

ACWA Region 8 Event***The Future is Flowing: AI & Innovation in Water Management*****Friday, June 26, 2026 | 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m.****Location: Brookside Golf Club, Pasadena CA****Preliminary Program Agenda**

- 9:00 a.m. *Check- In & Networking Breakfast***
- 10:00 a.m. *ACWA Welcome: Key Organization & Advocacy Priorities***
Michael Cervantes, Senior Regional Affairs Representative, ACWA
Anthony Fellow, ACWA Region 8 Chair
Ernie Avila, ACWA President
Marwan Khalifa, Interim Executive Director, ACWA
Jennifer Jobe, Deputy Executive Officer, ACWA JPIA
- 10:30 a.m. *AI and Water Management: Building Security, Trust, and Resilience***
Dr. David L. Feldman PhD, Department of Urban Planning & Public Policy
School of Social Ecology, Director, Water UCI, University California, Irvine
- 11:15 a.m. *From Vision to Action: Elevating Water Priorities in California's Governor's Race***
Moderator: Chelsea Haines, Director of Regulatory Relations, ACWA

Dee Zinke, Chief External Affairs Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Joe Mouawad, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District
- 12:15 p.m. *Flowing Conversations Networking Lunch***
- 1:00 p.m. *From Concept to Practice: AI in Today's Water Agencies***
Moderator: Christopher Tull, Chief Data Officer, California Data Collaborative

Jenna Shimmin, Director of Water Use Efficiency, Eastern Municipal Water District

Lisa Haney, Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources, Orange County Water District

Patrick Atwater, Innovation Program Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Closing Remarks

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