



# Water Issues in the West:

## *Regional Perspectives on Interstate Law and Policy*

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Featured Speakers:

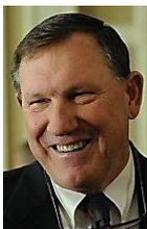
- **Mike Hayden**, Former Governor of Kansas and Executive Director, Missouri River Association of States and Tribes
- **Burke Griggs**, Consulting Professor, Bill Lane Center for the American West, Stanford University

Friday, February 28, 2014 | 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
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Two prominent experts well-versed in Kansas and western U.S. water topics will make presentations and respond to comments and questions.

- **Mike Hayden** will offer a regional perspective on the Missouri River Basin and the effect it has on the states and tribal nations politically, economically and societally. He will also comment on the influence of multi-state and international agreements along the Colorado River, and discuss whether there are lessons to be learned from these agreements that can help influence and guide decisions within the Missouri River Basin.
- **Burke Griggs** will discuss the historical and current perspectives about how the boundaries of Kansas have influenced water decisions. He will provide an interstate perspective on agreements – past and present – that involve the Republican River and the Colorado River, asking whether there are lessons to be learned from these agreements that can help shape future water decisions.

Brad Loveless, Director of Biology and Conservation Programs at Westar Energy and a member of the Kansas Water Authority, will serve as moderator. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Tricia Bergman, [tricia.bergman@ku.edu](mailto:tricia.bergman@ku.edu), (785) 864-3303. To RSVP, email [rgs@ku.edu](mailto:rgs@ku.edu).



**The Hon. Mike Hayden** was the 41<sup>st</sup> Governor of Kansas (1987-91) and is a former Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Missouri River Association of States and Tribes (MoRAST), which serves as “a forum for the identification, discussion, and resolution of issues of concern to the basin states and tribes, including matters of interstate comity and matters of common concern that arise due to the actions and programs of the federal government, states, tribes, and other interests.” Hayden received a B.S. in wildlife conservation from Kansas State University and an M.S. in biology from Ft. Hays State University. A decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, Hayden served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973 to 1987, including four years as Speaker.



**Burke Griggs** is Consulting Professor at the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford University, where he contributes to Stanford’s Water in the West Project. As a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Kansas, he represents the State in federal and interstate water matters, including litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Republican River case, arbitration pursuant to the Court’s decrees, and the administration of Kansas’ four interstate water compacts. He previously served as an Assistant Attorney General for Kansas and Director of Interstate Waters for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Griggs received a B.A. in history from Stanford, master’s degrees and Ph.D. in history from Yale, and his law degree from KU, where he teaches natural resources law as an adjunct professor.