



ECR2005
Pathways to Successful ECR



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CONFERENCE FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** Fourth National Conference on Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR)
(Session list attached.)
- WHEN:** May 24 -26, 2005
(Online registration open thru 5/13/05; early registration fees thru 4/15/05)
- WHERE:** Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort
Tucson, Arizona
- WHO:** For session details and registration information contact
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- HOSTED BY:** The U.S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution
The Morris K. Udall Foundation
Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at The University of Arizona
- CO-SPONSORS:** U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
- ATTENDEES:** Over 400 representatives of federal, state, and local governments, tribal nations, NGOs, ECR practitioners, environmental advocates, community-based groups, science and technical experts, environment and natural resource attorneys, public lands managers, and dispute resolution and consensus-building professionals.
- FORMAT:** Includes 60 training workshops, Roster member activities, dynamic plenary and panel sessions, interactive roundtable discussions, networking forums and agency-specific meetings.
- TRACKS:** ECR Principles and Practices
Engaging Multiple Governments, Parties and Affected Communities
Encouraging Innovation and New Applications
- FOCUS:** ECR: Is it working? Are we having an impact?
What have our experiences taught us? Lessons learned?
What are the challenges and pitfalls? What are the critics saying?
Are there proven pathways to successful outcomes?
Where is the field headed? Future projections?
Can ECR contribute to national environmental policy goals?
Can ECR impact the way federal agencies do business?

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PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- A panel discussion among environmental conflict resolution veterans on the value, essential ingredients and limitations of ECR.
- A view of how successful ECR practices vary in other countries, among different cultures, political landscapes and legal contexts.
- A discussion by Native community leaders of the environmental challenges facing indigenous people in the coming decades and how ECR practices can be applied.
- Results of a two-year effort to explore how ECR can assist in implementing national environmental policy conducted by a 29-member National Environmental Conflict Resolution Advisory Committee (NECRAC).

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

Thomas Jensen, *Attorney*, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, will moderate Wednesday's opening plenary session, "Assuring Successful ECR Outcomes." Panelists will include **Brent Blackwelder**, *President*, Friends of the Earth; **Cynthia Burbank**, *Associate Administrator for Planning, Environment*, Federal Highway Administration; **Larry Charles**, *Executive Director, Emeritus*, ONE/CHANE, Inc., and **Michael Sullivan**, *Partner*, Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons, LLP.

Rosemary Romero, *Principal*, Rosemary Romero Consulting, will moderate Thursday's mini plenary entitled, "ECR in Other Countries: The View Beyond Our Borders." International presenters include **Teodoro Kausel**, *Assistant Professor*, Universidad Austral de Chile; **Pornthip Puncharoen**, *Deputy Director General*, Department of Environmental Quality Promotion, Bangkok, Thailand; and **Roger Sidaway**, *Hon. Fellow*, Edinburgh University.

Kathryn Lynn, *Sr. Conflict Management Specialist*, U.S. Department of the Interior, will moderate the mini-plenary, "Our Native Communities: The Environment & ECR," with views from Native American and indigenous peoples being presented by **David Conrad**, *Executive Director*, National Tribal Environmental Council and **Kevin Gover**, *Professor of Law*, College of Law, Arizona State University.

Chris Kearney, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs*, U.S. Department of the Interior; **Dinah Bear**, *General Counsel*, Council on Environmental Quality; **Donald Barry**, *Executive VP & General Counsel*, The Wilderness Society; and **Gail Bingham**, *President/Sr. Mediator*, RESOLVE, Inc., will share results of a two-year effort by the National ECR Advisory Committee (NECRAC) exploring the effectiveness of "Using ECR to Implement National Environmental Policy."

Kirk Emerson, *Director*, the U.S. Institute, will moderate the closing plenary among distinguished commentators **Peter Adler**, *President*, The Keystone Center; **Christopher Moore**, *Partner*, CDR Associates; and **Lucy Moore**, *Principal*, Lucy Moore Associates, Inc., as they synthesize their learning from the conference sessions in "Reflections on ECR2005."

HISTORY:

The first national conference on ECR hosted by the Morris K. Udall Foundation and the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona took place in 1997. The inaugural conference focused on "ECR in the West" and drew close to 300 participants. Subsequent ECR conferences were co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and USDA Forest Service in 2000 and 2002. They focused on "Alternative Dispute Resolution and Natural Resources: Building Consensus & Resolving Conflicts in the Twenty-First Century" and "Environmental Conflict Resolution: The State of the Field and Its Contribution to Environmental Decision-Making." By 2002, conference participation had increased to over 400 attendees. Today, the conference is the leading platform for discussion among national and international experts from a diversity of backgrounds, organizations, viewpoints and professional practices, to discuss better ways of resolving environmental conflicts through alternative dispute resolution and other consensus building methods.