

## 2023 Rio Grande Water Fund Signatories Event

### Speaker Biographies

#### **Brian Burnett, CEO, Burnett Global Business Consulting, LLC**

Formerly the president/CEO of award-winning, nationally-recognized civil engineering firm Bohannon Huston, Inc., Brian Burnett now helps leaders understand and implement best practices for strategic planning, internal leadership development and ownership transitions. With bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico, he also holds Harrison Assessments Debriefing/Coaching and Employee Development accreditations. Current Chair of RGWF Executive committee.

#### **Phoebe Suina, Owner & President, [High Water Mark, LLC](#)**

Phoebe Suina is the owner of High Water Mark, a 100% Native American, Woman-owned environmental consulting company with a specialty in water resources. With 20 years of experience providing environmental, and water resources engineering and management to New Mexico communities, Ms. Suina has managed multi-million-dollar emergency and disaster assistance projects for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

#### **Dr. David Gutzler, Professor Emeritus, Earth & Planetary Sciences, University of New Mexico**

Dr. Gutzler's research interests include climatology, meteorology and surface hydrology, focusing on predictability. Specific research areas include the southwestern North America monsoon, seasonal and long-term climate and hydrological projections, wildfires and summer precipitation, and weather and climate fluctuations that impact southwestern North America.

#### **Matthew Piccarello, Forest & Watershed Health Manager, [The Nature Conservancy](#)**

Matt is the Forest and Watershed Health Manager for The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico. Matt's work focuses on building collaborative and community-based solutions to forest and watershed management through such initiatives as the Rio Grande Water Fund and the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition.

#### **Sam Berry, Southwest Associate Director, [Forest Stewards Guild](#)**

Sam Berry works on facilitating the return of good fire, building fire resilient communities, and supporting workforce development in the landscapes of New Mexico and beyond. Sam works on a variety of projects but leads the Guild's Southwest Office's Fire and Fuels Program and Forest Stewards Youth Corps program. His work in general seeks to build connections and do work on the ground that leads to better relationships between wildland fires, the natural world, and communities.

#### **Ryan Swazo-Hinds, Environmental Biologist, Pueblo of Tesuque**

An Environmental Biologist with the Pueblo of Tesuque Department of Environment and National Resources, Patrick "Ryan" Swazo-Hinds' community engagement and service is invaluable and extensive. He also serves as a wildland firefighter through a cooperative agreement between Pueblo of Tesuque and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Northern Pueblos Agency, is a member of the Tesuque Pueblo Tribal Council, board member on the Southwest Fire Science Consortium, and is Vice-Chairman for the Northern Pueblos Tributary Water Rights Association.

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**Sarah Wood, Executive Director, [New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps](#)**

Executive Director of the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission, Sarah Wood has lived, studied and worked throughout New Mexico as a field biologist with the US Forest Service and the New Mexico Natural Heritage Program. For over 17 years, she was an outdoor educator and park manager with New Mexico State Parks. She's been the director of the New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps since 2019.

**Dana Guinn, Southwest Partnership Manager, [Forest Stewards Guild](#)**

Dana Guinn works in the non-profit sector, coordinating collaborative processes for ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry and natural resource and landscape management in the Southwest. Guinn holds an M.Ed in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education and an M.Ag. in Agricultural Resource Management. She also maintains her secondary mathematics teaching license.

**Laura McCarthy, State Forester, [NM Forestry Division](#)**

The 11th State Forester and the first woman to take on the role since joining the New Mexico Forestry Division in 2019, Laura McCarthy started her career as a wildland firefighter for the USDA Forest Service. She served New Mexico with The Nature Conservancy for 17 years as Associate State Director, Director of Conservation Programs and Senior Policy Advisor for Fire and Forest Restoration.

**John Galvan, Tribal Forest Manager, [Pueblo of Jemez](#)**

John Galvan studied natural resources and forestry, and currently serves as the Tribal Forest Manager for the Pueblo of Jemez Natural Resources Department. He has previously served as both 1st and 2nd Lieutenant Governor under the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Government and has worked under the US Forest Service in various positions.

**Dennis Carril, Fuels Program Manager, [Santa Fe Dennis National Forest](#)**

Dennis Carril is the Fuels Program Manager for the Santa Fe National Forest. Dennis has worked in wildland fire management for 21 years and has a diverse background in varying vegetation types and fire management strategies. Dennis has strived to bridge the gap between fire management and forest ecology to facilitate forest restoration at a meaningful scale.

**Steve Glass, Board Chair, [Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District \(SWCD\)](#)**

Steve Glass joined the Ciudad SWCD Board of Supervisors in January 2003. Steve has 45 years of experience in natural resources protection. As a retired municipal wastewater biosolids composting and stormwater management programs manager, and the former local government representative on the NM Water Quality Control Commission, he is familiar with a wide range of natural resource and conservation issues. He currently represents Bernalillo County on the Water Protection Advisory Board and represents Ciudad SWCD on the Mid Region Council of Governments Water Resources Board. Steve is a Distinguished Faculty member in biology and environmental science at Central NM Community College and was named recipient of the Environmental Education Association of New Mexico's 2016 Dr. Richard W. Becker Award of Excellence in Environmental Education.