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Welcome to the 7th Annual SuperConference on "The Law of the Colorado River." Since our last Conference in May 2004, "The Law of the River" has continued to evolve, with new innovations and issues arriving at an ever-increasing pace. Keeping up with the Colorado River is our goal in producing these CLE International conferences, and we have again assembled an experienced and articulate faculty to bring you up-to-date on the latest developments.

This year, we will cover the emerging field of drought and shortage management, both from the Upper and Lower basin perspective. The Honorable John W. Keys, Commissioner of Reclamation, will be our special guest, providing a federal view on these historic events. Environmental and technical issues will also be addressed, covering Colorado River management from the micro to the macro levels.

We always look forward to a knowledgeable and engaged audience at these conferences, as well. Whether you're a novice at the complexities of the Colorado River, or an old hand just keeping an eye on what's new, the 7th Annual SuperConference on the "The Law of the Colorado River" is for you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Dennis B. Underwood

Program Co-Chair, Vice President

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Thursday, May 19 **Friday, May 20**

8:00 Registration

8:30 **Introduction and Welcome**
Dennis B. Underwood, Program Co-Chair
Vice President
 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

9:00 **The Law of the River**
 A Primer
Dennis B. Underwood, Program Co-Chair
Vice President

9:45 Morning Break

10:00 **Drought and Shortage Management: Panel Presentation**
 Plans, Proposals and Perceptions
Moderator: Dennis B. Underwood, Program Co-Chair
Vice President
Patricia Mulroy, General Manager
 Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV
Larry R. Dozier, Deputy General Manager
 Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Phoenix, AZ
Don A. Ostler, PE, Executive Director and Secretary
 Upper Colorado River Commission, Salt Lake City, UT
James S. Lochhead, Esq.
 Brownstein Hyatt & Farber, Glenwood Springs, CO

12:00 Lunch Break

1:30 **Featured Presentation**
 A Federal Perspective
John W. Keys, III, PE, Commissioner
 Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, DC

2:15 **Protecting the Colorado River**
 Views from the Environmental Community
Peter Culp, Project Manager/Attorney for Programs
 Sonoran Institute, Phoenix, AZ
Pamela Hyde, Environmental Consultant
 Flagstaff, AZ

3:15 Afternoon Break

3:30 **The Colorado River Compact and Delivery Obligations Under the Mexican Water Treaty of 1944**
 How They Affect Us Today
Jerome C. Muys, Esq.
 Muys & Associates, Washington, DC

4:15 **Invasive Vegetation Species— Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Removal**
 Water Supply Augmentation and Wildlife Habitat Improvements
Tim Carlson, Executive Director
 Tamarisk Coalition, Grand Junction, CO

5:00 **Atmospheric Water Resources**
 Recent Research
Joseph "Joe" A. Warburton, PhD, Executive Director Emeritus, Division of Atmospheric Sciences
 Nevada Desert Research Institute, Reno, NV

5:45 Adjourn

7:55 **Introduction of Day Two**
Michael J. Pearce, Esq., Program Co-Chair
 Fennemore Craig, Phoenix, AZ

8:00 **Ethics**
 Considerations for the Environmental Professional
Jill N. Willis, Esq.
 Best Best & Krieger, Riverside, CA

9:00 **Perspectives on the River**
 Keeping up with the Changes
Michael J. Pearce, Esq., Program Co-Chair

9:30 **Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program**
 An Overview
Jeffrey Kightlinger, Esq., General Counsel
 The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

10:15 Morning Break

10:30 **An Update on Water Litigation**
 The New Cases You Need to Know
Douglas K. Miller, Esq., General Counsel
 Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Phoenix, AZ

11:15 **New Techniques in Desalination and Brine Disposal**
 Adding to the Supply Mix
Michael Mickley, PE, PhD, President
 Mickley & Associates, Boulder, CO
Aharon (Aro) Arakel, PhD, President
 Geo-Processors USA, Glendale, CA

12:15 Lunch Break

1:45 **Economics of Farming in the West**
 What It Means to the Colorado River
Dennis Wichelns, Chief Economist
 California Water Institute, Fresno, CA

2:30 **Agriculture Water Conservation**
 What It Takes to Get It Done
Kirk Dimmitt, PE, Executive Program Manager
 Imperial Irrigation District, Imperial, CA

3:15 **Renewed Interest in Basin Energy Development**
 Coalbed Methane and More
Keith S. Burron, Esq.
 Associated Legal Group, Cheyenne, WY

4:00 Adjourn

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Program Co-Chairs

Michael J. Pearce practices in the areas of groundwater management and planning support, surface water rights administration, general stream adjudication litigation, dam safety enforcement, and a variety of issues concerning the law of the Colorado River.

Dennis B. Underwood serves as Vice President of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He was the Executive Director and Executive Secretary of the Colorado River Board of California from 1978 to 1989. In 1989, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, where he served until 1993.

Featured Presenter

John W. Keys, III, was appointed by President George W. Bush as Commissioner in 2001. He oversees the operation and maintenance of Reclamation's water storage, water distribution, and electric power generation facilities in the 17 Western States. He has spent his entire 34-year professional career working with Reclamation.

Aharon (Aro) Arakel has some 25 years of practical experience with scientific research, university lecturing, directorship of the university research centre, commercial research management in the water industry, and environmental and industrial minerals consultancy.

Keith S. Burrton practices water, natural resource and environmental law. He represents clients in industry, agriculture, government and the private sector on such issues as water rights, water quality, coalbed natural gas, NEPA and the ESA.

Tim Carlson is Executive Director of the Tamarisk Coalition, which is a nonprofit organization providing technical assistance and coordinating efforts to restore riparian lands.

Peter Culp works on a variety of issues related to land and water policy. Prior to joining the Sonoran Institute's Phoenix office, he was an attorney with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where he practiced in the areas of environmental law, water and natural resources law, and federal Indian law.

Kirk Dimmitt is responsible for managing the planning, budgeting, design, and construction of the All American Canal and Coachella Canal Lining Projects. Previously, he held Principal and Project Engineer positions.

Larry R. Dozier is responsible for operations, engineering and planning, and resources. His responsibilities include Colorado River issues, recharge programs, and the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District.

Pamela Hyde has advocated for river protection and restoration in the Southwest for over 15 years. Previously, she served as Southwest Regional Director of American Rivers, Executive Director of Glen Canyon Institute, and Executive Director of Southwest Rivers.

Jeffrey Kightlinger is responsible for directing Metropolitan's legal staff and consulting attorneys; leading the district's legal strategies in pending and potential litigation; and protecting Metropolitan's interests in all legal matters, environmental issues and water right matters.

James S. Lochhead concentrates his practice on matters concerning water rights, land use, real estate, municipal and special district, federal administrative and permitting, and legislative law. He has represented public agencies in interstate and river basin-level water rights matters.

Michael Mickley has over 37 years' experience in membrane and process technology. Since the formation of his firm, he has developed proprietary techniques for modifying surfaces of membranes to enhance their performance.

Douglas K. Miller has practiced water law, environmental law, and federal reclamation law and contracts. He spent three years with the Department of Justice representing the Environmental Protection Agency.

Patricia Mulroy is the General Manager of both the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. She serves as a member or director of several water-related agencies and associations.

Jerome C. Muys is president of his firm. He practices public land, water resources, and environmental law, and has lectured and written extensively in those fields. He is past Chairman of the American Bar Association's Section of Energy, Environment and Resources Law.

Don A. Ostler is Executive Director and Secretary for the Upper Colorado River Commission, which was created by Federal Compact to represent the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Joseph "Joe" A. Warburton is Executive Director Emeritus for the Nevada Desert Research Institute ("DRI"), a nonprofit research campus of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Dennis Wichelns is the Chief Economist for the California Water Institute, which was founded to be a forum for unbiased, open, collaborative discussion, research and education on water-related issues benefiting the entire state.

Jill N. Willis works in her firm's Environmental Law and Natural Resources Practice Group. She specializes in water rights and related issues. She represents numerous public and private clients in actions involving surface and groundwater rights.

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