

The National Agricultural Law Center



Western Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 4:

11:00 – Noon: *Update from the Potomac: 2023 Farm Bill & Related Federal Issues*

- Dennis Nuxoll, Western Growers, Vice-President, Federal Government Affairs
- Randy Russell, President, The Russell Group
- Katie Naessens, Vice President, Torrey Advisory Group

Moderator, Sara Wyant, *Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.*

Noon to 12:30: Box lunch provided

12:30-1:30: *I'm Walking on Sunshine: Key Contract Terms and Other Pitfalls & Pointers in Solar Leasing*

- Elaine R. Albrich, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

1:30-2:30: *Let's Be Blunt: Legal Ethics in the Cannabis Industry*

- Nathanael R. Rulis, Partner, Kemp Jones, LLP

2:30 – 2:45 (Break)

2:45 – 3:45: *Cooperative Conservation Under the Endangered Species Act: What Lenders, Landowners, & Lawyers Need to Know*

- Karen Budd-Falen, Senior Partner, Budd-Falen Law Offices L.L.C

3:45 – 4:45: *Veggie Wars: Legal Update on the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act & Related Produce Laws*

- Dale Stern, Partner, Downey Brand

5:30 – 7:30: *"May the Fourth Be With You" Party on the Patio*

- Peppermill Resort

Friday, May 5:

7:00 – 8:30: Registration, Light Breakfast, Welcome

8:30 – 9:30: Running on Empty & Into the Sun: Legal & Political Update on the Colorado River Basin

- James Eklund, Member, Sherman & Howard

9:30 – 10:30: Navigating Foreign Ownership Laws in the Wild, Wild West: Latest Trends and Developments

- Marissa Bocci, Partner, K&L Gates

10:30 – 11:00 (Break)

11:00 – 12:00: Acquisition, Disposition, Financing, Leasing, and Development of Agricultural Properties: Top Ten-ish Things You Need to Know

- Devin McComb, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP

12:00 – 12:30: Box lunch provided

12:30 – 1:30: Moving Targets in Muddied Waters: Advising Farmers, Landowners, and Lenders Regarding Waters of the United States

- Robert Soran, Partner, Downey Brand

1:30 – 1:45: (Break)

1:45 – 2:45: Dividing the Waters: Focus on States' Approaches to Groundwater and Recent Developments

- Rebecca Smith, Partner, Downey Brand

2:45 – 3:45: The Intersection of Estate Planning & Water Law

- Therese Ure Stix, Managing Attorney & Shareholder, Schroeder Law Offices, P.C.