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| 8:30 | **Introduction to the Rio Grande**  
Prior Appropriation: Updates from Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado  
Tim Brown, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
Law Office of Timothy L. Brown, Austin, TX  
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
Davidson Law Firm, Corrales, NM  
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
Hill & Robbins, Denver, CO |
| 9:30 | **Featured Presentation**  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Water Management in Texas and Impacts on the Rio Grande  
The Honorable Jon Niermann, Chairman  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, TX |
| 10:15 | Networking Break |
| 10:30 | **Legislative Update**  
The Latest and Greatest Updates for the Rio Grande  
Mason Brown, Esq.  
Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, Denver, CO  
Shauna Fitzsimmons Sledge, Esq.  
SledgeLaw Group, Austin, TX  
Elizabeth Newlin Taylor  
Taylor & McCaleb, Corrales, NM |
| 11:45 | Lunch Break (on your own) |
| 1:00 | **Texas v. New Mexico**  
“Friendly” Update by Amici  
Jim Brockmann, Esq.  
Stein & Brockmann, Santa Fe, NM  
Andrew S. “Drew” Miller  
Kemp Smith, Austin, TX |
| 2:00 | **International Boundary and Water Commission**  
Functions and Updates  
The Honorable Jayne Harkins, PE, Commissioner  
International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso, TX |
| 3:00 | Networking Break |
| 3:15 | **Climate Change**  
Regional Impacts  
Dust on Snow  
Jeff Derry, Executive Director  
Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies, Silverton, CO  
Post-Wildfire Mitigation  
Travis Smith, Senior Water Consultant  
DiNatale Water Consultants, Boulder, CO |
| 4:15 | **Ethics I**  
Implicit Bias  
Claude E. Ducloux, Esq.  
Law Offices of Claude E. Ducloux, Austin, TX |
| 5:15 | Adjourn to a Private Networking Happy Hour – Free to Conference Participants |

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| 8:30 | **Welcome Back**  
Overview of Day Two  
Tim Brown, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
Tessa T. Davidson, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
David W. Robbins, Esq., Program Co-Chair |
| 8:45 | **Featured Presentation**  
Water Resource Use and Sustainable Development  
Michael Connor, Esq.  
Former Deputy Secretary of the US Department of the Interior  
WilmerHale, Denver, CO |
| 9:30 | Networking Break |
| 9:45 | **Interface Between Groundwater and Surface Water**  
Differences in State Approaches and Why  
Jason T. Hill, Esq.  
JT Hill & Co., Austin, TX  
Ariane Singer, Esq., Deputy General Counsel  
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe, NM  
Scott Steinbrecher, Esq., Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Colorado Office of the Attorney General, Denver, CO |
| 11:00 | **Water for Fracking**  
Accessing Water for Fracking in Colorado  
Ken Knox, Director of Water Resources  
Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc., Denver, CO |
| 12:00 | Lunch Break (on your own) |
| 1:15 | **Successful Strategies for Salinity Control**  
Lessons from the Colorado River Potentially Applicable to the Rio Grande  
Don A. Barnett, Executive Director  
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, Bountiful, UT |
| 2:15 | **Ethics II**  
The Application of Rules of Professional Responsibility in Interstate Litigation  
Bill Paddock, Esq.  
Carlson, Hammond & Paddock, Denver, CO |
| 3:15 | Evaluations and Adjourn |

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Tim Brown has over 50 years of experience in water law, with a focus on water rights, administrative law, and governmental and legislative practice. He is the former Chief of the Environmental Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, General Counsel of the Texas Water Rights Commission, and served for over 20 years with the Texas Bar Association’s Administrative and Public Law Section, including several terms as its chairman.

Tessa T. Davidson has over 20 years of experience practicing in the areas of water law and natural resources. She is the founding member of the Davidson Law Firm in Corrales, New Mexico, and represents clients in the acquisition and protection of water rights, and in water-rights litigation.

David W. Robbins has a legal practice focused on water and natural resources law, water quality, and environmental law. Since 1981, he has served as General Counsel to the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, where he has led efforts to defeat proposals to mine the ground water of Colorado’s San Luis Valley.

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