

**2024 Working DRAFT (September 20, 2024)**

## **2024 COALITION OF RIO GRANDE WATER USERS 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **“Vision to Reality: Transforming Water Management Together”**

Sponsored by *New Mexico Irrigation Leader* magazine  
Hotel Santa Fe, Hacienda & Spa  
1501 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
October 1-3, 2024

#### **TUESDAY, October 1**

Lobby Bar

5:00-7:00 p.m.      **Welcome Reception Sponsored by HDR Engineering (Red Tickets)**

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 2**

7:30 a.m.      **Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee Sponsored by Jacobs Engineering Group**

Kiva B & C

7:50 a.m.      Welcome:      The Honorable Eluid Martinez  
Kiva B & C      Former Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Invocation:      Glenn Tenorio  
Water Resources Irrigation Program Manager  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pueblo of Santa Ana  
Vice Chair, Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition

Pledge of Allegiance

8:00 a.m.      **Reclamation Update**  
Speakers:      Roque Sanchez  
Deputy Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Wayne Pullan

Regional Director  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

8:40 a.m.

**International Boundary and Water Commission Update**

Speaker: Dr. Maria-Elena Giner, P.E.  
Commissioner  
IBWC, U.S. Section

9:20 a.m.

**The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Mission**

Speakers: Steve Stockton  
Former Director of Civil Works  
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

LTC Matthew T. Miller  
District Commander, Albuquerque District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

10:00 a.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Networking Break Sponsored by Concrete Canvas**

10:30 a.m.

**50-Year Water Action Plan and Integrated Water Financing Plan**

Speakers: Tanya Trujillo  
Deputy State Engineer and  
Senior Water Policy Advisor to the Governor  
New Mexico

Hannah Riseley-White  
Interstate Stream Commission Director

Genevieve Allan  
Planning Group Supervisor  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Erica Gaddis, PhD  
Senior Water Resources Director  
SWCA Environmental Consultants

12:00 noon  
Kiva A

**Lunch Sponsored by SWCA Environmental Consultants**  
**The Monterrey Water Fund: An example of building resilience through partnerships in the Rio Bravo Basin, Mexico**

Speakers: Rodrigo Crespo  
Director  
Monterrey Metropolitan Water Fund

Francisco Cordero  
Senior Sustainability Consultant  
SWCA Environmental Consultants

1:30 p.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Urban Water Challenges**

Speakers: Mark Kelly, PE  
Water Resources Division Manager  
Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority

William H. Schneider, P.G.  
Water Resource and Conservation Manager  
City of Santa Fe Water

Marcos Martinez  
Senior Attorney  
City of Santa Fe

3:00 p.m.  
Kiva Foyer

**Ice Cream Sundae Break Sponsored by Emrgy**

3:30 p.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition**

Speakers: Juan Rey Abeita (Invited)  
2nd Lt. Governor  
Pueblo of Isleta  
Chair, Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition

Glenn Tenorio  
Water Resources Irrigation Program Manager  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pueblo of Santa Ana  
Vice Chair, Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition

4:30 p.m.

**Automating Irrigation Water Delivery from Basin to Border**

Speaker: John Lind  
Account Manager, Southwest  
Rubicon

5:00 p.m.

**Efficient and Safe Vegetation Control: MowerMax**

Speakers: David MacGregor  
Vice President of Sales  
ATMAX Equipment Company

Gary Karg  
Regional Sales Manager  
ATMAX Equipment Company

5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Amaya Patio

**Reception Sponsored by Rubicon (White Tickets)**

**THURSDAY, October 3**

7:30 a.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee Sponsored by Aqualastic**

7:50 a.m.  
Kiva B & C

Welcome: Kris Polly  
Editor-in-Chief  
*New Mexico Irrigation Leader* magazine

Invocation: Glenn Tenorio  
Water Resources Irrigation Program Manager  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pueblo of Santa Ana  
Vice Chair, Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition

Pledge of Allegiance

8:00 a.m.

**Colorado Rio Grande Challenges**

Speakers: David Robbins  
President & Co-Founder  
Hill & Robbins P.C.

Cleave Simpson  
Senator  
Colorado General Assembly

9:00 a.m.

**Texas Water Challenges**

Speakers: Sonny Hinojosa  
Water Advocate  
Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Manager's Association

Salomon Torres  
Principal  
Soluciones  
Consulting in Government, Economic, & Community Affairs

10:00 a.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Networking Break Sponsored by American Leak Detection**

10:30 a.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Applying for Federal Grants: What Can a Hired Grant Writer Do?**

Speakers: Sarah Pruden  
Grants and Marketing Coordinator  
Rubicon

Salomon Torres  
Principal  
Soluciones

11:00 a.m.

**Fire Planning and Response**

Speakers: Cody Stropki, PhD  
Director of Resilience  
SWCA Environmental Consultants

Steve Bassett (Invited)  
Director of Conservation Programs  
Nature Conservancy

Bill Ward  
Vice President of Sales and Marketing/Owner  
PumpPodUSA

12:00 p.m.  
Kiva A

**Lunch**

**Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

Speakers: Alex Funk  
Director of Water Resources  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

Elle Benson  
Rio Grande Program Manager  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

1:30 p.m.  
Kiva B & C

**The Farmers Perspectives: Opportunities and Solutions**

Speakers: Joe Paul Lack  
Lack Farms

Mark Garcia (Invited)

Troy Richardson

3:00 p.m.  
Kiva B & C

**Networking Break**

3:30 p.m.  
Kiva B & C

**The National Audubon Society's Rio Grande Efforts**

Speakers: Paul Tashjian  
Director of Freshwater Conservation  
Audubon Society

4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Lobby Bar

**Reception (Blue Tickets)**

Grant Writing Advisory Meetings: Throughout the CRGWU meeting, Ms. Sarah Pruden, Grants and Marketing Coordinator for Rubicon, will be offering 20-minute grant writing advisory meetings for individuals and groups. Bring your questions about getting started with the grant writing process. Please

see the sign-up sheet at the CRGWU registration desk to reserve a meeting time. Should you have questions, please contact Ms. Pruden directly at [sarah.pruden@rubiconwater.com](mailto:sarah.pruden@rubiconwater.com).

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** The conference will take place Hotel Santa Fe, The Hacienda & Spa 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Your reservation includes full buffet breakfast, complimentary airport shuttle service, complimentary Internet service, and free parking. To make or confirm your room reservation, please call (877) 259-3409.