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Value of water is conference topic

LINCOLN — This year's Water Law, Policy and Science Conference will put water into its practical context: money.

The conference title is "Blue Gold: When Water Meets Money." It is sponsored by the University of Nebraska Lincoln and will be held April 29 and 30 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

Organizers say the conference will combine the latest topical science with related economic matters. Other topics include how water is valued and water marketing and banking.— **AP**

Click below for more information:

<http://snr.unl.edu/newsarticles/WaterMeetsMoney2009.asp>

<http://watercenter.unl.edu/WaterConference/>

2009 Water Law, Policy and Science Conference Program

Blue Gold: When Water Meets Money

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 **Opening & Welcome:** James B. Milliken, President, University of Nebraska

8:15 **Keynote:** Ari Michelsen, Texas AgriLife Research, Texas A&M University
Economics of Water

Introductions: Karina Schoengold, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

9:15 Christopher Goemans, Colorado State University
Valuing Water: Taking Into Consideration the Timing, Location, and Type of Use

10:00 Break

Introductions: Steven Shultz, University of Nebraska-Omaha

10:30 John Holz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Water Quality and Quantity Issues in the Great Plains

11:00 James Boyd, Resources for the Future
Water's Environmental Benefits and How to Measure Them

11:45 Lunch in Atrium

Introductions: J. Michael Jess, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

12:45 Michael Hanemann, University of California-Berkeley
The Economics of Climate Change and Water

1:30 Ann Bleed, CDR Associates
Lets Get Technical – Evaluating the “Hydrologic Cost” of Water Transfers

2 Garth Taylor, University of Idaho
Hydrologic Externalities and Water Markets

2:45 BREAK

Introductions: Alan Baquet, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3 Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California
Water Markets: Lessons from the Field

3:45 David Brookshire, University of New Mexico
Real Time Natural Resource Markets for Water Leasing and Ecosystem Services

4:30 Ron Bishop, Central Platte Natural Resources District
Water Banking in the Central Platte Natural Resources District

5 Adjourn

Thursday, April 30

General Track:

7:30 Continental Breakfast

7:55 Welcome, Announcements, Introductions:

Introductions: Carolyn Johnsen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

8:00 Bruce Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
A 30,000 Foot View of Water Markets in Nebraska: Possible Impacts and Issues

8:45 Michael Hayes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Sunny and Warm: Does Climate Change Mean More Droughts in the Future?

9:15 Anne MacKinnon, Anne MacKinnon Consulting
Under Construction: Compensating for Ecosystem Services on the Ditch-Bank

10 BREAK

Introductions: Ronald Yoder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:30 Suat Irmak, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Innovations in Irrigation Technology: Advancements in Practical Applications and Scientific Challenges

11 Gary Hergert, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
What's Ahead for Limited Irrigation of Conventional, Biofuel and Alternative Crops?

11:30 Noel Gollehon, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Water: Response to a Limited Resource?

12:15 Evaluations & Adjourn

Law Track

7:30 Continental Breakfast

8:15 Welcome/Announcements

Introductions: J. David Aiken, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

8:30 Jim Schneider, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Integrated Water Management: Wet Water, Paper Water, and Electric Water

9:15 Anthony Schutz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Water Law 101

10:15 BREAK

Introductions: David Barga, Rembolt Ludtke LLP

10:30 Tom Wilmoth, Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP
By the Basin: The Niobrara: Can We Stem the Rising Waters of Conflict

11:15 David Barfield, Kansas Division of Water Resources.
By the Basin: The Republican: A View of Interstate Issues from the South

12 Lunch

Introductions: Jody Gittins, Nebraska Attorney General's Office

1 Michael Klein; Anderson, Klein, Swan & Brewster
By the Basin: The Platte—Change We Can Believe In

1:45 Pamela Andersen, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Water Banks: Rules and Tools

2:30 Don Blankenau, Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLP
It Doesn't Always Roll Downhill - A Brief Review of Nebraska Drainage Law

3:15 BREAK

3:30 *Panel: Meet the Regulators*

Moderator: Lash Chaffin, League of Nebraska Municipalities

Panelists: Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Jean Angell, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

Jeff Schroeder, Attorney General's Office--Department of Roads

Annette Kovar, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

Richard Totten, Army Corps of Engineers 402-995-2609

David Cozad, US Environmental Protection Agency

4:45 Evaluations & Adjourn