

# SWCD's 39<sup>th</sup> Southwest Water Seminar: Seeking Common Ground in Crisis

Friday, March 31, 2023

## AGENDA

**COVID-19:** *Based on the most recent local and state public health recommendations, SWCD recommends attendees of its in-person events to participate only if fully vaccinated against COVID-19. While masks are optional, please observe physical distancing of six feet from others. Please stay home if you are not feeling well or exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. We will continue to monitor local public health advisories and will modify any recommendations/requirements as necessary.*

**8:00**            **Registration & Breakfast**

**8:30**            **Welcome and Opening Remarks: Your District at Work**

Steve Wolff - General Manager, Southwestern Water Conservation District

Lorelei Cloud - Vice-Chair, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Jenny Russell - Board President, Southwestern Water Conservation District

**9:00**            **Water Reuse - Treating Wastewater and Using it Again– A Deeper Look**

*Moderator: Peter Butler*

Jolene Walsh - Director, Policy and Governmental Affairs, Eastern Municipal Water District

Brandi Honeycutt - Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Molly Morris - Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE)

Helen Katich - Senator Hickenloper's Office - Funding in the Drinking Water Space

**10:00**           **Networking Break**

**10:20**           **Mancos Watershed Video Debut – Slowing the Water Down**

Introduction: Christi Bodi Skeie – Moxicran Media

**10:30**           **Seeking Common Ground along the Colorado River**

*Moderator: Steve Wolff, General Manager - Southwestern Water Conservation District*

Chuck Cullom, Executive Director - Upper Colorado River Commission

Tanya Trujillo - Assistant Secretary for Water & Science, U.S. Department of Interior -

Manuel Heart – Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Andy Mueller - Colorado River Water Conservation District

**12:00**           **Lunch**

**12:50**           **Audience Quiz: Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?**

Buck Skillen – 5 Rivers Trout Unlimited - Water Wizard

**1:00**            **West Slope-East Slope, Lower and Upper Basins Food and Water Connection**

*Moderator and Speaker: Ken Curtis – Dolores Water Conservancy District*

Robert Sakata - Sakata Farms

Simon Martinez - Ute Mountain Ute Farm and Ranch

Paul Bruchez - Reeder Creek Ranch

Bart Fisher – Palo Verde Irrigation District

**2:00**            **Statewide and Regional Environmental Issues**

*Moderator and Speaker: Celene Hawkins - The Nature Conservancy*

Jake Kurzweil, Associate Director of Water Programs – Mountain Studies Institute

Alex Funk - Director of Water Resources - Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

**2:45**      **Snack Break**

**3:05**      **Conversation : The Role of Communication in a Water Crisis**

*Moderator: Jerd Smith - Fresh Water News*

Jonathan Romeo - Durango Telegraph

Alex Hager - Reporter, Colorado River Basin - KUNC

Christi Bode Skeie – Executive Producer, Moxiecran Media

**3:45**      **Closing Remarks**

TBD, Director - Southwestern Water Conservation District

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