



New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition

2022 Conference & Business Meeting

"Impacts of Wildfires on Dams & Watersheds"

October 12, 13 & 14, 2022

Isleta Resort and Casino

CONFERENCE AGENDA (rev 10/07/2022)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

8:00 **Breakfast/Registration**

9:00 **Dam Owner's Academy - ASDSO Training – Multiple-Topic Interactive Session****

Operation & Maintenance Plans, Dam Inspections, Hiring an Experienced & Qualified Engineer, Emergency Planning, Rehabilitation Projects, Role of Advisor (Consultant Engineer, etc.) to educate Dam Owners (Ethics), etc.

Facilitator: Zach Libbin, PE – *Engineer, Elephant Butte Irrigation District*

This Session will provide 2 hrs of Ethics Training for engineers as well as helpful guidance for dam owners and their support staff

10:00 **30-min Break**

10:30 **Dam Owner's Academy (continued)**

12:00 **Lunch on Your Own – many options at the Resort!**

Afternoon Indoor Workshop (1:30-4:30)

1:30 **Upper Watershed Treatments, Before and After a Fire**

Chuck Caruso – *Owner, Agrimex*

3:00 **30-min Break**

3:30 **Upper Watershed Treatments, Before and After a Fire (continued)**

4:30 **End of Workshop**

END OF DAY 1

Thursday, October 13th

7:00 **Breakfast!**

8:00 **Host Welcome**

Isleta Pueblo Governor Vernon Abeita

8:30 **State of New Mexico Dams Address**

Charles Thompson, PE - *Dam Safety Bureau Chief, Office of the State Engineer*

9:00 **State of New Mexico Watersheds and Forests**

Rachael Foe – *Forest & Watershed Health Office, NM Forestry Division, NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Dept.*

9:30 **15-minute Break**

Indoor Technical Workshop (9:45-12:15)

9:45 **Simplified Inundation Mapping**

Max Shih, PE – *Senior Water Resources Engineer, CDM Smith*

12:15 **Lunch Buffet & Speaker**

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Senator Pete Campos – *Legislative Update on Wildfires, Dams and Watersheds*

Dan Sebert – *National Watershed Coalition*

Thursday Afternoon - 2 Workshop Options (1:15 - 5:00)

Option 1 – Outdoor Field Trip

1:15 **Outdoor Workshop – *Transportation Provided***

El Cerro de Los Lunas Open Space Watershed Conservation Project

Mike Jaramillo – *Public Works Director, Village of Los Lunas*

Patrick Jaramillo – *Open Space Supervisor, Village of Los Lunas*

Hugh Floyd, PE – *Principal Consultant, RESPEC*

Chuck Caruso – *Owner, Agrimex*

5:00 **Return to Isleta Resort & Casino**



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Option 2 – Indoor Presenters

- 1:15 **Bonito Lake Dredging Post-Fire Lessons Learned**
Rob Richardson, PE – *Senior Vice President, Bohannon-Huston*
- 2:00 **Post-fire Scenario Hydraulic Analysis - West Side of Sandia Mountains**
Chris Naidu, PE – *Senior Drainage Engineer, RESPEC*
- 2:30 **USACE Silver Jackets - Fire Recovery and other Resources to Increase Resiliency**
Marian Schwarz – *Hydraulic Engineer, USACE*
- 3:00 **15-minute Break**
- 3:15 **The Nature Conservancy – 2022 Update, 2023 Look-ahead**
Matt Piccarello – *Forest & Watershed Health Manager, The Nature Conservancy*
- 4:00 **AMAFCA Sediment Removal Facility Presentation**
Kevin Troutman – *Director of Administration, AMAFCA*
- 4:30 **Wildfire Effects on Emergency Planning and Response for Dams**
Ian Stockdill, PE – *Engineer, Engineering Analytics*
- 5:00 **End of Presentations**
- 5:30-7 **Sponsored Reception – Thank you to ALL our sponsors!**

END OF DAY 2

Friday, October 14th

- 7:00 **Breakfast Buffet!**
- 8:00 **General Membership Meeting – See agenda**
Karen Stearns, PE - *Chair, NMWDOC*
- 9:15 **Office of the State Pocatello Engineer Update**
John Romero - *Water Resource Allocation Program /Water Rights Director, State of New Mexico*
- 9:45 **15-min Break**
- 10:00 **Funding a Project with Scope Creep**
John Gwynne, PE – *Director, Dona Ana County Flood Commission*
- 10:30 **Current Water Infrastructure Capital Planning Processes (including the Water Trust Board)**
Scott Verhines, PE – *Capital Planning & Financing Instructor, NM EDGE*
Kevin Powers – *Instructor/Curriculum Development, NM EDGE*
- 11:00 **“America the Beautiful” Congressional Funding**
Jesse Juen – *New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts*
- 11:30 **USACE Presentation on Civil Works Programs**
Michael Martinez, PE, PMP – *Civil Works Program Manager, USACE*
Ryan Gronewold, PE - *Section Chief, USACE*
- 12:00 **Recovery After a Fire With NRCS**
Ayana Brown – *Assistant State Conservation Engineer, USDA-NRCS*
- 12:30 **Lunch Buffet - Networking**
- 1:30 **Adjourn Conference**
- 1:45 **OPTIONAL: AMAFCA Sediment Removal Facility Tour – Bring your own vehicle**
Facility is located approximately 10 minutes from the Isleta Resort & Casino

END OF CONFERENCE