



**Urban Water Institute's Spring Water Conference
February 27- March 1, 2019
Palm Springs Hilton**

Changing Times – Tools to Balance in the Wild Water World

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. – Board of Directors' Meeting and Brunch (room TBD)

Conference Program

12:00 p.m. - Registration, Networking & Exhibits (Sorrento Ballroom)

1:00 p.m. - Opening Remarks & Introduction
Greg Quist, Chairman, Urban Water Institute

1:15 p.m. - Welcome to Palm Springs
Palm Springs Mayor, Robert Moon (*Invited*)

1:30 p.m. - Bay Delta – Where are we, NOW?
Larry Dick, Board Member, Metropolitan Water District, Moderator
Karla Nemeth, Director, Department of Water Resources
Joaquin Esquivel, Board member, State Water Resources Control Board
Jennifer Pierre, General Manager, State Water Contractors
Steve Rothert, California Regional Director, American Rivers

2:15 p.m. – Unintended Consequences of Water Conservation and How to fix it
Lisa Ohlund, General Manager, East Orange County Water District, Moderator
Bhavani Yerrapotu, Deputy Operating Office, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Kurt Schwabe, Professor, UC Riverside

3:00 p.m. - Networking Break – Sponsored by Upper San Gabriel Valley Metropolitan Water District

3:15 p.m. – Busting the Water Myths
Rich Nagel, Vice President, Jacobs Engineering
Ken Weinberg, Delta Stewardship Council
Charlie Wilson, Executive Director, Southern California Water Coalition

4:45 p.m. – Adjourn

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Welcome Reception – Sponsored by Carollo Engineers, Inc.

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:45 a.m. - Registration, Networking, Exhibits & Continental Breakfast – Sponsored by Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

8:15 a.m. - Opening Remarks/Getting to Know your Exhibitors

Ane Deister, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

8:30 a.m. – To Flow or Not to Flow - How Sanitation Water should be Allocated to Ecosystems vs. Recycling

Jennifer West, Managing Director, CA WaterReuse, Moderator

Erinn Wilson, Program Manager, California Fish and Wildlife

Paul Prestia, Division Engineer, Sanitation District of Los Angeles County

Aaron Ferguson, Attorney, Somach Simmons & Dunn

Patricia Fernandez, State Water Resources Control Board (*Invited*)

9:15 a.m. – Tapping into the World of Possibilities for the Largest Potable Reuse Project in the World

Paul Brown, Consultant, Moderator

Deven Upadhyay, Assistant General Manager, Metropolitan Water District

Tom Love, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Ray Tremblay, Facilities Planning Director, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

10:15 a.m. – Proposition 1 - Storage Project Grants - Success Stories

Paul Weghorst, Executive Director for Water Policy, Irvine Ranch Water District

Prabhakar Somavarapu, District Engineer, Sac Regional Sanitation District

Jim Watson, General Manager, SITES Project

11:15 a.m. - Networking Break – Sponsored by Irvine Ranch Water District

11:30 a.m. – The Story Behind Passage of the Future Water Measure in Los Angeles County - Measure W

Mark Pestrella, Director, Los Angeles County Public Works

12:30 p.m. - Conference Luncheon – Sponsored by Meyers Nave

1:30 p.m. – Colorado River Shortage: Drought Contingency Plan

Chris Harris, Executive Director, Colorado River Board, Moderator

Chuck Cullom, Manager, Colorado River Programs for the Central Arizona Project

Bill Hasencamp, Manager, Colorado River Resources for Metropolitan Water District

Tina Shields, Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

Jack Simes, Planning Officer, US Bureau of Reclamation

2:45 p.m. – Troubled Waters: Tribal Challenges and Solutions to Allocation in the 21st Century

Malissa Hathaway McKeith, Esq., President, CURE, Moderator

Heather Welles, Legal Counsel, Coachella Valley Water District, O'Melveny & Myers

Catherine Munson, Legal Counsel, Agua Caliente, Kilpatrick Townsend

3:30 p.m. - Networking Break – Sponsored by Coachella Valley Water District

3:45 p.m. – Post Elections Update

Ane Deister, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute, Moderator
Eric Sapirstein, President ENS Resources
Michael Boccadoro, President, West Coast Advisors
John Withers, Partner, California Strategies, LLC

4:45 pm - Adjourn

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Chairman’s Reception – Sponsored by DUDEK

Friday, March 1, 2019

7:45 a.m. - Registration, Networking, Exhibits & Buffet Breakfast – Sponsored by Western Municipal Water District

8:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks

Ane Deister, Executive Director, Urban Water Institute

8:45 a.m. – Keynote Speaker: George Hawkins (former CEO, DC Water)

The Bumpy Road to the Utility of the Future: The Water Industry's Moonshot

9:45 a.m. – SGMA – Is the dream still alive?

John Thornton, Partner, Hunt Thornton Resource Strategies, Moderator
Taryn Ravazzini, Deputy Director, California Department of Water Resources
Trevor Joseph, Consultant, Stantec

10:45 a.m. – Communicating with the Public: What to do; what not to do

Beth Beeman, Director Public Affairs, Irvine Ranch Water District, Moderator
Janet Yamaguchi, Vice President, Education, Discovery Cube (Ret.)
Phil Rostentrater, General Manager/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority
Ron Wildermuth, (Ret.)

11:45 a.m. - Chairman’s Raffle

Conference Adjourns