

Developing Southwest Wetland Programs for Tribes

Monitoring, Assessing and Protecting Wetlands

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 5 (*Seminar Room*)

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| 7:15 am | Continental Breakfast and Registration |
| 8:15 am | <i>Facilitator – Kathleen Kutschenreuter, US Environmental Protection Agency, HQ</i> Introductions Welcome and Invocation Eddie Paul Torres, Sr., Governor of Pueblo of Isleta |
| 8:30 | What is a Wetland and Why Protect Them? Basic wetlands ecology 101 with a focus on wetland functions and benefits <i>Speaker: Maryann McGraw, New Mexico Environment Department</i> |
| 9:30 | Break |
| 9:45 | National Wetland Inventory (NWI), Wetland Mapping/Classification <i>Speaker: Jim Dick, US Fish and Wildlife Service</i> |
| 11:00 | Lunch (<i>on own</i>) |
| 12:30 pm | <i>Facilitator – Suzanne Marr, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9</i> Developing a Wetlands Program Core Elements/First Steps/Quick overview of the elements of WPP <i>Speaker: Toney Ott, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 8</i> |
| 1:00 | Ice Breaker |
| 1:45 | Break |
| 2:00 | Developing a Wetlands Program Development of the Wetland Program at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community <i>Speaker: Tommy Krebs, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community</i> Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Quality Program <i>Speaker: Pete Nylander, Southern Ute Indian Tribe</i> Muscogee Creek Nation Wetland Development and Program Plan Project <i>Speaker: Yvette Wiley, Muscogee Creek Nation</i> Tribal Panel: Determining your Tribe's priorities <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tommy Krebs, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community- Pete Nylander, Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Yvette Wiley, Muscogee Creek Nation |

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| 3:00 | <p>Wetland aquatic biota, processing and taxonomy, and the traditional/cultural component of wetlands</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dan Mosley, Native Environmental Services</p> |
| 4:00 | <p>Introduction to NMRAM</p> <p>What is level 2 vs. level 3? Why use level 2 – what it can and can't do</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elizabeth Milford, Natural Heritage New Mexico - Hannah Varani, Natural Heritage New Mexico |
| 5:00 pm | Adjourn |

Wednesday, November 6 (*Gather in Seminar Room*)

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| 7:30 – 7:50 am | <p>GROUP LEADERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suzanne Marr - Toney Ott - Richard Prather |
| 8:00 am | Depart hotel for field day |
| 8:15 am | Arrive field sites and unload vans |
| 8:20 – 10:20 | <p>Site 1 (<i>Isleta Diversion Dam area</i>)</p> <p>Methodologies (Group A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elizabeth Milford and Hannah Varani, Natural Heritage New Mexico |
| | <p>Site 2 (<i>Black Bridge area</i>)</p> <p>Macroinvertebrates & Project Site Visit Overview (Group B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dan Mosley, Native Environmental Services |
| | <p>Site 3 (<i>South Hwy 314 area</i>)</p> <p>Delineation (Group C)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deanna Cummings, US Army Corps - Aaron Miller, NRCS Soil Scientist |
| 10:20 – 10:30 | <i>Rotate Sites</i> |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | <p>Group A to Site 2</p> <p>Group B to Site 3</p> <p>Group C to Site 1</p> |
| 12:35 pm | Load Vans and depart field sites to Rec Center for lunch |
| 12:45 | Arrive at Rec Center for lunch |
| 1:45 | Load vans and depart to field sites |
| 1:55 | Arrive field sites and unload vans |
| 2:00 – 4:00 | <p>Group A to Site 3</p> <p>Group B to Site 1</p> <p>Group C to Site 2</p> |
| 4:05 | Load vans and depart to Isleta Resort and Casino |
| 4:15 | Arrive Isleta Resort |

Thursday, November 7 (Seminar Room)

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| 7:30 am | Breakfast Buffet |
| 8:00 | <i>Facilitator – Richard Prather, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6</i> Funding for a Wetlands Program Applications and CWA 104(b)(3) – work plan development and the regional grant competition process <i>Speaker: Suzanne Marr, US EPA</i> |
| 8:30 | Financial Sustainability <i>Speaker: Glenn Barnes, Environmental Finance Center</i> |
| 9:30 | A landscape level approach to wetland functional assessment <i>Speaker: Shelly Barnes, New Mexico Environment Department</i> |
| 10:30 | Break |
| 10:45 | Regulatory & Standards <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ramona Montoya, Pueblo of Isleta- Lee Anna Martinez Silversmith, Navajo EPA |
| 11:15 | Restoration Tamarisk Removal and Plot Development for Re-vegetation <i>Speakers: Jeremiah Cuthair and Jamie Ashmore, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch (<i>on own</i>) |
| 1:00 | Pueblo of Sandia Wetlands Program <i>Speaker: Scott Bulgrin, Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department</i> |
| 1:30 | <i>Facilitator – Kathleen Kutschenreuter, US Environmental Protection Agency</i> Regional Breakouts Interaction with tribes and EPA on issues specific to regions |
| 2:30 | Quiz with prizes Evaluations Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ramona Montoya, Pueblo of Isleta |
| 3:00 pm | Adjourn |

Friday, November 8

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| 4:30 am | Optional Field Day |
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