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- Endangered Species Act
- Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Water Resources
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Thursday, November 15

- 8:00 Registration and Private Networking Breakfast Sponsored by:
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
- 8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Overview of Day One
Michael A. Gheleta, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Field Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, US Department of the Interior
Phoenix, AZ
Roderick E. Walston, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Best Best & Krieger, Walnut Creek, CA
- 8:45 **Western Water Law Recap**
Geography, History, Politics and the Current State of Affairs
Steven E. Clyde, Esq.
Clyde Snow & Sessions, Salt Lake City, UT
- 9:30 **Indian Water Rights**
Meeting On-Reservation Needs and Reducing Off-Reservation Uncertainty
Ryan A. Smith, Esq.
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Washington, DC
Michael A. Gheleta, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 10:30 Networking Break
- 10:45 **The Casitas Case**
Takings Issues Before the Federal Circuit Court
Nancie G. Marzulla, Esq.
Marzulla Law, Washington, DC
- 11:30 **Supreme Court Pending Cases**
The Clean Water Act, Stormwater Discharges and the *Chevron* Doctrine
Roderick E. Walston, Esq., Program Co-Chair
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:15 **Western River Systems**
Regional Issues and Resolutions
Colorado River
Arizona v. California: 50 years later
Bret Birdsong, Esq., Professor of Law
University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law, Las Vegas, NV
- 2:00 **Western River Systems**
California Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta
David Sandino, Esq., Former Chief Counsel
California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento, CA.
- 2:45 Networking Break Sponsored by:
Daniel B. Stephens & Associates
- 3:00 **Western River Systems**
Klamath River
Thomas Schlosser, Esq.
Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville, Seattle, WA
Paul Simmons, Esq.
Somach Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA
- 3:45 **Western River Systems**
Snake River
Jeffrey C. Fereday, Esq.
Givens Pursley, Boise, ID
- 4:15 **Endangered Species Act**
Varying Viewpoints
Norman D. James, Esq.
Fennemore Craig, Phoenix, AZ
Karin Sheldon, Esq., President
Western Resource Advocates, Boulder, CO
- 5:15 Adjourn to Private Networking Reception Sponsored by:



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Friday, November 16

- 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 **Water Supply During Drought**
A Panel Perspective
Arizona
Tom Buschatzke
Assistant Director for Water Planning Division
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California
William Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
Colorado
Peter C. Fleming, Esq., General Counsel
Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs, CO
New Mexico
Jay F. Stein, Esq.
Stein & Brockmann, Santa Fe, NM
Nevada
Jennifer Crandell, Esq., Senior Deputy
Nevada Attorney General's Office, Las Vegas, NV
- 10:00 Networking Break
- 10:15 **Resume Panel Presentation**
- 11:00 **Clean Water Act**
Issues and Updates
Deidre G. Duncan, Esq.
Hunton & Williams, Washington DC
- 11:45 Lunch Break
- 1:00 **Ethics**
Catharyn Baird, Esq., Founder and CEO
EthicsGame, Denver, CO
- 2:00 **Keynote Presentation**
Is Western Water Law Adaptable Enough in an Era of Extreme Shortage?
Patricia Mulroy, General Manager
Las Vegas Valley Water District and
Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV
- 2:45 Networking Break
- 3:00 **Water and Energy Development**
Water and Power: Interrelationships and Challenges
Jay M. Johnson, Esq., General Counsel
Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Phoenix, AZ
- 3:45 **Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Water Resources**
Water Supply and Water Quality
Daniel B. Stephens, PhD, PG
Chairman of the Board and Chief Hydrologist
Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Albuquerque, NM
- 4:30 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Patricia Mulroy, General Manager
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Patricia Mulroy oversees the operations of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, which serves more than 340,000 customers, and the Southern Nevada Water Authority, which is responsible for acquiring, treating and delivering water to local agencies that collectively serve 2 million residents and nearly 40 million annual visitors. Ms. Mulroy joined the District more than 20 years ago and began serving as its general manager in 1989. She was a principal architect of the Authority, which has served as a model for other Western water agencies since its creation in 1991.

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