

## Acknowledgements

Thanks to all of our panelists, Marisela Trujillo, Martín Durán, Cliff Sanchez, and Senator Carlos Cisneros, for taking the time to contribute their knowledge and experience with us.

We'd also like to thank *Carlos Medina y Trio los Gallos* for providing the entertainment for the luncheon.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND ACEQUIEROS WHO CONTINUE TO DEFEND ACEQUIA WATER RIGHTS AND CARRY ON OUR AGRICULTURAL TRADITIONS.

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# Congreso de las Acequias

Saturday, November 12th, 2011

Santa Fe Community Convention Center

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8:30 am Registration

9:15am Welcome & Opening Remarks, Paula García, Executive Director  
*Performance by David García, "Canción de las Acequias"*

9:30am Bendición de las Aguas

10:15am Roll Call

10:30am Annual Report  
NMAA 2011 Highlights  
Mayordomo Project – Video Introduction  
Sembrando Semillas Youth Project – Slide Show  
Escuelita de las Acequias – Overview

11:00am Plenary  
"Acequia Grown: USDA Programs for Acequia Farmers and Ranchers"  
"Acequia Funding-Looking Ahead"

12:00pm Recognition of Dignitaries

12:15pm LUNCHEON  
Live Music  
Recognition of Literary Contribution  
Announcement of Acequia Photo Contest Winners

1:30pm *Performance by David García, "Los Mayordomos"*  
NMAA Business  
Update on NMAA Planning Process  
Acequia Statement to New State Engineer, Scott Verhines  
Resolutions  
Elections

### PLENARY DETAILS

Panelists include Marisela Trujillo, El Rincón Farm; Martín Durán, Luna Canyon Cattle Company; Cliff Sanchez, NRCS; and Senator Carlos Cisneros. The *"Acequia Grown: USDA Programs for Acequia Farmers and Ranchers"* topic is intended to provide the audience with real-life stories surrounding successes and struggles with USDA programs. *"Acequia Funding-Looking Ahead"* will be presented by Senator Carlos Cisneros, who will give an overview of state funding for acequias in the coming year. Additionally, there will be discussion of creating a statewide acequia funding package.

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### Recognition of Literary Contribution

Enrique Lamadrid is the Chair of the Spanish Department at UNM and former director of Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies. His research efforts include Southwest Hispanic and Latin American folklore and folk music, Chicano literature, and literary recovery projects. He's being honored for his ongoing financial contribution to NMAA for the sale of a children's book that he co-authored, "Juan the Bear and the Water of Life/ La Acequia de Juan del Oso". Lamadrid donated the royalties of the book to the NMAA which is greatly appreciated.

Estevan Arellano is a founding member of La Academia de la Nueva Raza. He's an accomplished poet, historian, farmer and journalist from Embudo, New Mexico. He co-authored "Juan the Bear and the Water of Life/ La Acequia de Juan del Oso". The NMAA honors Arellano for his significant and ongoing contribution to the acequia movement by sharing his knowledge through a significant body of literary works.

### ACEQUIA PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Best Photo in Contest	Lucía Sánchez of La Villita, NM; Acequia de Alcalde
Best Photo in Acequia Category	Arnold Valdez of La Cienega, Acequia de la Cienega
Best Photo in Cultural Landscape Category	Patricio García of Rio Chama, Acequia de los Garcías
Best Photo in Food & Seed Traditions Category	Estevan Arellano of Embudo, Acequia de la Plaza
Best Photo in Regando Category	Lisa Shepard of Truchas, Acequia de la Sierra.

We'd also like to thank all the other photo contest participants including María C. Gallegos, Donne Gonzales, Josie Lujan, Joseph Montes, Dave Shepard, Ed Suazo, and Ralph Vigil. They submitted such beautiful photos, which are featured in our 2012 Acequia Calendar. It's wonderful knowing that there are folks out there who are documenting the traditions and customs of acequia culture in their respective communities.