



The National Agricultural Law Center

Western Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference 2023: Agenda

***Agenda is in Pacific Time (PT)**

Thursday, May 4:

11:00 a.m. – 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, Founder and Editor, Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.

Noon – 12:30 p.m.: Box lunch provided

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

- Elaine R. Albrich, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
- Michael Karas, Associate, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.: Let's Be Blunt: Legal Ethics in the Cannabis Industry

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

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. (Break)

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.: 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 p.m.: Veggie Wars: Legal Update on the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act & Related Produce Laws

- Dale A. Stern, Partner, Downey Brand
- June Monroe, Director, Fennemore, LLP

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: "May the Fourth Be with You" Party on the Patio

- Peppermill Resort
- Beer and wine, hors d'oeuvre will be available
- Dinner will be on your own

Friday, May 5:

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.: Registration, Light Breakfast, Welcome

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

- James Eklund, Member, Sherman & Howard

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

- Marisa N. Bocci, Partner, K&L Gates

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. (Break)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.: Prop 65: What Happens in California Isn't Staying in California

- Sophia B. Castillo, Partner, Downey Brand
- Alexandra L. Lizano, Associate, Downey Brand
- Emily Goswami, Technical Director, Roux

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Lunch provided

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

- Robert P. Soran, Partner, Downey Brand
- Nicole E. Granquist, Partner, Downey Brand

1:30 – 1:45 p.m.: (Break)

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

- Rebecca R. A. Smith, Partner, Downey Brand
- Adam Jokerst, Regional Director, WestWater Research, LLC

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

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