



The National Agricultural Law Center

Western Agricultural and Environmental Law Conference 2024 Agenda

Thursday, June 13 – Friday, June 14 | Agenda is in Pacific Time

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Keynote Address: *From Regulation to Adjudication: Perspectives on Agriculture & Trade*

- The Honorable Judge Stephen Alexander Vaden, United States Court of International Trade, Former USDA General Counsel (2016-2020)

Going with the Flow: Instream Water Rights & the Future of Irrigated Ag

- Merissa Moeller, Associate, Stoel Rives LLP

Water Law & Ethics: Sinking and Swimming With Litigation, Water Districts, and Agencies

- Lauren D. Layne, Shareholder, Baker Manock & Jensen
- Joe M. Marchini, Shareholder, Baker Manock & Jensen

Navigating Land Ownership and Economic Growth: Insights into Tribal Agricultural Development

- Jessie Barrington, Executive Director, Western Resources Legal Center located at Lewis & Clark Law School

WOTUS & Water Quality in the West in a Post-Sackett World

- Tess Dunham, Partner, Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP

The Future of Pesticides in Western States: The Latest Legal Developments & Trends

- Brigit Rollins, Staff Attorney, The National Agricultural Law Center

Buying the Farm: Navigating Restrictions, Title, & Transparency Requirements of Foreign Investments in U.S. Land

- Micah Brown, Staff Attorney, The National Agricultural Law Center
- Devin P. McComb, Partner, Perkins Coie LP
- Jen Modjeska, Division Underwriting Counsel, First American Title Insurance Company

State Ag Departments & the Regulation of Agriculture and the Environment

- Haig Baghdassarian, Deputy Secretary and Chief Counsel for the California Department of Food and Agriculture
- Cort Jensen, Chief Attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture
- Deanie Reh, Assistant Attorney General, Arizona Attorney General's Office

Streambeds, Game Trails, & Corner Crossings: Public Access & Private Property

- Ryan Semerad, The Fuller & Semerad Law Firm
- Co-presenter(s) TBA

Ethical Considerations: Artificial Intelligence & The Law

- David A. McCarville, Director, Business & Finance, Fennemore Craig, P.C.

The Klamath River Basin & the Endangered Species Act: Implications for Ag in Western States

- Paul Simmons, Special Counsel, Somach Simmons & Dunn

Update from the Potomac: 2024 Farm Bill, Public Lands, & Related Federal Issues

- Fitz Elder, Republican Staff Director, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry at the United States Senate (invited)
- Rosalyn Brummette, Policy Advisor, U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet