

## ***Journal #3920      from sdc      6.20.17***

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*Law of the Colorado River and other Water Law Seminars*

*"Give Us Back Our Land": Paper Giants Struggle to Resolve Conflicts With Communities in Sumatra*

*The Great American Backyard Campout*

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*Walker River Forum*



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### **PowWow Calendar**

**July 6 - July 9    [National Pow Wow](#)    Danville, IN**

**July 6 - July 9    [National Powwow 17](#)    Danville, IN**

Intertribal Dancing/Gourd Dancing/  
Specials/Craft Fair Seminars/TP Village

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**July 7 - July 9      [Squamish Nation 30th Annual Youth Pow Wow](#)    West Vancouver, BC**  
FAMILY EVENT – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-EVERYONE WELCOME. Squamish Nation 30th Annual Youth Powwow, July 7-9, start times: Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm & 7pm, Sunday...

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**July 7 - July 9, 2017 14th Annual Strong Sun Pow Wow Kernesville, NC**  
This year will be a very special Pow Wow we will be Honoring all Vietnam Veterans and families as part of the so Commemoration of... [Find More Information »](#)

**July 14 - July 16 Redbird's Children of Many Colors Pow Wow Moorpark, CA**  
Redbird's 17th Annual Children of Many Colors Native American Intertribal Powwow  
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**July 14 - July 17 Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Glenevis, Alberta, Canada**  
40th Annual Powwow Celebrations "Honouring Our Knowledge Keepers"  
Drum and Dance Competition  
Red Jingle Dress Dance for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women  
SPECIALS: Hand Drum and Dance... [Find More Information »](#)

**July 15 - July 16 Rhode Island Indian Council, Inc. Warwick, RI**  
Gates Open @ 9 am Grand Opening @ Noon Camping will be available for dancers.  
Dance Categories: Eastern Blanket/Eastern War/Traditional/Fancy/Jingle/Grass  
Native...[Find More Information »](#)

**July 15 - July 16 Thunder in the Valley Pow Wow Big Indian, NY**  
Host Drum Spirit of the Mountain Singers, guest drums to be announced, story teller, social dancing, candy dance, kids tent, craft vendors, food and more. [Find More Information »](#)

**July 21 - July 23 Pays Plat First National Traditional Pow Wow Pays Plat, ON**  
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**July 21 - July 23 5th Annual Inter Tribal Wolf Creek Pow Wow Bland, VA**

This is a very special pow wow for honoring our Veterans and families, there are a lot of Dancers in their beautiful Regalia and a... [Find More Information »](#)

**July 21 - July 23 2nd Annual Gii-Ishkonigewag Pow Wow McGregor, MN**  
Head man Dancer: Shane Mitchell Head Woman Dancer: Iliana Montoya  
Host Drum: Swamp Nation  
Invited Drums: Midnite Express, IronBoy, War Paint, Battle River, Pipestone  
Drum Split for first 10... [Find More Information »](#)

**July 22 - July 23 Region of the Moundbuilders 10th Annual Pow Wow Newark, OH**  
Everett Park 170 Everett Ave., Newark, OH 43055  
Saturday 10am – 8pm Sunday 10am... [Find More Information »](#)

**July 22 - July 23 The Howard County, MD Pow Wow West Friendship, MD**  
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**July 24 23rd Annual NACIP Pow Wow & Festival Salt Lake City, UT**  
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**July 28 - July 30      [Healing Mother Earth 9th Annual Intertribal Powwow](#)**  
**Conneaut, OH      [Find More Information »](#)**

The Powwow is being sponsored by the United Eastern Lenape Nation. We are a Traditional Non-competition Powwow. There will be Drumming, Singing, Dancing and Specialty...

**July 28 - July 29      [67th Annual Indian Hills Pow Wow](#)      **Oklahoma City, OK****  
67 years of Native American Heritage, Dancing, Contests, special presentations. The Apache Fire Dancers to appear Fri July 28th.      **[Find More Information »](#)**

**July 28 - July 30      [Spirit of the People Pow Wow](#)      **Chilliwack, BC****  
Spirit of the People Pow wow 2017  
Host Drum IINATOYI Singers, Browning Highschool, MT  
MC's Gerald SittingEagle, Keith Colston      AD Gary Abbott      Head Drum Judge...  
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**July 28 - July 30      [Ely Shoshone Tribe Fandango Pow Wow](#)      **Ely, NV****  
The powwow will be held behind the Charter School      **[Find More Information »](#)**

**July 28 - July 30      [39th Annual Grand Mid-Summer Pow Wow](#)      **Floral Park, NY****  
Celebrate The Thunderbirds' 52nd year Preserving American Indian Culture at the 37th Annual Grand Mid-Summer Pow Wow at Queens County Farm Museum 73-50 Little Neck...  
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**July 28 - July 31      [Tsuut'ina Nation Annual Celebration](#)**  
**[Redwood Meadows, Alberta, Canada](#)      [Find More Information »](#)**

**August 4 - August 6      [Kehewin Cree Nation Pow Wow](#)      **Kehewin, AB****  
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**August 4 - August 6      [Piikani Nation](#)      [Brocket, Alberta, Canada](#)**  
**[The Piikani Nation Presents: 60th Annual Pow wow](#)**  
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**August 4 - August 6      [39th Annual Sobriety Pow Wow Mash-ka-wisen/Tbird-Wren](#)**  
**[Sawyer, MN](#)**  
Free Admission, Raffle Drawings, Wristband Sign-up, Camping available, Not responsible for lost or stolen items, Children under 12 must be supervised, No Alcohol or Drugs,...  
**[Find More Information »](#)** August 19 - August 20      Allentown, PA  
The Museum of Indian Culture invites the public to its 37th Annual Roasting Ears of Corn Festival, Pennsylvania's oldest Native American Indian Festival, on Saturday...  
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**August 10 - August 13      [103rd Annual Meskwaki Powwow](#)      **Tama, IA****  
**[Meskwaki Powwow website](#)      **Pow Wow Size:500+ dancers****  
General Admission/Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00/Children 5 and under: FREE  
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**August 10 - August 13      [Grand Pre 2017](#)      [Grand Pre, Nova Scotia](#)**

Festival goes August 10-13 celebrating Aboriginal and Acadian Culture, cultural demonstrations, main stage entertainment and on Saturday, the Powwow will go 12noon- 5pm featuring Grammy... [Find More Information »](#)

**August 12      [Spirit of Nations Powwow](#)      [Jefferson City, TN](#)**

The Spirit of Nations powwow features competition dancing, Indian tacos, arts and crafts, a silent auction, flute music, activities for the children, along with special...

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**Aug 12 - Aug 13      [Narragansett Indian Tribe's 342nd Annual August Meeting Pow Wow](#)  
[Charlestown, RI](#)**

The oldest recorded powwow in North America. Public is welcome. Come join the Narragansett Tribe and enjoy traditional Native American music, singing, dancing, jewelry and...

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**August 18 - August 20      [Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi](#)      [Shakopee, MN](#)  
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**August 18 - August 20      [Nawash 33rd Annual Traditional Pow Wow 2017](#)      [Warton, ON](#)  
[NEYAASHIINIGMIING PWAAGANIGAA "Honouring Our Veterans"](#)**

Come on out and get your dance on!

The Chippewas of Nawash First Nation is hosting this event. What is a...

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**August 18 - August 20      [2017 Wacipi MOA Exhibition](#)      [Bloomington, MN](#)**

Experience Native American dancers from the SMSC and other Indian nations at the SMSC sponsored Wacipi Exhibition. A whirl of colors, sights and sounds will... [Find More Information](#)

**August 18 - August 20      [2017 Annual Wacipi](#)      [Shakopee, MN](#)**

**Admission: \$10 button/Free for 60 years & over, 10 years & under**

**Meal: 1 meal on Saturday, 4:30-6:30pm      Flag raising: Saturday & Sunday, 9am**

**Grand...      [Find More Information »](#)**

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**["Give Us Back Our Land": Paper Giants Struggle to Resolve Conflicts With Communities in Sumatra](#)**

**Alice Cuddy, Mongabay:** In Indonesia, the operations of Asia Pulp & Paper and Toba Pulp Lestari remain rife with disputes with Indigenous groups who say the companies stole their land. The plantation firms have a long history of land grabbing, often dating back to the New Order military dictatorship. More recently, they have pledged to eliminate the practice from their supply chains. [Read the Article](#)

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Experience camping overnight and discover the fun within the great outdoors!

June 24 @ 2:00 p.m. - June 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

For details about **The Great American Backyard Campout**, click here to download copy of flyer.

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## **Law of the Colorado River: Conservation, Management & Innovation**

**June 22 - 23, 2017 • Caesars**

**Palace • Las Vegas**

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### **Meet Your Distinguished Faculty Program Co- Chairs**

**William J. Hasencamp** is the Manager of Colorado Resources for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In this capacity, he develops and manages water supply programs to augment the Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Aqueduct supplies to meet the water needs of Southern California. He has been with Metropolitan for over 15 years.

**Michael J. Pearce** is a founding member of his firm, which is dedicated to issues of water law and policy. His practice includes land and mineral development, water transfers, and complex water negotiations and disputes. He was Chief Counsel of the Arizona Department of Water Resources for seven years and has worked extensively in the law of the Colorado River. He has co-chaired CLE International's Law of the Colorado River Conference since 1999.



### **Keynote Panel**

#### **International Boundary and Water Commission**

Updates from Mexico and the US on International Water Management Issues

#### **Edward Drusina, Commissioner**

International Boundary and Water Commission, El Paso, TX

Edward Drusina, PE was appointed US Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, US and Mexico, by President Barack Obama in January 2010. As Commissioner, he serves as head of the US Section of the Commission, overseeing personnel in 12 offices along the US-Mexico border and in Washington, DC. The Commission is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. It operates and maintains various infrastructure projects along the US-Mexico border, including international storage dams, hydroelectric power plants, flood control levees, wastewater treatment plants, and monuments demarcating the international boundary.

**Roberto Salmón Castelo, Commissioner**

International Boundary and Water Commission, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico

Roberto Salmón Castelo, Mexican Commissioner for the International Boundary and Water Commission, Comisión Internacional de Límites y Aguas, Internacional de Límites y Aguas, has a wide range of experience in hydraulic projects. He was Northwest Regional Manager of the National Water Commission from 2002 to 2006, and from 2006 to 2008 served as General Manager of the Northwest Basin Unit based in Hermosillo, Sonora. Additionally, Mr. Salmón Castelo was Planning and Special Projects Director for the Sonora Center for Research and Development in Natural Resources and has remained a partner in a variety of companies that carry out basin management projects and environmental studies.

**Faculty**

**Pamela Adams, Hydrologist                      US Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, NV**

**Rob Billerbeck, Colorado River Coordinator                      National Park Service, Lakewood, CO**

**Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix, AZ**

**Katrina Grantz, PhD, Chief, Adaptive Management Group**

Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Division, Salt Lake City, UT

**Yamilett Carrillo Guerrero, PhD, Executive Director**

Colorado River Delta Water Trust, National City, CA

**Michael Cohen, Senior Associate   Pacific Institute, Boulder, CO**

**Tim Cox, Farmer                      Palo Verde Irrigation District, Blythe, CA**

**Chuck Cullom, Colorado River Programs Manager, Central Arizona Project, Phoenix, AZ**

**Patrick Cunningham, Esq.                      HighGround Public Affairs Consulting, Phoenix, AZ**

**Aaron Derwingson, Agricultural Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy, Salida, CO**

**Matt Dessert, Air Pollution Control Officer, Imperial County, Imperial, CA**

**Amy Haas, Esq.                      Interstate Stream Commission, Santa Fe, NM**

**Mark Harris, General Manager, Grand Valley Water Users Association, Grand Junction, CO**

**Taylor Hawes, Esq., Colorado River Program Director**

The Nature Conservancy, Silverthorne, CO

**Ted Kowalski, Esq., Senior Program Officer**

Colorado River Basin Initiative, Walton Family Foundation, Denver, CO

**Dennis Patch, Chairman, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Parker, AZ**

**Colby N. Pellegrino, Director of Water Resources**

Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV

**James Prairie, PhD, Hydrologic Engineer, US Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder, CO**



**Shanti Rosset, Esq., Colorado River Program Manager**  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**Frank Ruiz, Salton Sea Director, Audubon California, Salton Sea, CA**

**Tina Shields, PE, Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District, Imperial, CA**

**Stuart Somach, Esq.                      Somach, Simmons & Dunn, Sacramento, CA**

**Brad Udall, Senior Water and Climate Scientist/Scholar**  
Colorado Water Institute, Fort Collins, CO

**Joe Vanderhorst, Esq.**  
Law Office of Joseph Vanderhorst, Long Beach, CA  
Colorado Office of the Attorney General, Denver, CO

**Greg Walsh, Esq.      Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas, NV**

**Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of Salton Sea Policy**  
California Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento, CA

**Lisa Yellow Eagle, Esq.**  
Water Rights Unit, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Window Rock, AZ

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**25th Anniversary Conference: Balancing the Rights & Interests of All Arizonians**

**[Arizona Water Law](#)**      August 24 - 25, 2017 • Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas • Scottsdale  
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**PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS**

**Mark A. McGinnis** focuses on water rights, environmental, and complex commercial litigation and the law relating to special districts. His primary clients include an agricultural improvement district, irrigation and electrical districts, industrial entities, individual business owners, and developers. He has in-depth experience in the Arizona Surface Water and Groundwater Codes and matters relating to the Colorado River. Mr. McGinnis has co-chaired CLE International's Arizona Water Law Conference every year since 1995.

**John B. Weldon Jr.** is a founding member of Salmon, Lewis & Weldon. His practice focuses on water law, natural resources litigation, environmental law, Indian law, and electric power and utilities. Mr. Weldon concentrates on the representation of the largest water users' association in Arizona, an agricultural improvement and power district, an Arizona municipality, and the co-owners of one of the largest coal-fired electric generation stations in the US in water rights, environmental and natural resource related matters. He has been included in Best Lawyers in America in Natural Resources Law, Water Law, and Environmental Law every year since 1993, and he is a frequent author and speaker on Arizona water law and the Law of the Colorado River.

**WELCOME ADDRESS SPEAKERS**

**W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor                      City of Scottsdale**

**Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor                      City of Tucson**

**FACULTY**

**David A. Brown, Esq.                      Brown & Brown Law Offices, St. Johns**

**Thomas Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources, Phoenix**

**Cynthia S. Campbell, Esq., Water Resources Management Advisor, City of Phoenix**

**Larry J. Cohen, Esq.           Cohen Law Firm, Phoenix**

**Carla A. Consoli, Esq.       Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, Phoenix**

**Chuck Cullom, Colorado River Programs Manager, Central Arizona Project, Phoenix**

**Scott Deeny, Esq., Arizona Water Program Lead, The Nature Conservancy, Phoenix**

**Paul F. Eckstein, Esq.       Perkins Coie, Phoenix.**

**Jason T. Hauter, Esq.       Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld   Washington, DC**

**Norman D. James, Esq.     Fennemore Craig, Phoenix**

**Nicole D. Klobas, Esq., Deputy Counsel, Arizona Department of Water Resources,  
Phoenix**

**The Honorable David L. Mackey, Presiding Judge**  
Yavapai County Superior Court, Division 1   Prescott

**Wade Noble, Esq., Coordinator, Yuma County Agriculture Water Coalition**  
Wade Noble Law Firm, Yuma

**Kathy Robb, Esq.   Sive, Paget & Riesel, New York, NY**

**Ryan A. Smith, Esq. Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck   Washington, DC**

**Pamela Williams, Director, Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office**  
US Department of the Interior, Washington, DC

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## **New Mexico Water Law   September 11-12**

### **Program Co-Chairs:**

**John B. Draper, Esq.   Draper & Draper, Santa Fe**

John B. Draper focuses his legal practice on water rights issues, including New Mexico and interstate water rights. He has represented states in the US Supreme Court continuously since 1991. Currently, he serves as counsel in interstate suits for Montana on the Yellowstone River and for New Mexico on the Rio Grande.

**Louis W. Rose, Esq.   Montgomery & Andrews, Santa Fe**

Louis W. Rose has practiced environmental law, including water quality law, for more than 40 years. He has been an active participant before the Water Quality Control Commission in permitting and rulemaking since 1977. He currently represents clients in permitting, groundwater remediation, rulemaking, and enforcement matters before state and federal agencies.

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### **Featured Judicial Speakers**

**Richard C. Bosson   Justice, Retired, New Mexico Supreme Court, Santa Fe**



James J. Wechsler      Judge and Water Adjudications Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals,  
Santa Fe

Matthew G. Reynolds Chief Judge and Water Judge, New Mexico District Court, Seventh  
Judicial District, Catron, Sierra, Socorro, and Torrance Counties

### **Keynote Speakers**

**Tom Blaine, PE**      State Engineer, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe  
Tom Blaine is New Mexico's State Engineer. Previously he was with the New Mexico Environment Department as the Division Director of the Environmental Health Division. He has a very diverse engineering background with special emphasis on Water and Wastewater, Groundwater Hydrology, Surface Water Hydrology, Contaminant Flow in Groundwater, Highway and Roadway Design and Intelligent Transportation Systems. As the Division Director of the Environmental Health Division, he was responsible for the Environmental Health Bureau, the Construction Program Bureau, the Drinking Water Bureau and the Hazardous Waste Bureau. He has been a registered Professional Engineer for over 30 years. State Engineer Blaine has spent half of his career in public service and half in the private sector.

**Butch Tongate**, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe  
Butch Tongate was appointed by Governor Susana Martinez as the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) in September 2016. Prior to accepting his current position, he served as the Deputy Secretary. During his 23 years with NMED, Mr. Tongate has held a number of positions. He started with the Solid Waste Bureau as the State Recycling Coordinator in 1993 and later managed the bureau's permitting program. In 2000, he was promoted to Bureau Chief, where he served until 2003. After a brief stint as a Special Projects Officer in the Administrative Services Division, Mr. Tongate served as Chief of the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau until April 2011. He was then promoted to Director of the Environmental Protection Division, overseeing the operations of four bureaus in the Division.

### **Speakers**

Ethel Branch, Esq.      Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Navajo Nation  
Department of Justice, Window Rock, AZ

Tessa T. Davidson, Esq.      Davidson Law Firm, Corrales

Gerald G. Dixon, Esq.      Dixon•Scholl•Carrillo, Albuquerque

Charles T. DuMars, Esq.      Professor Emeritus of Law, University of New Mexico School of  
Law/Law & Resources Planning Associates, Albuquerque

John D.S. Gilmour, Esq.      Kelley Drye/Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, Houston, TX

Amy I. Haas, Esq.      Deputy Director and General Counsel, Upper Colorado River  
Commission, Salt Lake City, UT

John Hawley, PhD      HAWLEY GEOMATTERS, Albuquerque

Michelle Hunter      Bureau Chief, Ground Water Quality Bureau  
New Mexico Environment Department, Santa Fe

Lara Katz, Esq.      Assistant General Counsel, New Mexico Environment Department,  
Santa Fe

Christopher Lindeen, Esq., Deputy General Counsel  
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe

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Tom Morrison, PE      Groundwater Consultant, Santa Fe

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New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, Santa Fe

Jay Stein, Esq.      Stein & Brockmann, Santa Fe

John Verheul, Esq.      Assistant General Counsel  
New Mexico Environment Department, Albuquerque

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### **Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:**

To live on public lands, contact the "<https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/public-and-indian-housing>" **Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)**.

To live on a reservation, contact a local "[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/map/nationalmap/](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/map/nationalmap/)" **Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE)**.

Locate your "<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>" **state housing counseling agency** or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the agency nearest you.

### **Native American Housing Programs**

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih) " **Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)** - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing is available to Native American families.

"[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/grants](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants)" **Indian Housing Grant Programs**-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.

"<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/HumanServices/HousingImprovementProgram/>" **Housing Improvement Program (HIP)** – provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants.

Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute):  
HYPERLINK "<http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>" <http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>

Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New:    HYPERLINK "<http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/>" <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/> .

**INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES:** *The HYPERLINK "<http://www.scwie.org/>" Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange (SCWIE) is a group of public and non-profit water funding and technical assistance officials created under the auspices of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities and is used to network/communicate with peers from other states.*

**The Grants.Gov website lists Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply. For complete list of grant opportunities, visit: "[http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20\(Federally%20recognized](http://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?eligibilities%3D07%7CNative%20American%20tribal%20governments%20(Federally%20recognized)

### **HUD RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES**

*Housing conditions found substantially worse for American Indian households*  
HYPERLINK "[https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2017/HUDNo\\_17-012](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-012)" [https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2017/HUDNo\\_17-012](https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-012)

### **FEMA Finalizes Pilot Guidance for Tribal Disaster Declarations Process for Stafford Act Disasters**

01/10/2017 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the release of its *Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance* and the beginning of the pilot phase of tribal declarations under this new guidance. The pilot guidance describes the process which tribal governments will use to request Stafford Act declarations and the criteria FEMA will use to evaluate direct tribal declaration requests and make recommendations to the President.

HYPERLINK "<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2017/01/10/fema-finalizes-pilot-guidance-tribal-disaster-declarations-process-stafford>" <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2017/01/10/fema-finalizes-pilot-guidance-tribal-disaster-declarations-process-stafford>

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***Had a post here about the Walker River Forum, but it has disappeared. If you want more information, contact Elveda Martinez in Schurz.***

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### **Justices Strike Down Law Banning Disparaging Trademarks By ADAM LIPTAK**

The decision, over an Asian-American band named the Slants, could mean that the Washington Redskins name will keep federal trademark protection.