

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

12:00 – 5:00 pm
Painted Horse I State Executives Meeting

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

8:00 am
NWRA Memorial Golf Tournament
Canyons Golf Course
3720 North Sundial Court
Park City, UT 84098

12:00 – 5:00 pm
Ballroom Lobby Registration

1:00 – 2:30 pm
White Pine Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

2:30 – 3:30 pm
White Pine Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

2:30 – 3:30 pm
Painted Horse I Nominations Committee Meeting

3:30 – 4:30 pm
White Pine Policy Development Committee Meeting

4:30 – 5:30 pm
Kokopelli I Irrigation Caucus Meeting
Guest Speaker: Ian Lyle, National Water Resources Association

4:30 – 5:30 pm
Kokopelli III Municipal Caucus Meeting
Guest Speaker: Dean Amhaus, The Water Council

4:30 – 5:30 pm
Painted Horse I Groundwater Caucus Meeting
Guest Speaker: Steve Walthour, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District
"Promoting Irrigated Agriculture Conservation through the Master Irrigator Program"
Event Open to All NWRA Members

5:30 – 7:30 pm
Sundial Pavilion & Mini Golf Course NWRA Welcome Reception & Mini-Golf Internship Fundraiser
Join us for a welcome reception in celebration of the 2018 Western Water Seminar and don't miss our first-ever Mini-Golf Internship Fundraiser.

Please Note: While golf skills are not required, registration is. To participate in Mini-Golf, please sign up when you register. Welcome reception is included with all attendee registrations, all spouses and guests must purchase tickets online prior to event as there will be few tickets available at the door.

Hosted Bar & Mini-Golf 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Cash Bar 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 2, 2018

7:00 am – 3:00 pm Ballroom Lobby	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 am Kokopelli III	<p>Federal Affairs Roundtable: Coffee & Discussion</p> <p>Join the Federal Affairs Team’s informal and informative discussion regarding the reorganization and reform proposals related to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation.</p>
8:00 – 8:30 am Kokopelli I & II	<p>Keynote: The Honorable Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation</p>
8:30 – 10:00 am Kokopelli I & II	<p>Keynote Session: Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan – Working Through the Challenges</p> <p>Nearly 40 million Americans rely on the Colorado River for water. Learn more about the ongoing Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plan and key state considerations.</p> <p>Moderator: Ron Thompson, National Water Resources Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Jeffrey Kightlinger, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Theodore Cooke, Central Arizona Project – Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources – John Entsminger, Southern Nevada Water Authority – Kevin Kelley, Imperial Irrigation District
10:00 – 10:30 am Ballroom Lobby	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:30 am Kokopelli I & II	<p>General Session: Water in Utah</p> <p>The first in a series of sessions focused on our host state, Utah. Learn everything there is to know about water in Utah and the role the Bureau of Reclamation plays in the state.</p> <p>Moderator: Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water Conservancy District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Brent Rhees, Upper Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation – Todd Adams, Utah Division of Water Resources – Kent Jones, Utah Division of Water Rights
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch on Own
1:00 – 2:00 pm Kokopelli I & II	<p>General Session: Indian Water Rights Settlements – Considerations for Water Managers</p> <p>Water rights settlements can be one of the most complex and potentially contentious issues water providers face. However, finding agreement and a successful path forward that benefits all parties is possible. Hear from a panel of experts as they discuss lessons learned from tribal, water user, congressional, and administration perspectives.</p> <p>Moderator: Patrick Sigl, Salt River Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scott McElroy, McElroy, Meyer, Walker & Condon, PC – John Bezdek, Dentons US LLP (former Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior) – Chuck Podolak, Salt River Project (former Advisor to Sen. Jeff Flake)

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2:00 – 3:00 pm Kokopelli I & II	<p>General Session: Hiring a Public Affairs Professional</p> <p>A public affairs strategy can help agencies engage its customer base and effectively communicate priorities. Gain valuable insights and learn what water manager should consider before taking their outreach efforts to the next level by hiring a public affairs professional.</p> <p>Moderator: Ian Lyle, National Water Resources Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ashley Metzger, Desert Water Agency – Chris Treese, Colorado River Water Conservation District
3:00 – 3:30 pm Ballroom Lobby	Networking Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm Kokopelli I & II	<p>General Session: Utah’s State Water Strategy Advisory Team</p> <p>In 2013, Governor Herbert asked the State Water Strategy Advisory Team to make recommendations for a 50-year state water strategy. Learn more about the advisory team and its progress to ensure reliable water in Utah.</p> <p>Moderator: Carly Burton, Utah Water Users Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tage Flint, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District – Representative Timothy Hawkes, Utah House of Representatives – Warren Peterson, Farmland Reserve, Inc.
4:30 – 6:00 pm White Pine	<p>Women, Water, and Wine</p> <p>All women members are invited to participate in this informal networking event. Enjoy wine while sharing your experiences and ideas on how to grow this organization of women professionals in the water resources community. This follows the inaugural Women in Water meeting at the Federal Water Issues Conference.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sponsored by Cheryl Zittle, Salt River Project and Christine Arbogast, Kogovsek & Associates, Inc.</i></p>
6:00 – 10:00 pm Kokopelli Ballroom	<p>NWRA Western Family BBQ & Internship Silent Auction</p> <p>Spend an evening enjoying delicious food and great music. Those interested in participating in some good-natured competition can take advantage of the Internship Silent Action. All proceeds go toward the NWRA Internship Fund and ensure our ability to hire future interns.</p> <p>Please Note: Western Family BBQ is included with all attendee registrations, all spouses and guests must purchase tickets online prior to event.</p> <p>Hosted Bar 6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner Served at 6:30 pm Cash Bar 7:00 – 10:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Music by the David Halliday Band Sponsored by Utah Water Users Association</i></p>

Friday, August 3, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 am Kokopelli II & III	<p>Keynote Session: Modernizing the Endangered Species Act</p> <p>In the last month, significant modernization proposals to modernize the ESA have been announced in the House of Representatives, the Senate, and by the Administration. Industry experts will discuss the policy and political implications of these proposals and how an emphasis on species recovery efforts can benefit species along with water and power users.</p> <p>Moderator: Andy Colosimo, Colorado Springs Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Jordan Smith, Van Ness Feldman LLP - National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition– Leslie James, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
9:00 – 10:00 am Kokopelli II & III	<p>General Session: Water Development Projects in Utah</p> <p>Learn about two of Utah’s current water development projects, the Lake Powell Pipeline and Bear River Project.</p> <p>Moderator: Gawain Snow, Utah Water Users Association & Uintah Water Conservancy District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Marisa Egbert, Utah Division of Water Resources– Joel Williams, Utah Division of Water Resources
9:00 – 10:00 am Painted Horse I	<p>Policy Development Committee Meeting Follow Up</p>
10:00 am Kokopelli I	<p>NWRA Board Meeting</p>
1:00 – 4:00 pm Grand Summit Lobby	<p>Tour: Jordanelle Dam and Hydropower Plant Tour</p> <p>The Jordanelle Dam was completed in 1992 and has a capacity of over 320,000 acre-feet of storage near the headwaters of the Provo River. The Dam is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and operated by the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.</p>

Please Note: Participants should meet in the Grand Summit Lobby at 12:50 pm.