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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for taking the time to read this Spring 2013 Issue of the *Water Law Review*! As the academic year draws to a close, it is my pleasant duty to reflect on the successes of the *Review* over the past year. As our readers may be aware, one of the *Review's* long-range goals is to make the *Review* more than just a source of great articles; we are committed to building and supporting a community of people (not just words) in the print, digital, symposia, and policy spheres. I am pleased to report that many of our efforts in 2013 have contributed to furthering that goal.

The crown jewel of the *Water Law Review's* work this spring was our 6th Annual Spring Symposium, the success of which was attributable to the tireless work of Symposium Editor Jonathan King and the generosity of our Symposium sponsors. This year's Symposium was entitled "Addressing Supply & Demand Imbalances in the Colorado River Basin" and drew a standing-room-only crowd from the legal, policy, government, and academic communities in Colorado and beyond. Our keynote presenter, Colorado's own Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the US Department of the Interior, introduced and commented on the groundbreaking Colorado River Basin Supply and Demand Study, which was jointly funded and prepared by the US Bureau of Reclamation and seven Colorado River basin states.

The Study, which may be found at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/crbstudy.html>, projects startling supply and demand imbalances in the Colorado River Basin and its adjacent areas over the next fifty years, and sets forth various scenario portfolios and proposed adaptation strategies affecting all areas of the Basin. Distinguished panelists discussed the implications of the Study at the local, state, and international levels. A common theme among the presentations was the need for stakeholders to work together collaboratively and creatively to generate wiser, longer-lasting solutions to shared challenges. We here at the *Water Law Review* look forward to continuing to do our small part to provide a valuable forum for these efforts. To read more about the Study, the Symposium, and to watch videos of the Symposium sessions, please visit our website at www.duwaterlawreview.com.

In keeping with our tradition of publishing cutting-edge articles on water issues, I invite you to read the six quality pieces in this Issue. First, you will find *Beyond Quantification: Implementing and Sustaining Tribal Water Rights Settlements* by Celene Hawkins, which provides a detailed overview of important considerations and strategies for implementing Tribal water rights settlements. Next, you will find *The Shallows Where Federal Reserved Water Rights Founder: State Court Derogation of the Winters Doctrine* by Justin Huber and Sandra Zellmer, which traces the history of implied federally reserved water rights and comments on recent state court decisions that have limited the doctrine's utility. Then, there is *Prior Appropriation and Water Quality: The Water Court's Authority to Protect an Appropriator's Right to Clean Water* by Ryan Jarvis, which explores the duties and powers of Colorado's water courts to protect water quality, not just quantity and priority.

Next, you will find *Sustainable Development Along International Watercourses: Is Progress Being Made?* by Frank Lawson, which examines the successes and challenges of applying established sustainable development principles in the context of international water law. Then, there is *Planning for Drinking Water in the Great Lakes Basin After Terrorism, or: How I Stopped Worrying and Loved the Great Lakes Compact* by Caitlyn Lothian, which provides a unique look at the Great Lakes Compact and its ability to accommodate water withdrawals for short-term emergency use in the event of a terrorist attack on the nation's drinking water supply. Last, you will find *Present Perfected Rights: The Most Senior Undefined Water Rights on the Colorado River* by Jonathan Schutz, which describes present perfected rights, sets forth how courts and legislation have defined them, and discusses important and unresolved issues as to the priority of these water rights.

Another notable feature of this Issue is the large amount of high-quality student writing, which may be found in the Book Notes, Case Notes, Conference Reports, and Court Reports sections of the Issue. *Water Law Review* members Jenna Anderson, D. Austin Rueschhoff, and Adam Thiessen should be applauded for their great pieces analyzing *Gila River IX*, *Archuleta v. Gomez*, and the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, respectively. We are also pleased to publish a guest-authored International Court Report by Will Stenzel, Esq. and Dr. Jacinta Ruru of the University of Otago Law School in New Zealand, entitled *New Zealand Maori Council v. Attorney General*. The Court Report is a must-read for anyone interested in indigenous rights to water and privatization of natural resources.

As my tenure on the *Water Law Review* comes to a close, I would be remiss to not thank the *Review's* excellent staff, Editorial Board, and professional Advisory Board for their hard work and support of all aspects of this publication and its surrounding community. If it is said that it takes a village to raise a child, I would submit that it takes an international community to publish a successful law review. We sincerely hope to have done, and to continue to do, just that.

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