

ACWA
LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM
MARCH 23, 2023 • SACRAMENTO 2023

AGENDA

📍 The Sutter Club • 1220 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

12:30 PM

Registration

Sutter Club

1:00 PM

Welcome Remarks

Pamela Tobin, ACWA President

Cathy Green, ACWA Vice President

Brian Poulsen, Chair, ACWA State Legislative Committee

1:15 PM

ACWA Outreach Program Update

Stacy Taylor, Policy Manager, Mesa Water District

1:30 PM

Water Infrastructure Panel

Adapting to California's changing climate will take a generational investment in water infrastructure. This not only includes creating more above and below-ground storage, but also diversifying water supplies through desalination and recycling, as well as improving flood protection and dam safety. This panel will focus on infrastructure investment, where funding might come from, and how it should be spent.

MODERATOR

Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies

PANELISTS

Liz Forsburg Pardi, State Policy Director, The Nature Conservancy

Kip Lipper, Senior Advisor, Office of the Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins

Michael Quigley, Executive Director, California Alliance for Jobs

2:45 PM

Break

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3:00 PM

Water Rights Panel

A series of bills have been introduced this legislative session that would result in significant changes to California's water right system. These bills propose to grant the State Water Resources Control Board new authority to issue interim relief orders against water diverters and users, curtail water diversions, and investigate water rights holders.

This program will include a discussion of legislation, the ability of the water rights system to respond to past and future challenges, and areas for improvement.

MODERATOR:

Brian Poulsen, General Counsel, El Dorado Irrigation District

PANELISTS:

Ryan Bezerra, Author of California Water Law and Partner at Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan

Pablo Garza, Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife

Ellen Hanak, Director of the PPIC Water Policy Center, Public Policy Institute of California

4:15 PM

Break

4:30 PM

A Conversation with Senator John Laird

Senator John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) Representing Senate District 17

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Networking Reception

Programs are subject to change without notice.