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Southwest Climate Change Symposium Hosted in Tucson

On September 3-5, 1997, the Udall Center, with the Latin American Area Center, the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth, and other units at The University of Arizona, organized and hosted the Southwest Regional Climate Change Symposium and Workshop in Tucson. The program was sponsored by the U.S. Global Change Research Program and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Some 375 representatives of the private sector, government agency staff, elected and appointed officials, educators, scientists, and interested citizens attended the symposium.

The event aimed to increase understanding of both short-term and long-term climate change issues specific to the Southwest.

In a workshop the following day, nearly 100 participants contributed to defining a research agenda and information needs for various sectors impacted by climate change.

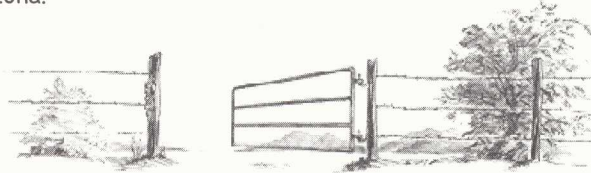
The event concluded with a small gathering to draft an outline and text for the conference report. For a copy of the report, contact the Udall Center.



"Environmental Conflict Resolution in the West" Conference Proceedings Available

More than 70 presenters appeared on 21 different panels at the "Environmental Conflict Resolution in the West" Conference hosted in Tucson this past April by the Udall Center and sponsored by the Morris K. Udall Foundation. These presentations are now available in a 250-page *Proceedings*.

The papers explore the facets of western environmental conflict resolution and are organized into three themes: identifying barriers to environmental conflict in the west, managing intergovernmental conflict, and moving from conflict to collaboration. The *Proceedings* are available and can be ordered from the Udall Center at a cost of \$10, with a check or money order only, payable to "The University of Arizona."



Congress Establishes Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution

The Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997 was recently passed by both houses of Congress and backed by the President.

The act creates the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution within the Morris K. Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency that shares office space with the Udall Center in Tucson.

During the past two years, the Center and Foundation have begun developing a program in environmental conflict resolution, particularly focused on the West.

The new Institute is intended to provide a neutral place inside the federal government, but outside the "Beltway," where public and private interests can reach common ground.

For more information, contact the Udall Foundation at (520) 670-5529 or the Udall Center at (520) 621-7189.



GRANTS RECEIVED

(July-October 1997)

Southwest Regional Climate Change Symposium and Workshop. \$75,000. U.S. Geological Survey. August 1997.

A Primer for Policymakers and Citizens on the Impacts of and Responses to Climate Change in the Southwestern U.S. \$20,000. National Park Service. September 1997.

Design and Implementation of a National Database for Dispute Resolution Professionals. \$65,000. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. October 1997.

Evaluation of the WaterWorks Program for The Pew Charitable Trusts. \$57,000. October 1997.

Udall Center Activities Supported by the Morris K. Udall Foundation, July 1, 1997-September 30, 1998. \$342,000. Morris K. Udall Foundation. October 1997.



Recent Acquisitions and the Resource Center

The Udall Center Resource Center has several projects underway, including: collection development on environmental conflict resolution, expansion of the U.S.-Mexico border environment collection, developing a searchable database for the Resource Center's entire 2,000-item collection, and making the database available on the Udall Center homepage.

The Resource Center contains books, reports, and periodicals on all aspects of public policy, with special collections on U.S.-Mexico border issues, environmental conflict resolution, water resources and environmental policy, and the policy dimensions of global change.

Recently, the Resource Center acquired more than 100 books on a variety of environmental issues. The latest issue of the Resource Center's quarterly newsletter, *Recent Acquisitions* (October 1997), features these books and the Center's holdings on the San Pedro River, environmental policy, and global change.

You can request a copy of *Recent Acquisitions* by contacting the Udall Center library manager, Rachel Yaseen, or by visiting the Resource Center, which is open between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.



Evaluation Underway for The Pew Charitable Trusts



A new project at the Udall Center this fall is an evaluation for The Pew Charitable Trusts of the WaterWorks program in Texas and New Mexico.

The goals of the \$3.5-million WaterWorks program are to remedy water-related threats to the environment and public health in *colonias* (unplanned communities) in the U.S.-Mexico border region. WaterWorks hopes to promote the well-being of low-income colonia residents through the development of low-cost, self-help water supply and wastewater treatment facilities.

The Udall Center's role is to assess the performance of and prospects for the continuation of the WaterWorks program.

A team of principal researchers and graduate assistants has been traveling to Las Cruces, El Paso, Corpus Christi, Eagle Pass, Austin, and Santa Fe to attend meetings and visit the sites of the case studies.

The evaluation is expected to conclude in May 1998 with a final report and recommendations forwarded to the Trusts.

New Electronic Forum on North American Environmental Issues

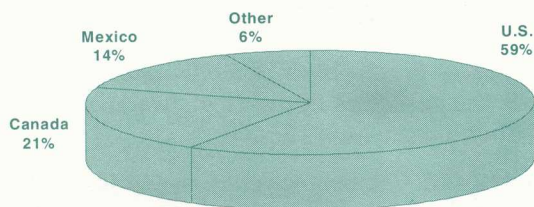
The Udall Center has recently designed and implemented an electronic discussion group related to the trinational Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC). This new forum, *CECnet*, encourages exchanges in English, Spanish, or French on issues relevant to the North American environment and to the agenda and work of the CEC.

CECnet is modeled after the highly-regarded listserv, *BECCnet*—also established and maintained by the Udall Center—which, with more than 500 subscribers, provides a forum for public participation in regard to the U.S.-Mexico Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC).

The CEC—formed in 1994 in accordance with the environmental provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)—addresses North American environmental concerns, helps prevent potential trade and environmental conflicts, and promotes the effective enforcement of environmental laws in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

Since the CECnet's inception in October 1997, nearly 220 persons from 11 nations have subscribed to the listserv. Statements and questions are posed by CECnet's coordinators to keep the communication lively and focused.

CECnet Membership by Country



How to Subscribe to CECnet

CECnet is open to anyone interested in the work of the CEC or environmental issues of common concern in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

To subscribe to CECnet, send an email message to "listserv@listserv.arizona.edu" and leave the subject prompt or dialog box blank. For your message, type "subscribe CECnet *your name*" and a return message will confirm your subscription.

Events Hosted by the Udall Center

(September-December 1997)

In addition to the Southwest Regional Climate Change Symposium and Workshop (see notice on front page), the Udall Center hosted or cosponsored several other events during autumn 1997:

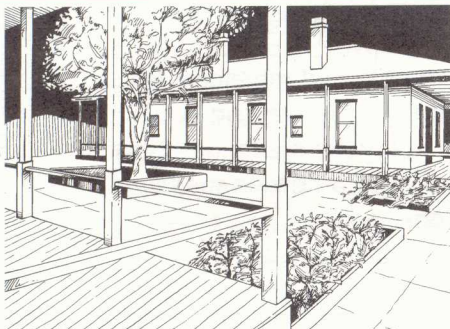
Event	Date/Location	Organization
Seventh Annual Conference of the Society for Environmental Journalists	October 2-5 Tucson, AZ	Society for Environmental Journalists—cosponsored by the Morris K. Udall Foundation and The University of Arizona
Workshop on "Coping with Scarcity in the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Drainage Basin: Lessons Learned from the Droughts of 1993-1996"	November 10-12 Cuernavaca, Mexico	International Transboundary Resources Center at The University of New Mexico—cosponsored by the School of Social Ecology at the University of California-Irvine and the Ford Foundation
Workshop on "Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment in North America"	December 12 Tucson, AZ	Commission for Environmental Cooperation and the Western Governors' Association

Article Assesses the Border Environment Cooperation Commission

An article published recently in the *Journal of Borderlands Studies*—and prepared by researchers at the Udall Center—explores the activities in the first two years of the U.S.-Mexico Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC).

BECC was established in 1993 as part of the U.S.-Mexico negotiation for NAFTA. The Commission is designed as a technical-assistance and coordination agency to aid local communities in their efforts to improve environmental conditions.

In the article, "The U.S.-Mexican Border Environment Cooperation Commission: Collected Perspectives on the First Two Years," the authors (Robert G. Varady, David Colnic, Robert Merideth, and Terry Sprouse) define and analyze the characteristics of BECC's design, and integrate invited commentary from BECC observers along both sides of the border within the assessment. A reprint of this article is now available upon request from the Udall Center.



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