
Parsons Behle & Latimer ~ Boise, ID

John B. Weldon, Jr., Esq.
Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, PLC ~ Phoenix, AZ

12:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Rita P. Maguire, Moderator, is the founder of Maguire, Pearce & Storey, PLLC. She is experienced in water, environmental and administrative law in Arizona. Previously, she was the founding President and CEO of the Arizona Center for Public Policy and Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

The Hon. Dave Archambault, II is the Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Allison C. Binney is a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. She advises clients regarding American Indian law and policy. Previously, she served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and before that, as General Counsel to the Committee.

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Michelle Bushman serves as Legal Counsel for the Western States Water Council. She focuses on water law, public policy, and government relations, working with state water administrators appointed by 18 Western governors to address water challenges in the West.

Patrick J. Cunningham, The Law Office of Patrick J. Cunningham, LLC, provides environmental compliance and permitting advice, general corporate and business representation, and government affairs assistance to individuals and businesses. He is also General Counsel to HighGround Public Affairs Consultants.

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Nancy J. Selover, Ph.D., serves as State Climatologist for the Office of Climatology at Arizona State University. In that role, she educates groups on climate topics including the urban heat island, monsoon, drought, extreme weather, climate change, and Arizona’s climate. She interfaces with state and city agencies, Tribes, private businesses, researchers, and the public, providing climate data and information to assist these groups.

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Who Should Attend:

Attorneys, Tribal, local, state and federal governmental representatives, environmental professionals, industry executives, water users and their representatives

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