



Native Waters on Arid Lands

TRIBAL SUMMIT



NOVEMBER 5-6, 2015
South Point Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

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First Tribal Summit Agenda

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 4

- 10:00a - 4:00p NWAL Team Meeting (*Huntington Room*)
NWAL Research & Outreach Team
- 3:00a - 5:00p On-site Registration for Tribal Summit (*Huntington Room*)

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 5 (DAY ONE)

- 7:30 - 8:30a **Registration** (*Sonoma C*)
Breakfast Provided
- 8:30 - 9:00a **Welcome and Opening Ceremony** (*Sonoma D*)
Moderator: Staci Emm
- National Anthem
Kelci Bends, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- Flag song and blessing
Troy Heinert, Rosebud Sioux Tribe and South Dakota State Senator, 3-Time INFR Pick-up Man
- Welcome to the Indian National Finals Rodeo
Marty Hebb, Six time INFR Champion in Saddle bronc
Cheyenne River Sioux
- Welcome to the Summit** (Indian dance group)
- 9:00a - 12:00p **Plenary Session** (*Sonoma D*)
Native Waters on Arid Lands Program Overview
Maureen McCarthy, Loretta Singletary (University of Nevada, Reno)
- Climatic Change in the Southwest Through Time
Michael Dettinger (United States Geological Survey)
- Tribal Water Policy and Winters' Doctrine
Mason Morisset, JD (Morisset, Schollosser, Jozwiak & Sommerville Attorneys at Law, Seattle, Washington)
- Indian Land Tenure and Water Rights
Cris Stainbrook (President, Indian Land Tenure Foundation, Little Canada, Minnesota)
- Discussion of breakout session format/goals
Loretta Singletary (UNR)
- 12:00 - 1:30p Lunch Provided (*Sonoma C*)
Speaker: Water Policy Council and Water Quality in Arizona
Brian Bennon (Tribal Water Systems Program Manager, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona)

1:30 - 4:30p

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (includes 30 min break)

Session 1 (*Sonoma D*): Climate Adaptation Plans & Actions (Facilitator: Virgil Dupuis; Recorder: Meghan Collins) – Discussion of what has worked/or not and why for tribes developing climate adaptation or water resource plans.

- **Tohono O’odham** Representative (Invited)
- **Mike Durglo** (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes)
- **Karletta Chief** (University of Arizona)
- **Tony Berthelote** (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes)

Session 2 (*Napa A*): Agricultural Production Economics (Facilitator: Trent Teegerstrom; Recorder: Carol Bishop) – Discussion of successes, challenges, barriers, and solutions for sustaining and expanding economically viable agricultural production)

- **Tiffany Horne** (Gila River Indian Community Farm)
- **Miguel Gonzales** (Farm Manager, Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Farms)
- **Steve Coester** (Farm Manager, Ak-Chin Indian Community Farm)

5 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 6 (DAY TWO)

7:30 - 9:30a

Breakfast Provided (*Sonoma C*)

Speaker: History and Policy of Indian Irrigation Projects

Ross Racine (Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council)

9:30a - 12:30p

Concurrent Breakout Sessions (includes 30 min break)

Session 3 (*Sonoma D*): Traditional Ecological & Agricultural Practices (Facilitator: John Phillips; Recorder: Meghan Collins) Discussion of tribal community adaptation to changes in traditional crop/livestock agriculture, ecosystems, fish and wildlife resources, and other factors in due to climatic change.

- **Karletta Chief** (University of Arizona)
- **Percy Reano** (Farmer and Community Elder, (Kewa) Santo Domingo Pueblo Tribe)
- **Mica Loma’omvaya** (Planning Department, Hopi Tribe)

Session 4 (*Napa A*): Water Infrastructure (Facilitator: Staci Emm; Recorder: Vicki Hebb) Discussion of challenges to implementing, operating and upgrading water infrastructure systems for agriculture on/to reservation and other tribal lands.

- **Dennis Heaps** (Natural Resources Director) and
- **Reggie Premo** (Duck Valley Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Agent, Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribe)
- **Teresa Showa** (Principal Hydrologist, Navajo Nation)
- **Elveda Martinez** (Water Resources Coordinator, Walker River Paiute Tribe)
- **Wil Star** (Farmer, Rancher & Educator, Santo Domingo Pueblo Tribe)

12:30 - 2:00p

Lunch Provided (*Sonoma C*)

Speaker: Tribal College Hydrology Program

Antony Berthelote (Faculty and Hydrology Department Head, Salish Kootenai College)

2:00 - 4:00p

Breakout session recap for full group (*Sonoma D*)

4:00 - 5:00p

Next Steps/Adjourn (*Sonoma D*)

The background features a stylized illustration of a river winding through a landscape. On the right side, there is a large, semi-circular sun in shades of orange and yellow. In the foreground, there are several large, stylized leaves in shades of blue and green, some overlapping the river and sun. The overall color palette is warm and natural, with a light beige background.

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