



THE MINING-WATER INTERFACE: The Role of Good Neighbor or Impact-Benefit Agreements

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The prospect of mineral development and the potential impact on neighboring water uses can be a divisive issue. The social license for mining operations has, indeed, generated significant attention in the past decade. The 2024 Mining Law Summit looks at these concerns and the use, and limits, of voluntary company/community agreements.

This free virtual conference, on Nov. 7, 2024, will combine recorded presentations from internationally recognized authorities with live participation in answering questions and providing commentary.

REGISTRATION: <https://law.arizona.edu/mining-law-summit>

9:00 WELCOME:

Dean Marc Miller and John Lacy will introduce program

FIRST TOPIC:

Water and Mining Operations—From the 19 Century to the Present. Looking at the historical backdrop.

Mining Historians and water lawyers will discuss the history of water rights acquisition for mining operations. **John Lacy**, Director, Global Mining Law Center, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, **Eric Nystrom**, Assoc. Professor of History, Univ. of Nevada—Reno and **Carlos Ronstadt**, Law Offices of Carlos Ronstadt.

SECOND TOPIC:

Hydrogeology/Mine Water 101: From Feasibility Studies & Permitting to Water Supply & Dewatering

Tim Bayley, Principal Hydrogeologist, Montgomery & Assoc., will provide the background necessary to evaluate the technical aspects of water use in mining operations.

THIRD TOPIC:

Case Study for a Good Neighbor Agreement. Tim Bayley will continue his background evaluation with **Vicky Peacey** the President of Resolution Copper and **Todd Pryor**, Town Manager of the Town of Superior, Arizona, in presenting a case study looking at a letter of Intent on water mitigation between Resolution Copper and the Town of Superior.

FOURTH TOPIC:

Community/Company Agreements in the Americas: Negotiation and Implementation

This topic will provide integrated perspectives on company/community agreements in the context of water and mining for an improved, comprehensive risk assessment and concomitant of stakeholder engagement. This topic will be presented by **Ginger Gibson** and **Kyle Vermette** (The Firelight Group, British Columbia).

FIFTH TOPIC:

Capacity-Building in the Context of Community Agreements

This topic will look at the expertise available at The University of Arizona to provide improved understanding of hydrogeologic effects of mineral development to address community concerns. **Misael Cabrera**, the director of The University's School of Mining and Mineral Resources, will lead a discussion with **Ty Ferré**, Distinguished Professor – Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences and **Tomas Goode** from South32's Hermosa Project.

DISCUSSION AND COMMENTARY:

Ana Bastida, Ph.D. (University of Dundee—Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy) will join John Lacy and other presenters in providing commentary and answering questions submitted by registrants.