



## Water in the Desert (#WitD): A simple guide to faculty and student participation

### Q1. What is #CNMWitD?

- A. The Water In the Desert Project (#WitD) is a term-long, campus-wide, hands-on learning project centered on western water issues. It will consist of a service (field trips, activities), film and speaker series. For specific events see the Calendar on the flip side of this sheet.

### Q2. How can my students participate?

- A. Students may
- ◆ Participate for fun
  - ◆ Participate for class credit (homework, other)
  - ◆ Participate for class extra credit
  - ◆ Participate to earn a resume enhancing, Sustainability Curriculum Committee Certificate
  - ◆ Participate as a Service Learning Student

### Q3. I don't have much time, how can I simply encourage student participation?

- A. You can:
- Promote events to students in person at the beginning of class, on your class shell, or via class emails.
  - Offer small amounts of extra credit for attendance and participation
  - Offer extra credit for attending participating and turning in some type of associated homework
  - Work water topics into your class as they fit in just to keep with the theme of the term

### Q4. This is super awesome!How can I do more?

- A. You can:
- ❖ Promote obtaining a **Sustainability Certificate** to your students and ask them to sign up to be part of this program at the WitD Expo (9-2) in the SRC breezeway.
  - ❖ Incorporate WitD in your whole class by offering it as a **Service Learning Project** (see our other handout) for your class. Requires incorporation as assessment or EC for the class. Contact Asa Stone for specifics ([astone10@cnm.edu](mailto:astone10@cnm.edu))

### Q5. I want to help but don't want to make new homework, or am not sure where to start? Where can I get help and advice?

- A. You can: ask any WitD faculty for advice (emails below) or file sharing, or for a starter assessment you can modify.

### Q6 Who do I contact with questions or for more information?

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## The Water in the Desert Project Calendar (Fall 2015)

Weeks	Themes	Events & Activities
1	WitD Kick off CNM-UNM Water Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 23 (Wednesday): @10am-2pm Education Expo (SRC Breezeway)</li> <li>• September 24 (Thursday): @7-8:30pm Film "Remains of a River" and Panel Discussions (UNM CEC)</li> <li>• September 26 (Saturday): @2-5pm Water in the Desert: an art event to benefit The New Mexico Water Collaborative (Sawmill Lofts 1801 Bellamah NW)</li> </ul>
2	Geography of Water Molly Blumhoefer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 29 (Tuesday): @3:15-5pm Lecture by Molly Blumhoefer and Film "Liquid Assets" (SRC204)</li> <li>• September 30 (Wednesday): @5:15-7pm Lecture by Molly Blumhoefer and Film "Liquid Assets" (SRC204)</li> </ul>
3	Urban Water Cycle By Steve Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 5 (Monday): @10AM-12:30PM BIO 1192 tour of San Juan Chama Drinking Water Treatment Plant (ABCWUA)</li> <li>• October 7 (Wednesday): @3-5PM Installation of storm drain inlet markers on CNM campus</li> <li>• October 8 (Thursday): @6-8PM Films "Fit to Drink" and "Wastewater Treatment and Discharge" and "Celebrating Our Water - San Juan Chama Project" (Smith Brasher 106?)</li> </ul>
4	Water Quality By Heather Fitzgerald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 13 (Tuesday): @11-12:30pm Film "Poisoned Waters" (Room TBD)</li> <li>• October 14 (Wednesday): @6-7pm Speaker Dennis McQuillan, Geologist, on Kirtland Spill (Room TBD)</li> <li>• October 16 (Friday): @12pm - 1pM Scoop the poop trail cleanup (the Roberts Dam trailhead across from JMMC)</li> </ul>
5	Institutional Conservation By Carson Bennett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Film: "Renovation Nation: Save Water, Save Money"</li> <li>• Speaker: Noreen Richards, LEED AP, SMPC Architects (Noreen will be able to speak to the water-specific LEED credits and how CNM has earned those credits on various LEED buildings, specifically the "L" Building)</li> </ul>
6	River/Wetland Restoration By Sue Small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 26 (Monday): @3-7:30pm B.Wimberly on Santa Ana Pueblo riparian restoration, Dr. Schmader on CABQ Bosque restoration, M. Scialdone on Sandia Pueblo riparian restoration (SRC 204)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Film: @ 11:30-1PM Powell to Powell: Portraits of Upper Colorado (JS 208)</li> <li>• October 27 (Tuesday): @3-7:30pm R.DelloRusso on MidRioGrandeBosque restoration, K.Cobble on BosqueDelApache, J. OwenWhite on Valle de Oro(SRC 204) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Film: @ 11:30-1PM Restoring Colorado River Delta in Mexico (JS 208)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• October 28 (Wednesday): @3-7:30pm Dr.Erz on Sevilleta riparian restoration, Mr.Chavarria on SantaAnaClaraPueblo stream/riparian restoration, L.Begay on NavajoNation riparian/stream restoration(SRC 204) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Film: @ 11:30-1PM Remains of a River: Down the Colorado (JS 208)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• October 29 (Thursday): @3-7:30pm J.Baca &amp; P.Tashjian on silvery minnow &amp; riparian restoration, Dr.Hummel on US ArmyCorpsEngineers &amp; riparian restoration, R.Vigil on Acequias &amp; stream/riparian restoration (SRC 204) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Film: @ 11:30-1PM Tales of the San Joaquin: A River Restored (JS 208)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• October 30 (Friday): @8AM-6PM tours of refuges/conservation areas</li> </ul>
7	Water Smart Future By Sandra Rourke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 3 (Tuesday) @ 4:30-5:30 Sandra Rourke on Raising Backyard Chickens (Montoya, H126)</li> <li>• November 4 (Wednesday) @ 12-1:30 John Zarola (NMSU-Extension) on Home Composting (Montoya, H126)</li> <li>• November 4 (Wednesday) @ 2-3 John Zarola (NMSU-Extension) on Worm Composting (Montoya, H126)</li> <li>• November 5 (Thursday) @ 4:30-6:30 <i>The Global Food Waste Scandal</i> and <i>Taste the Waste</i> (Montoya, H126)</li> </ul>
8	Student Conference & Education Expo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 11 (Wednesday) @10am-2pm Education Expo (L Building)</li> </ul>

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