

**2025 Working DRAFT Agenda (July 23, 2025)**

## **2025 COALITION OF RIO GRANDE WATER USERS 3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

### **“Creating a Rio Grande Coalition”**

Sponsored by *New Mexico Irrigation Leader* magazine  
El Dorado Hotel & Spa  
309 W San Francisco Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
September 30-October 2

#### **TUESDAY, September 30**

Lobby Bar

5:00-7:00 p.m.      **Welcome Reception Sponsored by Rubicon Water**

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 1**

7:30 a.m.      **Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee**

7:50 a.m.      Welcome:      Kris Polly  
   *New Mexico Irrigation Leader* magazine

Invocation:      Glenn Tenorio (Invited)  
   Water Resources Irrigation Program Manager  
   Department of Natural Resources  
   Pueblo of Santa Ana

Pledge of Allegiance

8:00 a.m.      **Keynote: Working Together on the Rio Grande**  
                         Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury (D-NM) (Invited)

8:30 a.m.      **Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition**

Speakers:      Eugene Jiron (Invited)  
                         Governor of Isleta Pueblo

Glenn Tenorio (Invited)  
Water Resources Specialist/Irrigation  
Pueblo of Santa Ana, Manager,

Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition Vice Chairman

9:30 a.m.

**New Zealand River Management**

Speaker: Elizabeth Soal  
Contributing Editor  
*New Zealand Irrigation Leader* magazine

10:00 a.m.

**Networking Break**

10:30 a.m.

**Urban Investment in the Watersheds**

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

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

Mr. Ikani Taumoepeau (Invited)  
City Manager  
City of Las Cruces

11:30 a.m.

**Rio Grande Basin Study**

Speakers: Jennifer Faler (Invited)  
Area Office Manager  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

12:00 noon

**Lunch**

Speaker: John Fleck (Invited)  
Director of Water Resources, Department of Economics  
University of New Mexico  
Colorado River Research Group

1:30 p.m.

**Ethics Training**

Speaker: Diane Campanile  
SHRM – Senior Certified Professional  
MJ – Labor and Employment Law  
Certified Corporate Trainer  
People-Dynamics

2:30 p.m.

**Case Study on Canal Lining**

3:00 p.m.

**Ice Cream Sundae Break**

3:30 p.m.

**Updated Stormwater Modeling**

Speaker: Sam Colter (Invited)  
Civil Engineering Masters Student  
University of New Mexico

4:00 p.m.                    **Canal Hydropower**  
Speaker:        Steve Johnson  
                     Senior Director of Business Development  
                     Emrgy  
  
                     Casey Ish  
                     Conservation Program/Special Projects Manager  
                     Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

4:30 p.m.                    **Technology and Services Introductions**

5:00-6:30 p.m.            **Technology and Services Reception**

**THURSDAY, October 2**

7:30 a.m.                    **Networking Continental Breakfast and Coffee**

7:50 a.m.                    Welcome:        Kris Polly  
   *New Mexico Irrigation Leader* magazine  
  
                     Invocation:    Glenn Tenorio (Invited)  
   Water Resources Irrigation Program Manager  
   Department of Natural Resources  
   Pueblo of Santa Ana  
  
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8:00 a.m.                    **Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas State Legislature Priorities**  
Speaker/Moderator:    David Robbins (Invited)  
   President & Co-Founder, Hill & Robbins P.C.  
  
                     Speakers:        Cleave Simpson (Invited)  
   Senator  
   Colorado General Assembly  
  
   New Mexico  
  
   Texas

9:30 a.m.                    **Supplies Through Water Exchanges**  
Speaker:        Sandy Fabritz  
   Director of Water Strategies  
   Freeport McMoRan

10:00 a.m.                **Networking Break**

- 10:30 a.m.                    **Building a Rio Grande Coalition**  
 Speaker/Moderator:   David Robbins (Invited)  
                                  President & Co-Founder, Hill & Robbins P.C
- Speakers:                Liz Anderson (Invited)  
                                  State Engineer, New Mexico
- Jason Ullmann (Invited)  
                                  State Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources
- L'Oreal Stepney (Invited)  
                                  Chairwoman, Texas Water Development Board
- 12:00 p.m.                    **Lunch**
- Speaker:                Paula Garcia (Invited)  
                                  Executive Directors  
                                  New Mexico Acequia Association
- 1:30 p.m.                    **Reclamation Update**  
 Speakers:                Acting Commissioner David Palumbo (Invited)  
                                  U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- 2:00 p.m.                    **Bureau of Indian Affairs Update**  
 Speaker:                Bryan Bald Eagle (Invited)  
                                  Administrative Officer of the Eastern Region Office  
                                  Bureau of Indian Affairs
- 2:30 p.m.                    **International Boundary and Water Commission Update**  
 Speaker:                Jennifer Pena (Invited)  
                                  Chief Legal Counsel  
                                  El Paso Metropolitan Area  
                                  International Boundary and Water Commission, US Section
- 3:00 p.m.                    **Networking Break**
- 3:30 p.m.                    **Texas v. New Mexico Settlement**  
 Speakers:                Jeffrey Wechsler (Invited)  
                                  Lead counsel and Counsel of Record for the State of New Mexico
- 5:00-6:00 p.m.              **Closing Reception**  
 Lobby Bar

HOTEL INFORMATION: The conference will take place at the El Dorado Hotel & Spa, 309 W San Francisco Street, 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 (800) 955-4455.

