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- **ESA's Effect on Western Water Laws**
- **Hot Button Issues of Individual River Systems**
- **Tribal Water Issues in the West**
- **Conjunctive Management of Ground and Surface Water**
- **Hydraulic Fracturing and Potential Water Supply Impacts**
- **Water Transfers — Does the Clean Water Act Apply?**
- **Use of Private Equity and Market-Based Approaches in Water Transfers**

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8:00 Registration and Private Networking Breakfast Sponsored by:

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Overview of Day One

**Michael A. Gheleta, Esq., Program Co-Chair**

US Department of the Interior, Denver, CO

**Roderick E. Walston, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Of Counsel**

Best Best &amp; Krieger, Walnut Creek, CA

8:45 **Keynote Presentation**

Federal Perspective on Select Western Water Issues

**P. Fritz Holleman, Esq., Deputy Solicitor, Water Resources**

US Department of the Interior, Washington, DC

9:30 Networking Break

9:45 **Western Water Allocation**

Role of the Public Interest

**Joseph M. Feller, Esq., Professor of Law**

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

**James L. Huffman, Esq., Erskine Wood Sr. Professor of Law**

Lewis &amp; Clark Law School, Portland, OR

11:00 **US Supreme Court Update**Yellowstone River Compact Litigation: *Montana v. Wyoming***Jeffrey J. Wechsler, Esq.**

Montgomery &amp; Andrews, Santa Fe, NM

Defining Navigability and Its Implications:

*PPL Montana LLC v. Montana***Ashley C. Parrish, Esq.**

King &amp; Spalding, Washington, DC

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 **Constitutional Limitation on Government Regulation of Water**

The Takings Clause

**Roderick E. Walston, Esq., Program Co-Chair**2:15 **Long-Range Municipal Water Supply Planning**

Approaches in Western States

**Lisa G. Darling, South Platte Program Manager**

Aurora Water, CO

**John J. Entsminger, Senior Deputy General Manager**

Las Vegas Valley Water District and Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV

**Brandon Goshi, Manager, Resource Analysis Unit**

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

3:30 Networking Break

3:45 **The Endangered Species Act**

And Its Effect on Western Water Laws

**Robert D. Thornton, Esq.**

Nossaman, Irvine, CA

4:30 **Ethics**

Issues for Water Practitioners

**Larry J. Cohen, Esq.**

The Cohen Law Firm, Phoenix, AZ

5:30 Adjourn to a Private Networking Reception Sponsored by:

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8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Welcome Back**

Overview of Day Two

**Michael A. Gheleta, Esq., Program Co-Chair****Roderick E. Walston, Esq., Program Co-Chair**8:45 **Individual River Systems**

Hot Button Issues

Arizona Rivers

**John B. Weldon Jr., Esq.**

Salmon, Lewis &amp; Weldon, Phoenix, AZ

California Bay Delta

**Craig Manson, Esq., General Counsel**

Westlands Water District, Sacramento, CA

10:00 Networking Break

10:15 **Individual River Systems — Continued**

Colorado River

**Bill Hasencamp, PE, Manager, Colorado River Resources**

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**Robert W. Johnson, Former Commissioner**

US Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix, AZ

Rio Grande

**Charles T. DuMars, Esq.**

Law &amp; Resource Planning Associates, Albuquerque, NM

12:00 Lunch Break

1:15 **Tribal Water Issues in the West**

An Overview

**Susan M. Williams, Esq.**

Corrales, NM

2:00 **Ground and Surface Water**

Conjunctive Management

**Michael J. Pearce, Esq.**

Maguire &amp; Pearce, Phoenix, AZ

2:45 Networking Break

3:00 **Hydraulic Fracturing**

Considering Potential Water Supply Impacts

**Michael A. Gheleta, Esq., Program Co-Chair**3:45 **Water Transfers**

Does the Clean Water Act Apply?

**Peter D. Nichols, Esq.**

Trout, Raley, Montaño, Witwer &amp; Freeman, Denver, CO

Use of Private Equity/Market-Based Approaches

**Scott S. Slater, Esq.**

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Santa Barbara, CA

4:45 Evaluations &amp; Adjourn

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**Roderick E. Walston** is Of Counsel in his firm's Litigation Practice Group. He specializes in natural resources, environmental and water law, and in appellate practice. At the California Attorney General's Office, Mr. Walston litigated many of the State's most important natural resources and environmental cases. He served as the top lawyer for the US Department of the Interior, and as head of the California Attorney General's Public Rights Division, which handles all litigation in the natural resources, environmental and water law areas.

## KEYNOTE PRESENTER



**P. Fritz Holleman** joined the Solicitor's Office in 2011 as the Deputy Solicitor for Water Resources. Prior thereto, he was a partner at the Boulder, Colorado firm of Porzak Browning and Bushong. His practice focused on water law, including innovative water supply projects, recreational water rights, water quality, NEPA and public land law. His experience also includes representing various federal agencies in federal district courts and state courts throughout the US as a trial attorney with the Environment and Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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