

**The Instream Flow Council announces an interactive conference...**



## **Interdisciplinary Solutions to Instream Flow Problems**

**San Antonio, Texas  
October 7-9, 2008**



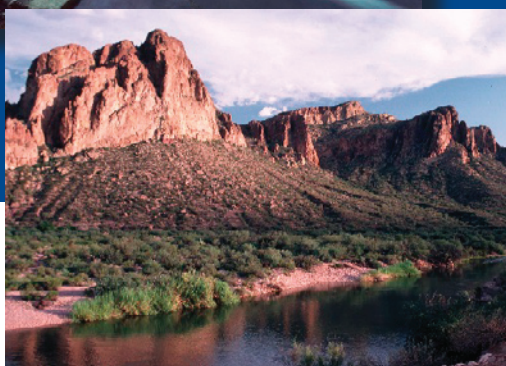
- Find inspiration, tools, personal contacts and references to address instream flow issues in your community.
- Contribute strategies to improve instream flow problem-solving in the U.S. and Canada.
- Visit historic San Antonio.



The Alamo in San Antonio

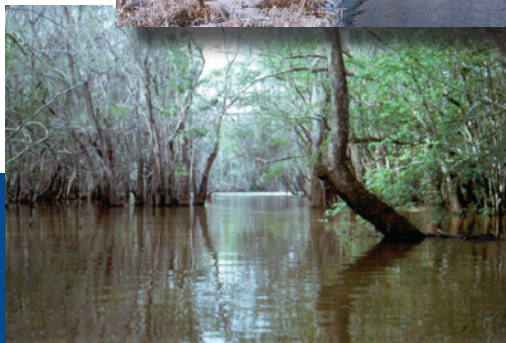
### **Who should attend:**

Biologists, hydrologists, attorneys/lawyers, engineers, educators, policy makers, consultants, representatives of tribes, state/provincial and federal water and resource management agencies, universities, industry and interest groups. We encourage participation by parties representing all perspectives of water use issues.



### **This conference will enable you to:**

- Build collaborative decision-making skills in a session with Professor Larry Susskind of Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation.
- Learn about creative, interdisciplinary tools and approaches to instream flow problem-solving.
- Explore the latest developments in instream flow science, policy and public dialogue.
- Showcase your company or organization to hundreds of conference participants with an exhibit booth.
- Submit a poster featuring new instream flow science, policy or collaborative case studies.
- Share instream flow experiences and strategies with professionals from a variety of sectors and disciplines.
- Participate in one of three concurrent pre-conference technical workshops (October 6th).



### **FLOW 2008 is endorsed by:**

- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
  - American Water Resources Association
  - Canadian Water Resources Association
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) certification is being pursued.

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## Conference Highlights

- panel discussions ■ case studies ■ networking
- scientific exchange ■ interactive sessions

**Achieving Excellence: New Approaches to Collaborative Instream Flow Problem-Solving.** Harvard University Professor Larry Susskind offers a 2.5-hour highly interactive short course explaining new methods for finding balance between science, diverse interests, and laws and policies.

### Keynote Speakers

**Banquet: Charles Wilkinson**, distinguished university professor, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School, specializing in federal public land law, Indian law and water law, and author of 13 books, including *Blood Struggle*, featured on public radio.

**Closing Lunch: Sandra Postel**, Director of the Global Water Policy Project and Visiting Senior Lecturer in Environmental Studies at Mount Holyoke College, is a leading authority and prolific author on international water issues.

**Panel: “State of the Art - Instream Flow Science, Policy and Public Dialogue.”** A panel of experts will present their work; interactive discussion will follow. Moderated by **Brian Richter** of The Nature Conservancy.

**Interactive Sessions.** Facilitated sessions discussing how to overcome obstacles and realize opportunities; and how to better integrate instream flow science, policy and public dialogue. Participants will contribute to an action plan. Regional breakouts included.

**Experiences and Perspectives - Instream Flow Problem-Solving Case Studies.** A series of case study perspectives and “lessons learned” from Nebraska, Connecticut, British Columbia and Florida.

## Pre-Conference Workshops, Monday, October 6th

These workshops will run concurrently. Space is limited so reserve early.

**Workshop #1: What About Those High Flows? Environmental Flow Requirements for High Flows on Streams and Rivers.** The workshop will present speakers and topics on high flow subjects important to natural resource management on natural and regulated rivers.

**Moderator: Alan Wald, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.**

**Workshop #2: Use of the MesoHabitat Simulation Model (MesoHABSIM) for Instream Habitat Assessments.** Learn how this model can simulate habitat changes at the watershed scale. **Instructor: Piotr Parasiewicz, Rushing Rivers Institute.**

**Workshop #3: The Nature Conservancy’s Tools & Methods for Developing Environmental Flow Recommendations.** Learn TNC’s collaborative process, software tools and adaptive management framework. **Instructors: The Nature Conservancy, Global Freshwater Team.**

## Call for Posters and Exhibitors

We welcome abstracts for the poster session that: 1) Provide creative, interdisciplinary tools and approaches to instream flow problem-solving; 2) Explore the latest developments in instream flow science, policy and public dialogue; and/or 3) Contribute case studies of collaborative strategies that have established instream flow policies.

**Exhibits:** *FLOW 2008* is expected to draw at least 350 representatives of industry, academia, law firms, nongovernment organizations, consultants, agencies and tribes. Reserve early to showcase your work or services! Exhibitors receive \$150 off conference registration.



Professor Larry Susskind, of Harvard Law School’s Program on Negotiation, will teach an interactive short course on Tuesday and serve as facilitator for interactive sessions.



Sandra Postel, Director of the Global Water Policy Project will be the keynote speaker at the closing lunch.



Charles Wilkinson, University of Colorado Law Professor, will give the featured keynote at the banquet.



Brian Richter, of The Nature Conservancy’s Global Freshwater Team, will moderate the “State of the Art” Panel.



Nebraska’s Platte River will be featured as a case study.



Enjoy a special evening at the Buckhorn Museum and Saloon.



**Conference Information**

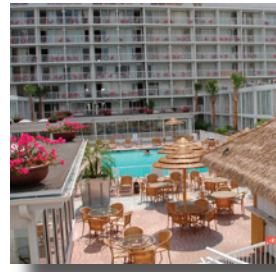
**Location:** *FLOW 2008* will be held at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel in downtown San Antonio. From the hotel, guests can stroll along San Antonio’s famous Riverwalk, and visit the Alamo or the Rivercenter Mall and Imax Theater.

**Accommodations:** *FLOW 2008* organizers have negotiated a federal per diem rate of \$112 (exclusive of taxes) for a single or double room. The rate is available for three days before and three days after the conference if you’re planning on making your San Antonio conference experience into a vacation.

The El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel includes a fitness center, pool, business services and wireless Internet. There is a restaurant on site and a tiki bar with live entertainment. A variety of transportation options are available from the airport. Learn more at [www.eltropicanohotel.com](http://www.eltropicanohotel.com).

**Reservations:** Use the conference website to make hotel reservations or call toll free: (866) 293-1842 or (888) 465-4329 (Holiday Inn Worldwide) or email: [reservations@eltropicanohotel.com](mailto:reservations@eltropicanohotel.com). Use the following three-letter “group code” to ensure you get the specially negotiated rates for the Instream Flow Council’s *FLOW 2008* room block: employees of Texas state government: IFS; all others: IFF. The hotel requires at least one night’s deposit upon making your reservation.

**Conference Registration:** The conference fee is \$350 through August 15 and \$425 thereafter. A subsidized rate of \$195 is available to students up until the conference. Late registrations will be accepted at the conference on a space available basis. Conference fees include receptions, breaks and lunches. An additional \$20 ticket is needed for the banquet. You can register online at [www.instreamflowcouncil.org](http://www.instreamflowcouncil.org). In addition to cost savings, the benefits of registering early include participating in a pre-conference survey, receiving a free copy of Professor Susskind’s latest book and ensuring onsite lodging. Partial scholarships may be available for staff of small NGOs (see website).



El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel: a fun, newly renovated hotel on San Antonio’s Riverwalk.



The Riverwalk.

**Registration Form**

Please use this form **ONLY** if you are unable to register online.

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**Pre-Conference Workshops, Oct. 6th:** (Circle only one. Workshops are simultaneous.)  
 Workshop #1                      Workshop #2                      Workshop #3      \$125 x   1   = \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Conference Pre-Registration.**  
 (Paid by 8/15/08. Includes receptions, breaks and lunches.)      \$350 x   1   = \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Conference Full Registration.**  
 (Paid after 8/15/2008. Includes receptions, breaks and lunches.)      \$425 x   1   = \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Registration.** (Includes receptions, breaks and lunches.)  
 Guest name(s): \_\_\_\_\_      \$150 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Tickets. (For full conference registrants or guests only.)**      \$ 20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Registration.** (Includes receptions, breaks and lunches.)      \$195 x   1   = \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit Booths.** (\$375/booth for nonprofits and agencies, \$750 for others.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Exhibitors who also register for the conference receive \$150 off their fee.)      (-\$150) = \_\_\_\_\_

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