

ACWA Region 10 Event**Navigating Uncertainty: Securing Southern California's Water Future****Wednesday, October 14, 2026****Program & Lunch: 9:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.****Tour: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.****Location: The Westin Carlsbad****Preliminary Program Agenda**

- 8:00 a.m. *Coffee, Connections & Check-In***
- 9:00 a.m. *ACWA Welcome: Key Organization & Advocacy Priorities***
Michael Cervantes, Senior Regional Affairs Representative, ACWA
George Murdoch, Chair, ACWA Region 10
Karla Nemeth, Executive Director, ACWA
Ernie Avila, President, ACWA
- 9:20 a.m. *Colorado River at a Crossroads: Negotiations, Risks and the Road Ahead***
Bill Hasencamp, Manager Colorado River Resources, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- 9:50 a.m. *Across State Lines: Forging a New Era of Colorado River Collaboration***
Moderator: Dana Frieauf, Director, Santa Fe Irrigation District
Panelists: Meena Westford, Director of Imported Water, San Diego County Water Authority

Patrick Sigl, Director of Water & Natural Resources Law, Salt River Project

Aron King, Southern California Area Office Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- 10:50 a.m. *Morning Networking Break***

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- 11:05 a.m. *Closer to Home: Unlocking Water Through Regional Exchanges and Reuse***
Moderator: Scott Maloni, Director, Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Panelists: Rick Shintaku, General Manager, South Coast Water District
Alex Heide, Principal Water Resources Specialist, San Diego County Water Authority
Joe Mouawad, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District
- 12:05 p.m. *Concluding Remarks***
Dana Frieauf, Vice Chair, ACWA Region 10
Carol Lee Gonzales – Brady, Vice President, ACWA
- 12:10 p.m. *Flowing Conversations Networking Lunch***
- 1:15 p.m. *Depart for Carlsbad Desalination Plant***
- 2:00 p.m. *From Ocean to Tap: A Tour Inside the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant***

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