

Larry Dick, MWD. Great speaker. "Create allies not antagonists. Hard to say no to your friends. Hard to say no when you understand why they are asking."

Bill Hassencamp, MWD: Very good presentation on the ACTUAL Colorado River story that should be in the news now, but isn't. Arizona and Nevada are pumping a lot so they can store it underground. New proposals shortchange California and differ from existing contractual agreements.

Good presentation from Mayors group....all were well aware of water issues and water planning, suggested we enlist their support for water infrastructure/legislation.

Eric Saperstein, ENS Resources: Food production causes 1/3 of climate change, second only to energy production.

Ray Tremblay, LA County Sanitation: Infrastructure LA projects...trying to leverage multiple sources of funding and obtain multiple benefits (energy, water, recreation, environmental, etc.) Steve Cole is a committee member for our area.

Peer Swan, IRWD: "We are on the top deck of a sinking ship. We need to go back to the old California ways and rise to meet challenges." Discussed costs and merits of Imperial Valley water situation.

"We have a responsibility to not end up in a bigger crisis than we have to."

"Met is 85% fixed cost"

Overall excellent points from excellent presenters. A decent balance of ag and urban. Highly recommend this conference.

DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

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Meeting Attended: The Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference

Date of Meeting: February 22-23, 2023 (did not attend February 24 session)

Board Meeting to Be Presented At: 03/07/2023.

Points Of Interest: Attended the Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference in Palm Springs Hilton on February 22 and 23. Due to family lodging arrangements, I could not attend the final session on February 24, Friday.

The theme of the conference was "And the Beat Goes on --- Time to change the Beat",

The first speakers on February 23 included a keynote address from Alex Tardy, Meteorologist, NOAA. He provided an overview of the weather pattern that we have been experiencing this wet season, so far. He emphasized that the sweet spot for weather prediction is 7 to 14 days out and everything else is speculation based on historical patterns.

The next session on February 23 was a panel discussion regarding who gets the water if we have a water crisis. The panelists included from MWDSC, Western Water, a resource consultant, agricultural water provider from San Joaquin Valley, and Dr Gould from UCLA. The biggest challenge is getting people to recognize that we are in a permanent drought and there is a need for water investment.

The last session on February 23 was a panel discussion on various perspectives getting the word out to the business community that we need investment in our infrastructure necessary to sustain the California's economic health. The panelists included a representative from the San Francisco Bay area council that presented a number of charts relating housing, homelessness and economics associated. Other panelists included two water district broad directors, resource consultant and a housing developer.

The first speaker on February 24 was Bill Hassencamp, MWDSC Manager of Colorado River Resources. He provided a very good update on the Colorado River. The update included a historical background of the Colorado River Compact and he presented the States present negotiations and possible agreements for Colorado River resource.

The first session on February 24 discussed relationships between the State's cities and counties decision makers and water agency decision makers. The panelists included council members discussing their relationships with the local water agencies serving their jurisdictions. The cities represented seem to have good relations with their water providers.

The remaining sessions include discussions on farmland reduction and its risks. Another session panel discussed innovations they are using to reduce water use and creating new water supplies. After the mid-afternoon break, Adan Ortega, Board Chair for MWDSC provided the latest happenings on the MWD Board. The last panelist session for February 24 discussed customer relations and messaging they are exploring in their respective agency and clients.

Conference agenda attached.

...And the beat goes on...Time to change the beat.

The Urban Water Institute's Spring Conference



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And The Beat Goes on . . . Time to Change the Beat

Wednesday, February 22, 2023: Resources- Physical, Fiscal, Verbal

12:00 p.m. - Registration & Networking (Horizon Ballroom Foyer)

1:00 p.m. - Opening Remarks & Introduction

- Andree Lee, Chairwoman, UWI

1:10 p.m. - Welcome to Palm Springs

- Mayor Grace Elena Garner, City of Palm Springs

1:25 p.m. - Opening Keynote: Alex Tardy, Warning Coordination and Senior Meteorologist, NOAA

Sets the stage for the 'elephant in the room' - is there enough water to go around?

- Introduction by Greg Quist, Director, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District

1:55 p.m. - Response: Is the Drum Beating?

Is there any water left? How bad is it? When supplies are limited - who gets what; who is left behind?

- Craig Miller, GM, Western Water
- Deven Upadhyay, AGM, MWD
- John Ruetten, President, Resource Trends
- **Response: Who gets the beatdown?**
- Jason Phillips, CEO, Friant Water Authority
- Dave Pedersen, General Manager, LVMWD
- Dr. Mark Gold, CA Natural Resources Agency, CA Coastal Commission, UCLA
- Moderator: Andree Lee, Chairwoman, UWI

3:30 p.m. - Networking Break - Sponsored by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Horizon Ballroom Foyer)

3:45 p.m. - Who is Beating the Drum; Who is Listening?

The water industry has been beating the drum to sound a warning of a systemic water supply shortage. Can anyone hear the warning outside the water industry? What is it going to take to convince the business community to advocate for and invest in the infrastructure necessary for this State's economic future?

- Adrian Covert, Sr. Pub Pol., Bay Area Council
- Randall Lewis, President, Lewis Mgmt Corp.
- Glenn Farrel, Statewide perspective
- Darcy Burke, Member of the Board, EVMWD
- Randy Fiorini, Managing Partner, Fiorini Ranch
- Larry Dick, Member of the Board, MWD
- Moderator: Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Water

5:30 p.m. - Welcome Reception - Sponsored By Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Poolside)

Thursday, February 23, 2023: Relationships

7:45 a.m. - Registration, Networking & Buffet Breakfast - Sponsored By Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (Horizon Ballroom Foyer)

8:00 a.m. - Intro and Summary from Day 1 Dave Pedersen, General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

8:15 a.m. - Colorado River Update Report - Bill Hassencamp, MWD Manager Colorado River Resources

9:00 a.m. - Who's on Beat, Who's off Beat, Who's Not Part of the Beat?

Featuring the need for and current state of the relationship between city and county decision makers and water agency decision makers.

- Mayor Deborah Robertson, City of Rialto
- Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, City of Riverside
- Mayor Jeremy Smith, City of Canyon Lake
- Co-Moderators: Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management & Technical Services & Steve Bucknam, President, Bucknam & Associates

10:30 a.m. - Bridging the Current Beat - Segue to New Beat.

Considering the current beat in DC and how it may change the beat of the future and facing the reality of the apparent beat to remove California farmlands from production - what is the national security risk?

- Eric Sapirstein, President, ENS Resources
- Randy Fiorini, Managing Partner, Fiorini Ranch
- Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Director of Regulatory and Economic Affairs, Milk Producers Council
- Moderator: Jason Phillips, CEO, Friant Water Authority

12:00 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored By SitelogIQ (Plaza Ballroom)



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Switching Gears: Changing the Beat

1:15 p.m. - Changing the Beat – Innovations Underway Today and New Ways to Meet the Water Deficit Challenge.

Climate change has made water supplies unpredictable. How do we take ownership of our water supply future? Hear how local agencies are developing new, drought resilient supplies through innovation and collaboration.

- Rick Shintaku, General Manager, South Coast Water District
- Keith Lilley, Deputy Director, Water Resources, LA County Public Works
- Tom Francis, Water Resource Manager, BAWSCA
- Jennifer West, Managing Director, WateReuse California
- Moderator: Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

2:30 p.m. - Update From MWD Board Chair

Adan Ortega, Chair of the Board at MWD will share the latest information - what's on deck, what may be changing.

3:00 p.m. - Networking Break - Sponsored by Western Water (Horizon Ballroom Foyer)

3:15 p.m. - Communication That Changes the Beat

This panel will explore how to break through the noise and reach a broader audience with high impact messaging and innovative tools. Panelists also will provide helpful advice to meet your local challenges.

- Jennifer Persike, President/Founder, Jennifer Persike & Company
- Sarah Macdonald, Assistant General Manager, Western Water
- Moderator: Fernando Paludi, General Manager, Trabuco Canyon Water District

4:15 p.m. - Water Bingo (Rich Nagel, Jacobs)

5:30 p.m. - Networking, Chairwoman's Reception - Sponsored by DUDEK (Plaza Ballroom)

Friday, February 24, 2023: Implementing Responsibilities/Priorities to Change the Beat

7:45 a.m. - Registration, Networking & Buffet Breakfast - Sponsored by Inland Empire Utilities Agency (Horizon Ballroom Foyer)

8:45 a.m. - Recap From Day Before, Introduce Final Day, Ray Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

9:00 a.m. - General Managers Panel

General Managers from Northern California and Southern California discuss how they set priorities around what needs to be changed, and how to do it.

- Paul Helliker, General Manager, San Juan Water District
- Matt Stone, General Manager, SCV Water
- Greg Thomas, General Manager, EVMWD
- Robb Grantham, General Manager, Rancho California Water District
- Moderator: Ane Deister, UWI

10:00 a.m. - Infrastructure LA

Description of an innovative effort underway to facilitate cross agency and cross discipline collaboration, communication, partnership and cooperation. The new organization brings together and coordinates funding opportunities, regional planning and regional messaging outreach among water, power, transportation, broadband, EV and feeds into regional efforts on workforce development, equity and resiliency.

- Ray Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
- Moderator: Rich Nagel, Jacobs



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10:45 a.m. - Lightning Water Solutions

Join us for an invigorating and undoubtedly interesting discussion of brainstorming ideas to address today's challenging water problems: water resources, water quality, water economics, water politics, climate change, wildfires, and energy. And maybe more! Our Thought Leader panel will hear from you - and others - ideas you may have to solve or start to solve some of these massive concerns, and in an open forum, bounce ideas back and forth. Bring your sane and not-so sane ideas - no judging, we're in a safe space - and let's see if our collective wisdom can enlighten our day and close our conference with innovative ideas for the water industry as a whole.

- Peer Swan, Board of Directors, IRWD
- David Drake, Board of Directors, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management & Technical Services
- Moderator: Greg Quist, Director, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District

11:45 a.m. - Wrap up and **Chairwoman's Raffle**,
Andree Lee, Chairwoman, UWI

Conference Adjourns

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