

INAUGURAL COALITION of RIO GRANDE WATER USERS (CRGWU) MEETING: “The Value of Collaboration”

Hotel Santa Fe, The Hacienda & Spa
1501 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501
October 3-5, 2023
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IRRIGATION LEADER magazine, is sponsoring the inaugural Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users (CRGWU) meeting. Modeled after the highly successful annual Colorado Water Users Association conference, the CRGWU meeting is intended to bring together as many irrigation districts, conservancy districts, municipalities, groups, and other entities dependent upon the Rio Grande to share their perspectives and ideas. The theme of this first meeting is “The Value of Collaboration” and will focus on addressing challenges together. Policy and technology solutions from other river systems and countries will be featured. The main purpose of the meeting is to build communications and working relationships from the headwaters to the mouth of the Rio Grande. (NOTE: The below DRAFT agenda is subject to change prior to the meeting.)

TUESDAY, October 3

5:00-6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, October 4

7:30 a.m. **Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee**
8:00 a.m. Welcome
8:15 a.m. Assistant Secretary of Water and Science Tanya Trujillo (invited)
9:00 a.m. Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton (invited)
9:30 a.m. International Boundary and Water Commission Commissioner Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E. (invited)
10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
10:30 a.m. Rio Grande Compact Commission
State Engineer Mike Hamman, New Mexico (invited)
State Engineer Kevin Rein, Colorado (invited)
Commissioner Robert “Bobby” Skov, Texas (invited)
12:00-1:00 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
1:30 p.m. Tribal, Irrigation, and Municipal Interests
3:00 p.m. **Ice Cream Sundae Break**
3:30 p.m. Conservation Technology Presentations
5:00 p.m. **Reception**

THURSDAY, October 5

7:30 a.m. **Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee**
8:00 a.m. Acequias: History and Culture of Collaboration
10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
10:30 a.m. The Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan
12:00 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
1:00 p.m. The Australian Millennium Drought
2:00 p.m. Israel: Creating An Abundance of Water
3:00 p.m. Bus departs for State Capital Tour
5:30 p.m. Bus departs for Hotel
6:00 p.m. **Reception**

ONLINE REGISTRATION: You can register for the Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users Meeting at <https://irrigationleadermagazine.com/>. Please complete and submit the online form as soon as possible, as space will be limited. Updates to the agenda will be provided as registrations are received.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: We have reserved a block of rooms at the Hotel Santa Fe, The Hacienda & Spa, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The rate is \$309.00 per night plus tax of 15.43%.

To make or confirm your reservations at the pre-arranged Association of Rio Grande Water Users rate, please go to stay@hotelsantafe.com or call (877) 259-3409 and identify yourself as being with the *Coalition of Rio Grande Water Users* no later than **Friday, September 1, 2023**.

For personalized hotel registration assistance, please phone Paula Currie at (916) 616-0286 or Paula@pcevents.net.

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Thank you for your time. We hope to see you in Santa Fe.