

ACWA LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 6, 2019 • SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER 2019

AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Meeting Room 202 / Sacramento Convention Center

9:00 - 9:10 AM

Welcome Remarks

Brent Hastey, ACWA President

Brian Poulsen, Chair, ACWA State Legislative Committee

9:10 - 9:15 AM

ACWA Outreach Program Update

Cristel Tufenkjian, Director of External Affairs, Kings River Conservation District

9:15 - 10:45 AM

Safe and Affordable Drinking Water

Over the last several years, the Legislature has both passed and rejected proposals related to safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities. Last year the Legislature rejected a measure for a statewide water tax as a revenue source. This year Governor Newsom is advancing a similar proposal – based on the SB 623 (Monning, 2017) framework. At the same time, ACWA and the California Municipal Utilities Association are advancing a funding solution that does not require a statewide water tax – a Safe Drinking Water Trust. Come hear the latest about these proposals.

Moderator:

Adam Quinonez, Senior Legislative Advocate, ACWA

Panelists:

Casey Creamer, President/CEO, California Citrus Mutual

Paul Jones, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District

Phoebe Seaton, Director, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director of Government Relations, ACWA

10:45 - 11:00 AM

Break



AGENDA continued

11:00 AM - Noon

Groundwater Recharge Legislation

With the passage of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, many water agencies are focused on the sustainability of water basins. For some agencies, sustainability includes groundwater recharge projects. Various legislative initiatives have attempted to create a regulatory framework to permit groundwater recharge projects. In 2018, AB 2649 proposed a streamlined 5-year permit process that would allow water agencies to divert water under peak flow conditions to underground water storage for beneficial use.

This panel will delve into the details of a potential groundwater recharge permit, projects eligible for a permit, and the policy considerations of groundwater recharge and beneficial use.

Moderator:

Alf Brandt, Senior Counsel, Office of Speaker Anthony Rendon

Panelists:

Dr. Joaquin Arambula, California Assembly Member, District 31

Erik Ekdahl, Deputy Director, State Water Resources Control Board

John Woodling, Executive Director, Regional Water Authority

NOON - 1:30 PM

Luncheon Program

Meeting Room 203 / Sacramento Convention Center

Keynote Speaker: Senator Henry Stern

1:30 - 4:30 PM

Outreach Opportunity

Here's your chance to participate in grassroots outreach by scheduling a meeting with your own local State Senator and/or State Assembly member in their Sacramento offices in advance across the street in the Capitol, after the Symposium.

Programs are subject to change without notice.

Attendance at this event by a public official will constitute acceptance of a reportable gift.