

# Navajo Community Irrigation System Strengthening

March 27-28, 2006, Turquoise Room, Quality Inn  
Window Rock, Arizona

## March 27, 2006

**8:30**      Registration and Continental Breakfast

**9:00**      Welcome and Policy Perspectives  
**Honorable Frank Dayish, Vice President, Navajo Nation.**

**9:30**      Irrigation Watershed Management in the Navajo Nation  
**Teresa Showa**, Water Resource Engineer, Navajo Nation Water Management Branch, Ft. Defiance, AZ

**10:15**      **Break**

**10:30**      Building a Water Users Association in the Navajo Nation: Problems and Prospects.  
**Martin Duncan**, Superintendent, San Juan River Diné Water Users Association, Shiprock, NM

**11:00**      Panel Discussion. Reflections on Some Recent Study Tours. Ray Bia (Panel Facilitator), Many Farms; Judy Yazzie (Panel Facilitator), Many Farms; **Irene Pete**, Shiprock; **Laura Gould**, Ganado; **Fleming Nave**, Tsaille-Wheatfield.

**11:45**      Q & A/Discussion

**12:00**      **LUNCH**

**1:00**      Navajo Nation Legal and Policy Issues Affecting the Formation of Community Irrigation Systems and Ag. Producer Cooperatives – Navajo Nation Attorney (TBD).

**1:30**      Q & A/Discussion

**2:00**      The New Mexico Acequia Association. **Paula, Garcia**, Director, Taos, New Mexico.

**2:30**      The Spanish Acequia Tradition: Serving Small Farms and Surviving Under Change and Uncertainty. **Estabén Arellano**, Mayordomo, Embudo, New Mexico.

**3:15**

**Break**

**3:30-4:30**

Panel Discussion. The Irrigation Training and Research Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA. **Ernest Kirk** (Panel Facilitator), Ganado, AZ; **Martin Duncan**, Shiprock, NM; **Ray Bia**, Many Farms, AZ.

## March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**9:00**

Common Property Resource Organizations. **Troy Lepper**, Sociology Water Lab, Colorado State University.

**9:30**

The Importance of Recordkeeping in Your Water Users Association. **Mrs. Rita Crompton**, General Manager, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, Palisade, Colorado.

**10:00**

Panel Discussion: Personal Reflections on Working with Irrigators to Keep a Water Users Association Strong. **Charles McCoy**, Farmers Ditch Coop, Durango, CO; **Wil Hutchins**, Bonefide Ditch, Delta, CO; **Rita Crompton**, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, Palisade, Colorado; **Jim Boyd**, Grand Mesa Water Users Association, Cedaredge, CO; **Travis Robinson**, Sanchez Ditch and Reservoir Company, San Acacio, CO.

**11:00**

**Break**

**11:15**

Continuation of Panel Discussion. Q&A

**12:00**

**LUNCH**

**1:00**

Sustainable Agriculture for Small Farms. **Miguel Santistevan**, Taos, New Mexico

**2:00**

Making Our Farm Decisions Under Uncertainty. **John McKenzie**, Juris Doctor, Economist, Sociology Water Lab, Colorado State University.

**2:30 – 4:00**

Closing Policy Discussion. Where Do We Go From Here? Navajo Nation Agency Staff (TBA).

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Farmers Irrigation Ditch  
Colorado State University (Facilitator)

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Please mail, or FAX or email pre-registration form to:

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### Challenges and Solutions

**How to protect** and maintain irrigation watersheds through self-governing water users associations.

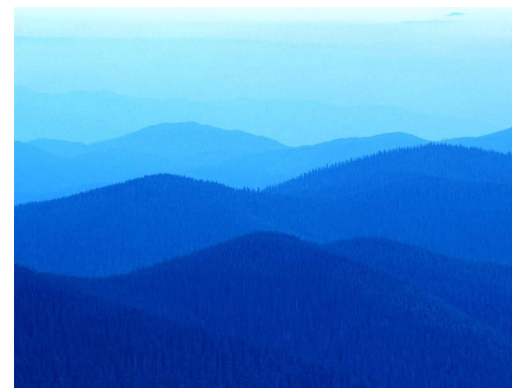


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**Issues and problems** for irrigators in establishing water users associations in the Navajo Nation.

**Strategies:** Education and training, study tours, policy discussions, workshops, reaching out to our neighbors, exploring new ideas.

**Policy Issues:** Where do we go from here?

**Registration Fee-\$5.00 (includes lunch and refreshments)**  
**Please pre-register. Registration fee paid at entrance.**