

The Quivira Coalition's 7th Annual Conference
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Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM

Building Resilience: Creating Hope in an Age of Consequences

Although no one knows precisely what the decades ahead will bring, there are enough indicators to say with confidence that the 21st century represents a new era. Whether the concern is climate change, peak oil, overpopulation, species extinction, food and water shortages, or something else, the challenges ahead are varied and daunting.

They are elements of the *Age of Consequences* – the era in which we, and subsequent generations, begin to grapple with the cumulative effects of two hundred years of full-throttle industrialism. It is not just about the effects of greenhouse gases or toxic wastes, but also our decisions. Action has consequences, of course, but so does *inaction* – and we did plenty of both last century.

This conference will feature stories of resilience and hope. Speakers will explore both the nature of the challenges ahead, as well as, instructive examples of endurance, co-existence and renewal. The three day event will begin with David Jonah Western, renowned Kenyan conservationist, who will examine the “Ivory Wars” and future of the African elephant (perhaps in North America?).

Other highlights include: Wes Jackson, The Land Institute in Kansas; Lance Gunderson, a resilience ecologist from Emory University; Eric Blinman, Director of NM's Office of Archaeological Studies; Mark Sardella and David Bacon, local energy experts; Logan Fisher, co-owner, Earl-Fisher Biofuels; Dr. Darryl Birkenfeld, Executive Director, Ogallala Commons and others.

The resilient ranch and our relationship and dependence on livestock will be explored by two Maasai herders from Kenya; Michel Meuret, a French animal scientist; and Navajo sheepherders involved in the program “Sheep is Life”.

For full agenda and to register: www.quiviracoalition.org or 505-820-2544

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