



ICE WaRM Seminar Series

Lessons on Protecting Environmental Flows in the Western US: A Story About Cowboys, Indians, Fish and Markets

The International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) is proud to host David Pilz as the keynote speaker at a free seminar on "Lessons on protecting environmental flows in the Western US: A story about Cowboys, Indians, Fish and Markets". David is in South Australia as part of the ICE WaRM Visits and Exchanges Programme.

This presentation is the story of a system of laws and regulations that was born in the "Wild West" but has recently been forced to adapt to and include environmental and other public values.

Beginning with a brief background on water law in the Western U.S., this presentation will trace the development of Western US water management from a system that only allowed traditional economic uses, to a system that is slowly working to include environmental uses. Working from a practitioner's perspective, the presentation will then discuss mechanisms and motivations for protecting environmental flows in Oregon and other states including the US Endangered Species Act, indigenous access rights, and environmental water markets. Finally, the presentation will compare US environmental flow protection with Australia's efforts to find lessons that each country can learn from the other.

When: Thursday 28th January, 4pm

Where: SA Water
VS 1, SA Water Learning Centre
250 Victoria Square, Adelaide

**Registration is essential.
RSVP by 25 January :**

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David is the Senior Flow Restoration Manager for The Freshwater Trust, a Non-Profit organization located in Portland, Oregon on the west coast of the U.S.A. His work includes overseeing and implementing the environmental flow restoration work of The Freshwater Trust as well as working on water policy at both the state and federal level. David, an attorney, has a degree from the Colorado College in Environmental Biology and received his Juris Doctor from the Northwest School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. While at law school, David attained a certificate of specialization in natural resources law, focusing on water law. Thanks to the support of ICE WaRM and the South Australia Department of Water, Land, and Biodiversity Conservation, he is in Adelaide for 6 weeks studying Australian water reforms with an eye towards bringing key reform elements back to inform planning in his home state of Oregon.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

4:00pm

Introduction to ICE WaRM

4:10pm

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A Story About Cowboys, Indians, Fish and Markets”.
David Pilz, The Freshwater Trust
Portland, Oregon, USA

4:45pm- 5:15pm

Refreshments will be provided following the seminar