



National Tribal Water Summit

NCAI 2016 Annual Convention and Marketplace * Phoenix, AZ

October 9, 2016 * 9 am – 4 pm

Phoenix Convention Center * Room 104 A/B

The Summit is free to attend, but please register [here](#).

Lunch Generously Provided by **Akin Gump**
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9:00 am – 9:10 am	<p>Invocation and Introductory Remarks</p> <p><i>Invocation:</i> Councilman Robert Stone, Gila River Indian Community <i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> Governor Stephen Lewis, Gila River Indian Community</p>
9:10 am – 10:25 am	<p>New Frontiers in Indian Water Rights Litigation and Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Echohawk, <i>Executive Director</i>, Native American Rights Fund - Rodney B. Lewis, <i>Consultant</i>, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP - Judge Michael C. Nelson (Ret.)
10:25 am – 10:45 am	<p>Coffee & Networking Break</p>
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Current Indian Water Rights Settlements and Negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairman Damon R. Clarke, PhD, Hualapai Tribe - Chuck Podolak, PhD, <i>Natural Resources Policy Advisor</i>, Senator Jeff Flake (AZ) - Pamela Williams, <i>Director</i>, Secretary’s Indian Water Rights Office, Department of the Interior - Ryan Rusche, <i>Attorney</i>, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes - Mary J. Pavel, <i>Partner</i>, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Enderson & Perry, LLP
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Keynote Lunch Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy Secretary Mike Connor, Department of the Interior <p><i>Impact of the Obama Administration on Indian Water Rights Settlement Policy</i></p>

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1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Water Rights Implementation and Economic Development - Governor Stephen Lewis, Gila River Indian Community - Chairman Dennis Patch, Colorado River Indian Tribes, and Margaret Vick, <i>Tribal Water Attorney</i> , Colorado River Indian Tribes - Vanessa Ray-Hodge, <i>Partner</i> , Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Mielke & Brownell, LLP Moderator: Rodney B. Lewis, <i>Consultant</i> , Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
2:15 pm – 2:35 pm	Refreshments & Networking Break
2:35 pm – 3:50 pm	Protecting Tribal Water Rights from Climate and Drought Impacts - Letty Belin, <i>Senior Counselor to the Deputy Secretary</i> , Department of the Interior - Thomas Buschatzke, <i>Director</i> , Arizona Department of Water Resources - Donald R. Pongrace, <i>Partner</i> , Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP - Darryl Vigil, <i>Chairman</i> , Water is Life, <i>Former Chairman</i> , Ten Tribes Partnership of the Colorado River Moderator: Jacob C. Moore, <i>Assistant Vice President of Tribal Relations</i> , Arizona State Univ.

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After the Summit:

Department of the Interior Water Consultation

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Room 104 A/B

The Department of the Interior will host consultation sessions to obtain the tribes' perspectives on the current process of negotiation and reviewing Indian water rights settlements and potential improvements to the process. For more information contact Martin Von Gnechten at Martin_vonGnechten@ios.doi.gov

