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Dear Colleague:

Join us for CLE International's 19th Annual National Law of the Colorado River Conference, to be held June 22-23, 2017 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Get the latest updates on the Colorado River; enjoy numerous opportunities to network with top water law and policy professionals from across the region and beyond; and hear presentations on the most important issues we are facing on the Colorado River, such as:

- **Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan—the basin states' proactive efforts to respond to drought**
 - **Managing Competing Resources in Glen Canyon—the new Record of Decision for operation of Glen Canyon Dam**
 - **Reaching a Turning Point at the Salton Sea—the future of the Salton Sea and the cost of preservation**
 - **New Efforts in Agricultural Water Conservation—case studies in voluntary, compensated conservation**
 - **Indian Water Right Developments—views from federal and Tribal perspectives**
 - **Contributions of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)—bringing resources to water**
 - **Looking Toward the Future—climate change and western water supplies**
- ... and more!

Mark your calendars and register now! We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

Sincerely,



Bill Hasencamp

**William J. Hasencamp, PE, Program Co-Chair
Manager of Colorado River Resources**
Metropolitan Water District of Southern
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William J. Hasencamp is the Manager of Colorado Resources for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In this capacity, he develops and manages water supply programs to augment the Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Aqueduct supplies to meet the water needs of Southern California. He has been with Metropolitan for over 15 years.



Michael J. Pearce

Michael J. Pearce, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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Michael J. Pearce is a founding member of his firm, which is dedicated to issues of water law and policy. His practice includes land and mineral development, water transfers, and complex water negotiations and disputes. He was Chief Counsel of the Arizona Department of Water Resources for seven years and has worked extensively in the law of the Colorado River. He has co-chaired CLE International's Law of the Colorado River Conference since 1999.

PS: Join us for a reception with the faculty on Thursday evening of this Conference—free to conference attendees!

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Introduction and Welcome**
Overview of Day One
**William J. Hasencamp, PE, Program Co-Chair
Manager of Colorado River Resources**
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA
Michael J. Pearce, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Maguire, Pearce & Storey, Phoenix, AZ
- 8:45 **Overview of the Colorado River**
Physical, Legal, and Political Developments Impacting the Basin
Overview of Lower Basin
Joe Vanderhorst, Esq.
Law Office of Joseph Vanderhorst, Long Beach, CA
Overview of Upper Basin
Amy Haas, Esq.
Interstate Stream Commission, Santa Fe, NM
- 9:45 Networking Break
- 10:00 **Keynote Presentation**
International Boundary and Water Commission
Updates from Mexico and the US on International Water Management Issues
Edward Drusina, PE, Commissioner
International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso, TX
Roberto Salmón Castelo, Commissioner
International Boundary and Water Commission, Ciudad Juárez
Chihuahua, Mexico
- 11:00 **Colorado River Drought Contingency Planning**
Responding to Record Low Levels in Lake Mead: Updates from Arizona, California, and Nevada on Building and Implementing Drought Response
Thomas Buschatzke, Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix, AZ
Colby N. Pellegrino, Director of Water Resources
Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV
Shanti Rosset, Esq., Colorado River Program Manager
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 12:15 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:30 **Managing Competing Resources in Glen Canyon**
Collaboration and Management Strategies in Operating Glen Canyon Dam for Water, Power, and the Environment
Rob Billerbeck, Colorado River Coordinator
National Park Service, Lakewood, CO
Katrina Grantz, PhD, Chief, Adaptive Management Group
Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2:30 Networking Break
- 2:45 **Reaching a Turning Point at the Salton Sea**
Challenges in Protecting a Valuable Resource as the Sea Begins to Rapidly Recede
Michael Cohen, Senior Associate
Pacific Institute, Boulder, CO
Matt Dessert, Air Pollution Control Officer
Imperial County, Imperial, CA
Tina Shields, PE, Water Department Manager
Imperial Irrigation District, Imperial, CA
Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of Salton Sea Policy
California Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento, CA
- 4:15 **New Efforts in Agricultural Water Conservation**
Case Studies in Water Conservation Projects
Aaron Derwingson, Agricultural Coordinator
The Nature Conservancy, Salida, CO
Tim Cox, Farmer
Palo Verde Irrigation District, Blythe, CA
Mark Harris, General Manager
Grand Valley Water Users Association, Grand Junction, CO
- 5:30 Adjourn to Private Networking Happy Hour

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome Back**
Overview of Day Two
William J. Hasencamp, PE, Program Co-Chair
Michael J. Pearce, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 8:45 **Indian Water Right Developments**
A Discussion with Representatives from Colorado Basin Tribes and the Federal Government
Pamela Adams, Hydrologist
US Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, NV
Dennis Patch, Chairman
Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, AZ
James Prairie, PhD, Hydrologic Engineer
US Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder, CO
Lisa Yellow Eagle, Esq.
Water Rights Unit, Navajo Nation Department of Justice
Window Rock, AZ
- 10:15 Networking Break
- 10:30 **Perspectives on the US/Mexico Treaty**
The Mutual Obligations of the US and Mexico Water Delivery on the Colorado River and Rio Grande
Greg Walch, Esq.
Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV
Stuart Somach, Esq.
Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA
- 11:30 **Ethics**
Non-Disclosure and Non-Compete Clauses
Patrick Cunningham, Esq.
HighGround Public Affairs Consulting, Phoenix, AZ
- 12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:45 **Contributions of NGOs**
Bringing Resources to Our Priorities and Strategies for Conservation
Yamilett Carrillo Guerrero, PhD, Executive Director
Colorado River Delta Water Trust, National City, CA
Taylor Hawes, Esq., Colorado River Program Director
The Nature Conservancy, Silverthorne, CO
Ted Kowalski, Esq., Senior Program Officer
Colorado River Basin Initiative
Walton Family Foundation, Denver, CO
Frank Ruiz, Salton Sea Director
Audubon California, Salton Sea, CA
- 3:15 **Looking Toward the Future**
Can the Colorado River Meet the West's Future Water Needs?
Climate Change and Western Water Supplies
Brad Udall, Senior Water and Climate Scientist/Scholar
Colorado Water Institute, Fort Collins, CO
Mitigating Water Shortages and Augmenting Supply
Chuck Cullom, Colorado River Programs Manager
Central Arizona Project, Phoenix, AZ
- 4:15 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Keynote Presentation

International Boundary Water Commission

Updates from Mexico and the US



Edward Drusina, PE, Commissioner

International Boundary Water Commission
El Paso, TX

Edward Drusina, PE was appointed US Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, US and Mexico, by President Barack Obama in January 2010. As Commissioner, he serves as head of the US Section

of the Commission, overseeing personnel in 12 offices along the US-Mexico border and in Washington, DC. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. It operates and maintains various infrastructure projects along the US-Mexico border, including international storage dams, hydroelectric power plants, flood control levees, wastewater treatment plants, and monuments demarcating the international boundary.



Roberto Salmón Castelo, Commissioner

International Boundary Water Commission
Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico

Roberto Salmón Castelo, Mexican Commissioner for the International Boundary and Water Commission, *Comisión Internacional de Límites y Aguas*, has a wide range of experience in hydraulic projects. He was Northwest

Regional Manager of the National Water Commission from 2002 to 2006, and from 2006 to 2008 served as General Manager of the Northwest Basin Unit based in Hermosillo, Sonora. Additionally, Mr. Salmón Castelo was Planning and Special Projects Director for the Sonora Center for Research and Development in Natural Resources and has remained a partner in a variety of companies that carry out basin management projects and environmental studies.

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