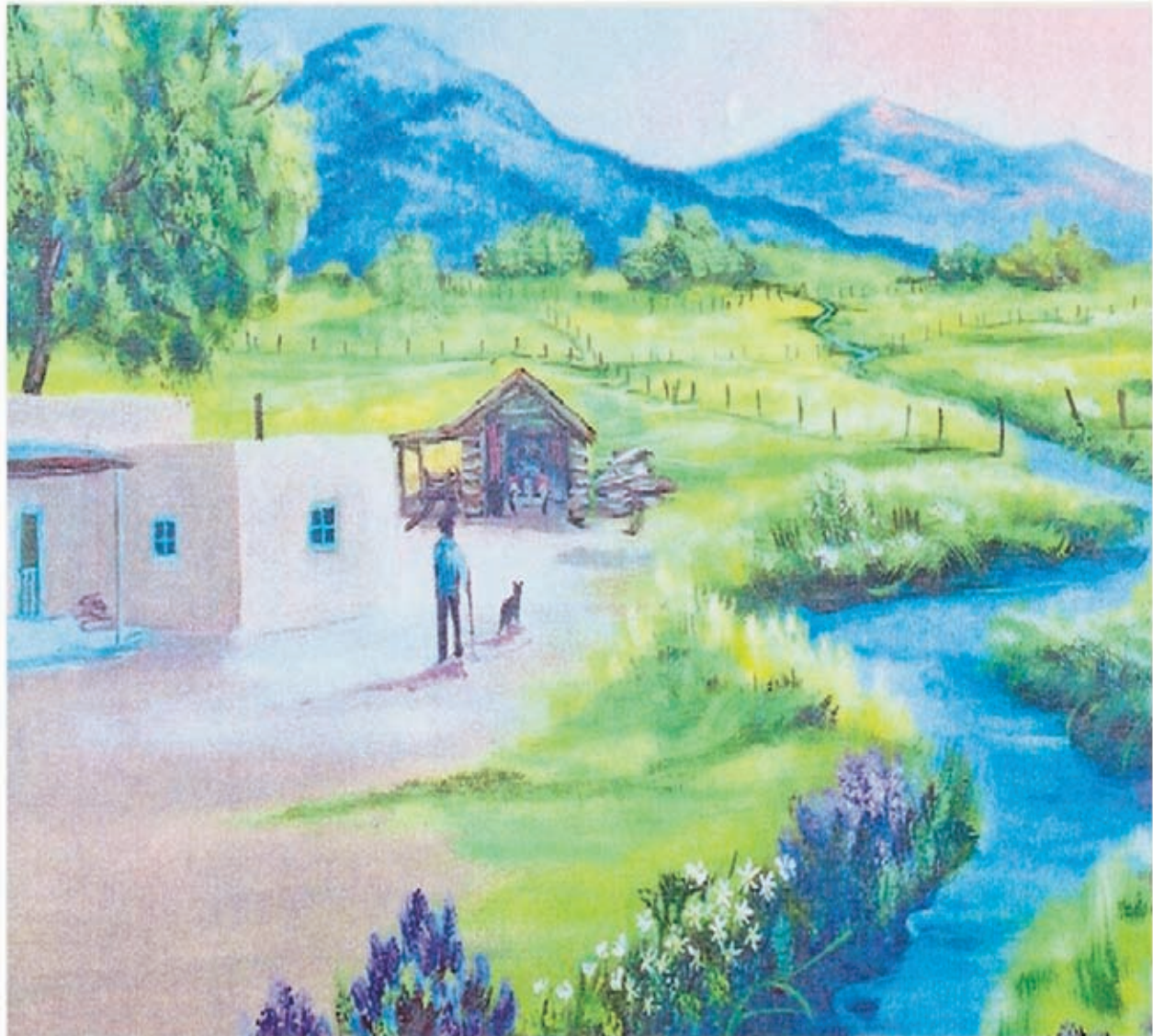


# Honoring Our Legacy, Planting Seeds for the Future

## 3rd Annual Land and Water Institute at

New Mexico Highlands University



May 19-20, 2008 — Las Vegas, New Mexico



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May 19, 2008

**9:30 am Keynote Presentation:**  
Regis Pecos, Chief of Staff to Ben Lujan, Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives

**Fulfilling Our Sacred Trust for Future Generations;  
Our Land, Our Home and Our Identity; Water, our Life Blood**

**10:30 am Youth Inspiring Hope for the Future, Sembrando Semillas:**

Toribio Garcia, How My Family Makes Chicos  
DJ Duran, Cattle Driven  
Margarita Garcia, Hacienda Posole

**Testimonials from Community Leaders**

Shirley Otero-Romero, Sangre de Cristo Land Grant  
Don Bustos, Santa Cruz Farm and Greenhouses  
Victor Mascarenas, Mobile Matanza, Taos County Economic Development Corp.

**12:30 pm Lunch**

**1:30 pm Challenges Facing Rio de las Gallinas Acequias, William Gonzales**

**2:00 pm Concurrent Sessions:**

Honoring Work Past and Current, Finding Common Ground for Next Steps  
Land and Water Rights Struggles: Janice Varela and Juan Sanchez  
Integrating Culture into Youth Education: Marcia Brendan and Miguel Santistevan  
Agricultural Revitalization: Leonard Ludi and Don Bustos

**3:30 pm Reflections from Breakout Groups**

**4:30 pm Closing**

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**8:30 am Overview of Community Mapping: Panel Discussion**

Quita Ortiz: Changing Land Use Patterns on Acequia de Alcalde  
Estevan Arellano: Mapping the Querencia: The Commons and the Uncommon  
Arnie Valdez: Memorias, Mapping, and Querencia  
Sylvia Rodriguez: Mapping the Irrigated and Sacred Landscape

**11:00 am Community Issues and Policy: Carmen Lopez**

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:00 pm Concurrent Sessions 1:**

Acequias: Defending Water and Protecting Farmland: Paula Garcia  
Land Grants: Strategies for Protecting and Recovering the Commons: Shirley Otero Romero  
Linking Universities to Community-Based Research: Manuel Garcia y Griego

**2:00 pm Break**

**2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions 2:**

Integrating Agricultural and Natural Resources Education into Schools: Eric Romero  
Local Food Production and Processing: Victor Mascarenas  
Creating Community-based Processes for Research and Documentation: Sylvia Rodriguez

**3:30 pm Reports from Breakouts: Major Themes for Program or Policy**

**4:30 pm Closing**

The Ben Lujan Leadership and Public Policy Institute was established in 2005 to prepare and empower the next generation of leaders to shape policy. The Institute continues to provide opportunities that bring students together with leaders from private, governmental and non-profit sectors to discuss public policy issues challenging Hispanic communities, the state and the nation.



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