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2024 CONFERENCE
The Great Salt Lake:
A Case Study of One of the West's
Emerging Conflicts Over the Use of Water

May 15-18, 2024 – Salt Lake City, Utah

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Preconference Workshop: General Stream Adjudications in Theory and in Practice

- ◇ *Honorable Eric Wildman*, District Judge, Idaho General Stream Adjudications
- ◇ *Ramsey Kropf*, Shareholder, Somach Simmons & Dunn
Former Special Master, Big Horn River Adjudication, Wyoming

Welcome Reception

Keynote Speech: ***The Impact of Water Development and Climate Change
on the Terminal Lakes of the Great Basin***

- ◇ *Wayne A. Wurtsbaugh*, Professor Emeritus, Watershed Sciences Department, Utah State University

Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:00 **Welcome and Introductions**

8:30 **How Water Development Has Affected the Great Salt Lake**

- ◇ *Sarah Null*, Professor, Watershed Sciences Department, Utah State University
- ◇ *Lynn de Freitas*, Executive Director, Friends of Great Salt Lake
- ◇ *Bradley Parry*, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

10:30 **The Public Trust Doctrine and Terminal Lakes**

- ◇ *Jennifer Harder*, Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific
- ◇ *Michael Blum*, Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School
- ◇ *Robert Adler*, Professor Emeritus, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah

Luncheon Presentation: ***Utah's Recent Legislative Efforts to Protect the Great Salt Lake***

- ◇ *Joel Ferry*, Executive Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources

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1:30 Implementing Utah's Recent Great Salt Lake Legislation

- ◇ *Brian Steed*, Great Salt Lake Commissioner; Executive Director, Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water and Air, Utah State University
- ◇ *Teresa Wilhelmsen*, State Engineer and Director, Utah Division of Water Rights
- ◇ *Jamie Barnes*, Director, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

3:30 Can Enough Water Be Found to Save the Lake?

- ◇ *William Anderegg*, Director, The Wilkes Center for Climate, Science and Policy, University of Utah
- ◇ *Marcelle Shoop*, Director, Saline Lakes Program, National Audubon Society
Executive Director, Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust
- ◇ *Jennifer Harder*, Professor, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific

Dinner Presentation: *First Peoples of the Great Salt Lake*

- ◇ *Steve Simms*, Professor Emeritus, Anthropology Department, Utah State University

Friday, May 17, 2024

Field Trip to Great Salt Lake

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:00 Improving Environmental Flows

- ◇ *Nathan Bracken*, Partner, Smith Hartvigsen, Salt Lake City
- ◇ *Adell Amos*, Clayton R. Hess Professor of Law, University of Oregon School of Law
- ◇ *Sarah Null*, Professor, Watershed Sciences, Utah State University

10:00 Water Markets: What Are They? Do They Work?

- ◇ *Emily Lewis*, Director and Shareholder, Clyde Snow, Salt Lake City
- ◇ *Philip Womble*, Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
- ◇ *Brett Bovee*, President, WestWater Research

11:30 Wrap Up and Report Out

Noon Adjourn

