



17th Annual Water Conference

Hilton Mission Bay Resort

1775 East Mission Bay Drive - San Diego, California

August 25, 26-27, 2010

CONFERENCE AGENDA

“Wanted – Regional Water Solutions”

Wednesday – August 25, 2009

5:00 p.m. – Preconference Reception for Urban Water Institute Members, Exhibitors & Sponsors. *(Must RSVP For This Reception)*

6:30 p.m. – Delta Dinner *(Separate Charge – Advance Registration Required)*

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Delta Roundtable Discussion

Introductions: Ane Deister, Vice President Water Resources and Executive Services, Brown and Caldwell

Thursday – August 26, 2009

8:00 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast - Exhibits

8:30 a.m. – Welcome and Introductions

Darryl Miller - Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

Stephen Bucknam, Jr. - Chairman, Urban Water Institute, Bucknam & Associates

8:40 a.m. – Welcome from the City of San Diego

Jerry Sanders – Mayor of San Diego

Mayor Sanders has been working at every level to improve long-term water reliability for San Diego. He has urged San Diegans to prepare for a future where water is no longer taken for granted. He continues looking for opportunities to purchase additional water rights, expand ground water resources, and work side-by-side with other agencies and the private sector engaged in expanding desalination and water reclamation options.

9:00 a.m. – California's Water Future?

Mark Stuart –Southern Region Chief, California Department of Water Resources

With the Water Bond election postponed to 2012, what is California's water future? DWR has a state water plan, but can it be accomplished? As water agencies maximize local water resources and encourage conservation, we still need to increase the efficiency and flow of our state wide distribution systems. What will the Department of Water Resources do to make it happen?

9:45 a.m. – Myths and Realities of Global Warming and Sustainability

Introduction: Darryl Miller - Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

Glen MacDonald – University of California Presidential Chair and Director of the UCLA Institute of the Environment

Professor MacDonald is an excellent communicator/speaker and does not see our world as all doom and gloom. Environment and sustainability challenges we face have brought together many industry and institutional sectors offering a rare chance to create not just a better environment, but a more sustainable and vigorous economy.

10:15 a.m. – Break - Exhibits

10:45 a.m. – California Water Myths

Introduction: James Noyes – Former Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Ellen Hanak – Senior Fellow and Director of Research at the Public Policy Institute

California faces enormous challenges in establishing a sustainable path for water resource management. One challenge is the rhetoric surrounding major water issues in the state. She will present eight common water myths, focusing on water supply, delta ecosystems, and legal and governance issues. She will also provide a practical approach to dealing with key statewide water policy and management issues.

11:15 a.m. – Water and Agriculture Update in California

Introduction: Larry Dick – Director with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

A.G. Kawamura - Director, Secretary of California State Department of Food and Agriculture

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed A.G. Kawamura as secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture in November 2003. Prior to his appointment, Secretary Kawamura was active as a produce grower and shipper from Orange County, where his third-generation farming family still grows strawberries, green beans and other specialty crops. He is passionate about sustaining adequate water resources for both agriculture and urban entities and is an excellent communicator/speaker.

12:00 p.m. – Lunch and Keynote Speaker --The State Water Bond – Ready for 2012?

Introduction: John Thornton – Vice President, Water Resources, Psomas

Paul Kelley – President, Association of California Water Agencies, Sonoma County Board Supervisor, Director Sonoma County Water Agency

Originally planned for a vote by the public in 2010, the \$11 Billion state water bond will be delayed until 2012 due to the current poor economy and fiscal problems facing our state budget. How will the bond be changed for the 2012 election? Will the current diverse list of supports of the bond continue to support the bond in 2012? What should local water agencies do between now and 2012 to prepare for the 2012 election. What happens if it passes in 2012? What happens if it doesn't pass in 2012?

1:00 p.m. -- 1:30 p.m. – Break – Exhibits

1:30 p.m. – State & Federal Contractors Water Agency – A New Important Agency

Introduction: - Wayne Clark – Former Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

Byron Buck, Executive Director, State & Federal Contractors Water Agency

Steve Robbins, General Manager, Chief Engineer, Coachella Valley Water District

This new JPA will be a very influential organization that could become the state's principal water supplier. Learn why it was formed, who is represented on the agency, and what is the most likely agenda or priority for the agency.

2:30 p.m. – Federal Legislative Perspective

Introduction: Darryl Miller - Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

Hal Furman, President of the Furman Group in Washington D.C.

The Federal process for supporting water infrastructure development is currently a low priority compared to more pressing national issues the administration is pursuing. Given this, what new approaches and programs are being pursued and what will the level of federal funding continue to be?

3:00 p.m. – Open Microphone Discussion on Policy Issues Related to Developing “New Water” Supplies

Kevin Hunt – General Manager, Municipal Water District of Orange County

In our audience are water leaders within the state. This facilitated session encourages audience participation from you for discussion of what changes are needed to allow more aggressive development of local water resources and exchanges between agencies. A summary of the discussion will be provided to attendees shortly after the conference. Please come prepared with your ideas!

4:00 p.m. – Federal Leadership Perspective from Congresswoman Napolitano

Introduction: Howard Arnold – Division Vice President, Tetra Tech, Inc.

Congresswomen Grace Napolitano – Chair, Water and Power Subcommittee

The Congresswoman is a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources since the 106th Congress and was selected the Chair of the Water and Power Subcommittee for the 110th Congress and will continue to serve as Subcommittee Chairwoman in the current 111th Congress. She has been an avid promoter of conservation, water recycling, desalination, and groundwater management and storage as ways to fulfill Southern California's need for adequate water quality and supply. She is proud of her legislative efforts on a number of fronts regarding the Delta, water infrastructure funding, and promotion of the use of advanced technologies.

5:00 p.m. – Adjourn

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – Chairman's Reception

Friday – August 27, 2009

8:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast – Exhibits

8:30 a.m. - Keynote Speaker

Introduction: Stephen Bucknam, Jr. - Chairman, Urban Water Institute

Terrance Fulp – Deputy Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Can water agencies in the Southwest better respond to climate impacts and drought by more aggressive adaptation to water shortages and population growth by conservation and possible agriculture to urban water transfers? What does U.S. Bureau of Reclamation envision for the future of the Southwest?

9:15 a.m. – Future of the Quantification Settlement Agreement and Salton Sea - Panel

Moderator: Peer Swan, Director, Irvine Ranch Water District

Malissa Hathaway McKeith, Attorney, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith

Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Kevin Kelley – Assistant to the General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

Fred Bell – Vice President, Valley Action Group

Dan Hentschke, General Counsel, San Diego County Water Authority

Last January, a Superior Court negated the QSA because of a lack of Salton Sea funding. The case is stayed on appeal. What is the most likely scenario for the future of this water exchange agreement that is vital to the Southern California Region?

10:45 a.m. – Break – Exhibits

11:15 a.m. - The Southern Nevada Experience

Introduction: Robert Siemak - Vice Chairman, Urban Water Institute

Patricia Mulroy - General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority

Southern Nevada must continue to preserve existing water supplies while developing new water resource supplies to meet future demands. Pat Mulroy is the key leader orchestrating their strategy and efforts, which includes partnering with bordering state and regional agencies to identify win-win projects for the southwest U.S.

12:00 p.m. – Adjourn Conference - Lunch on your own

12:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Luncheon and Meeting

Program Agenda Is Subject To Change

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