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Diverse Perspectives from New Mexico, Colorado & Texas
April 6-7, 2017 • La Fonda • Santa Fe

Dear Colleague:

The 17th Annual Law of the Rio Grande Conference is your best chance of the year to hear about what other states are doing to address challenges and opportunities related to the Rio Grande.

This year is full of new topics, including:

- **San Augustin Application for Interbasin Transfer**
- **Magistrate Order in *Pueblos of Jemez, Santa Ana, and Zia v. New Mexico***
- **Climate Change and the Rio Grande**
- **Recycled Drinking Water in the Rio Grande: Is It a Viable Option?**
- **Stretching Our Water Supply**
- **Groundwater Conservation**
- **Marijuana Production and Water**
- ... and more!

This is the only Conference that highlights the different approaches and viewpoints of New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado—don't miss it!

We look forward to seeing you in Santa Fe!

Sincerely,



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PS: Join us for happy hour on Thursday night—free to conference attendees!

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THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome and Overview**
Introduction to the Rio Grande Basin
Tim Brown, Esq., Program Co-Chair
SledgeLaw Group, Austin, TX
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Davidson Law Firm, Corrales, NM
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair
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- 8:45 **Featured Presentation**
Through the Looking Glass on the Rio Grande
Jennifer Gimbel, Esq.
Colorado Water Institute, Fort Collins, CO
- 9:30 Networking Break
- 9:45 **Legislative Update**
Developments in Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas
Susan Miller Bisong, Esq.
Modrall Sperlberg, Santa Fe, NM
Shauna N. Fitzsimmons, Esq.
SledgeLaw Group, Austin, TX
Matthew Montgomery, Esq.
Hill & Robbins, Denver, CO
- 11:00 **San Augustin Application for Interbasin Transfer**
Update and Potential Impacts on the Rio Grande
Adren Robert Nance, Esq., Catron County Attorney
Nance, Pato & Stout, Socorro, NM
Jeff Wechsler, Esq.
Montgomery & Andrews, Santa Fe, NM
- 12:00 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:15 **Magistrate Order in Pueblos of Jemez, Santa Ana, and Zia v. New Mexico**
Pueblo Rights Doctrine and the Rio Grande
Alice E. Walker, Esq.
McElroy, Meyer, Walker & Condon, Boulder, CO
- 2:15 Networking Break
- 2:30 **Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Water Resources**
A Future Outlook
Blane Sanchez, Commissioner
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Santa Fe, NM
- 3:15 **Texas v. New Mexico**
Litigation Update
Karen Kwon, Esq., First Assistant Attorney General Federal and Interstate Water Unit, Natural Resources Section
Colorado Office of the Attorney General, Denver, CO
Stuart L. Somach, Esq.
Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA
Lisa Thompson, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General
New Mexico Office of the Attorney General, Santa Fe, NM
- 4:30 Adjourn to a Private Networking Happy Hour
Free to Conference Attendees

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 **Welcome Back**
Overview of Day Two
Tim Brown, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 8:45 **Climate Change and the Rio Grande**
Impacts on Water Quality and Quantity
Nolan Doesken, Senior Research Associate Director, Fort Collins Weather Station
Colorado Climate Center
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
David W. DuBois, Ph.D., New Mexico State Climatologist
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
- 9:45 Networking Break
- 10:00 **Recycled Drinking Water in the Rio Grande**
Is It a Viable Option?
John Grant, General Manager
Colorado River Municipal Water District, Big Spring, TX
Brenley McKenna, Reusable Water Program Manager
Denver Water, Denver, CO
John M. Stomp III, P.E., Chief Operating Officer
Albuquerque Water Management Authority, NM
- 11:15 **Stretching Our Water Supply**
Research and Innovation
Reagan Waskom, Ph.D.
Colorado Water Institute
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- 12:00 Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:15 **Groundwater Conservation**
Strategies, Initiatives, and Impacts on the Rio Grande
John W. Hawley, Ph.D., C.P.G.
Hawley Geomatters, Albuquerque, NM
John Longworth, P.E.
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM
Cleave Simpson, Manager
Rio Grande Water Conservation District, Alamosa, CO
- 2:30 Networking Break
- 2:45 **Marijuana Production and Water**
Impacts on Water Quality and Quantity
Lee Miller, Esq., General Counsel
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo, CO
- 3:30 **Ethics**
Responses to Ethical Questions Posed by Water Lawyers
Susan C. Kery, Esq.
Utton & Kery, Albuquerque, NM
- 4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS

Tim Brown is focused on water law, having dealt for 50 years with water rights, administrative law, and governmental and legislative practice. He is the former Chief of the Environmental Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office and general counsel of the Texas Water Rights Commission. He served for over 20 years with the Texas Bar Association's Administrative and Public Law Section, including several terms as its Chair.

Tessa T. Davidson has 20 years of experience practicing in the areas of water law and natural resources. She is the founding member of the Davidson Law Firm in Corrales, New Mexico, and represents clients in the acquisition and protection of water rights, and in water-rights litigation.

David W. Robbins emphasizes water and natural resources law, water quality, and environmental law. Since 1981, he has served as General Counsel to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, where he has led efforts to defeat proposals to mine the ground water of Colorado's San Luis Valley.

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Featured Presentation:

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Jennifer Gimbel, Esq.
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Jennifer Gimbel has had the opportunity to work for both State and Federal governments on the Rio Grande. For the Department of the Interior she worked as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation, and

Counselor to the Secretary on Rio Grande issues. For the State of Colorado she worked as the Director of the Water Conservation Board and in several positions with the Attorney General's Office.

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