

Arizona Fall Water Symposium

Gourmet Lunch Served- by Old Town Café Cottonwood, AZ



Where: Cottonwood Recreational Center, 150 S 6th Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

When: September 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 (3 Hour Presentation, 1 hour Q&A) Videotaped - Press Coverage

AZ Licensed Real Estate Professionals that want 3 continued education hours in RE Law toward renewal of their license, cost \$10. **General Public**, free event.

Seating Capacity: 250 You must sign up to attend through SVVAR, Sedona Verde Valley Association of Realtors links below.

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A Deeper Dive. What you will learn.

- 1. Does AZ have enough water to take care of the growth?**
- 2. How is AZ water managed,** who are the players, how does AZ water law work.
- 3. The general stream adjudication.** A judicial proceeding to determine the nature, extent, and relative priority of water rights in the entire river system both the Gila River and the Little Colorado River system. **Priority** - The ownership of surface water and sub-flow water, the adjudication process, when did it start, where are we at now, the history and stakeholders who are they and how much Arizona is involved. The longest AZ Superior Court case in Maricopa County in the history of the US.
- 4. Where are the sub-flow areas?** Wells drilled in the sub-flow areas in the Sedona Verde Valley & Prescott areas. Active and Non-Active Management areas. Proper filing with the ADWR. How to find them easily and research what has been filed with ADWR. [Verde Valley Sub-Flow Report](#)
- 5. What is the job of ADWR?** The Department administers all state water laws, except those related to water quality, which come under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. When they were formed, who regulates them and what are the different things they manage and keep on file. How important is the water filings, accuracy, and historic documentation? How to easily find documents on their site. What is the difference between a water claim and a water right? What is the water law in Arizona? Public Water Code. The Surface Water Code June 1919. What must you do to use surface water? Surface water users prior to 1919, how was it appropriated?
- 6. Ground Water Laws,** Active Management areas, IGR Irrigation Management areas, how are they defined, Non-Active Management areas not under the Ground Water Management Act. Assured Water Supply Rules, CAPP, Surface Waters, Effluent, Recharge, Credits.

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7. **With growth will ground water laws change?** What is being done now to understand necessary changes for positive results in years to come.
8. **Indian Reservation water claims:** History of the Tribes that settled in AZ. Court Proceedings. Who is the Trustee? The difference in Trust lands and Fee lands, how many tribes are involved in AZ., how many have already settled and how many tribes are yet to be settled in the Adjudication. Do tribes sell water to private property users, corporations, subdivisions as a water company? Which Tribes are here in the Sedona Verde Valley and Prescott areas. How much land is reservation lands in the Prescott, Sedona Verde Valley areas.
9. **Salt River Project, SRP, [Our History Runs Deep](#).** What is their history and how have they managed the Verde River? The dams, when did they start filing water claims on the water sheds in the Adjudication, a proceeding created 48 years ago to determine the rights to all surface water in the Gila system, which includes the Verde River and can affect well water users in the Verde Basin. The condition of the Big Chino aquifer and the modeling and monitoring programs used to assess changes in the aquifer and plans for the future. How do they help to create positive outcomes for water users. How have they worked with Verde Valley property owners.
10. **The fine line of the use of water in AZ.** Balancing farming, food and meat production, domestic use, commercial and industrial use, and mining with conservation, regeneration, and a healthy nature of the waters and wildlife for all to win. Percentages of Water used – recharged.
11. **The Kyl Center for Water Policy at Morrison Institute.** Promotes research, analysis, collaboration, and dialogue to ensure sound water stewardship. Water research for present and future planning and laws. What are the important changes that have taken place? How did it start, what are they working on now? Who funds them? Do they collaborate with other states, educational centers, government leadership, or corporations toward a common goal. Who oversees the state? How does the US Department of the Interior for water and science interact. Water shortage in the Colorado River, update. Arizona Leadership.

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PRESENTERS – 5 TOP SPEAKERS IN THE STATE OF AZ



Keynote Speaker, Sarah Porter

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Sarah is also an attorney, having graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree and obtaining her juris doctor from Arizona State University. She served as AZ State Director of the National Audubon Society. She clerked for federal appellate Judge William Canby and was a litigator for Brown & Bain; Coppersmith Gordon Schermer Owens & Nelson, PLC; and Osborn Maledon PA. She left her law career in 2006 because she wanted to contribute to a collaborative effort to address Arizona's natural resource challenges. She will now dedicate that focus to the Kyl Center.



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Clint Chandler is the Deputy Director for the Water Planning & Permitting Division of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The Division is comprised of seven sections which encompass the primary planning and policy functions for the management of the State of Arizona's water supplies. Prior to joining the department, Clint was employed by the United States Senate, having served on the respective staffs of Senators Pete Domenici, Jon Kyl, and Jeff Flake. He worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative staffer attending to budget and tax matters and has occupied State-based staff roles. Clint also has acted as the vice-president of business advocacy and government relations for the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and was employed as the principal budget analyst for the New Mexico House Republican Caucus. Clint is an honors graduate of the University of New Mexico with a triple major in economics, history, and political science and was a member of the university's football team.



Carter S Benton, Salt River Project, Water Programs Analyst

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Carter Benton is a Water Programs Analyst for Salt River Project. He is new to SRP, starting in August 2022. As the only employee based in the Verde Valley, he has been learning a great deal about water rights and the communities that make up the Verde River watershed. Carter's role includes developing and maintaining relationships with key partners in the Verde Valley as well as assisting in the implementation of solutions to water related issues in preparation for general stream adjudication. [Verde Valley Certainty Initiative Historic Water Use Agreements](#). Prior to SRP, Carter worked in agricultural real estate for 20 years, primarily as a consultant for Ganado Group, Inc. in Phoenix. In that role, he worked on valuing ranch/conservation properties across Arizona and into New Mexico. He has a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University (2002) and an MFA from University of Montana (2008). Carter loves good literature and spending time with his wife and two children.

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Lucas is the Water Rights Manager in the Water Rights & Contracts department at the Salt River Project (SRP) where he manages various aspects of the protection of SRP's and SRP shareholder's interests in the Arizona General Stream Adjudications and other water rights activities. Managing an excellent team of Water Rights Analysts and overseeing the day-to-day efforts, technical analysis, and products of these employees. Prior to becoming the Manager of Water Rights at SRP he was a Senior Water Rights Analyst where he performed analysis, research, and stakeholder engagement that focuses on protecting the water rights of SRP shareholders. He started out at SRP as a Senior GIS Analyst for the SRP Cartographic and GIS Services department. The Salt River Project was the first multi-purpose (water, electricity) federal reclamation project in the United States and is the largest provider of water to the Phoenix area.

He has lived in Arizona since 2008. While living in Flagstaff he obtained an MBA at Northern Arizona University. Prior to moving to Arizona, he worked as a GIS Analyst for the Utah Geological Survey (UGS) in the Department of Natural Resources. Most of his work at the UGS involved GIS analysis of geologic hazards such as landslides and earthquakes. He also worked as a GIS foreman for Osmose Utilities Inc. on contract with PacifiCorp and Rocky Mountain Power. In 2001 he worked for the Lands & Realty Division of the Bureau of Land Management - Utah State Office.

During his MBA in 2008-2009 he worked as a graduate assistant for the Geospatial Research and Information Laboratory (GRAIL) at NAU. Upon completion of his MBA in the spring of 2009 he took the opportunity to travel the U.S. for six weeks visiting many of the historical and cultural places that have shaped and defined our great nation.

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Susan Montgomery is a founding partner of Montgomery & Interpreter, PLC. Her practice is focused in Tribal and Federal Indian law, which includes providing legal representation, litigation services and strategic policy advice to clients confronting questions or challenges related to water law, renewable energy, natural resources, environmental law, cultural resources, and Indian gaming.

Ms. Montgomery provides legal advice to private businesses and other interests seeking to conduct business and develop projects in Indian Country. Throughout her career, Ms. Montgomery has also been honored to represent tribal governments and enterprises as they strive to develop their tribal economy, protect tribal resources, exercise self-governance, and preserve tribal culture and traditional life ways.

Representative Publications and Presentations

Cooperative Agreements in Indian Country, State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (2009)

Threats to the Verde River: Who are the Stakeholders? Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Tribal Leader Water Policy Forum (2010)

The Oak Flat Land Exchange, Presented at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C. (2011)

Tribal Sacred Sites and the Slow Evolution of the Federal Government, Tribal Law Clinic, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona (2012)

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The Endangered Species Act in Indian Country: The ESA as a Sword or a Shield, Phoenix School of Law (2012)

Update on the Verde River: Ongoing and Emerging Issues, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Tribal Leader Water Policy Forum (2012)

The Federal Reserved Water Rights Doctrine: Background and Current Issues, Arizona Water Law Conference, CLE International (2012)

ADWR's Development of the "Fourth Management Plan" for Arizona's Active Management Areas, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., Tribal Leader Water Policy Forum (2013)

The Federal Reserved Water Rights Doctrine: Background, Interesting Updates and New Developments, Arizona Water Law Conference, CLE International (2013)

Education and Honors

University of Arizona - Bachelor of Arts - History (B.A. 1995) University of South Dakota School of Law

Juris Doctorate (J.D. 1998) - Thomas Sterling Honor Society Law Graduate

Court and Bar Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court (2006)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit (2002)
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