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**DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT**

**Director Name: Jerry Gladbach**

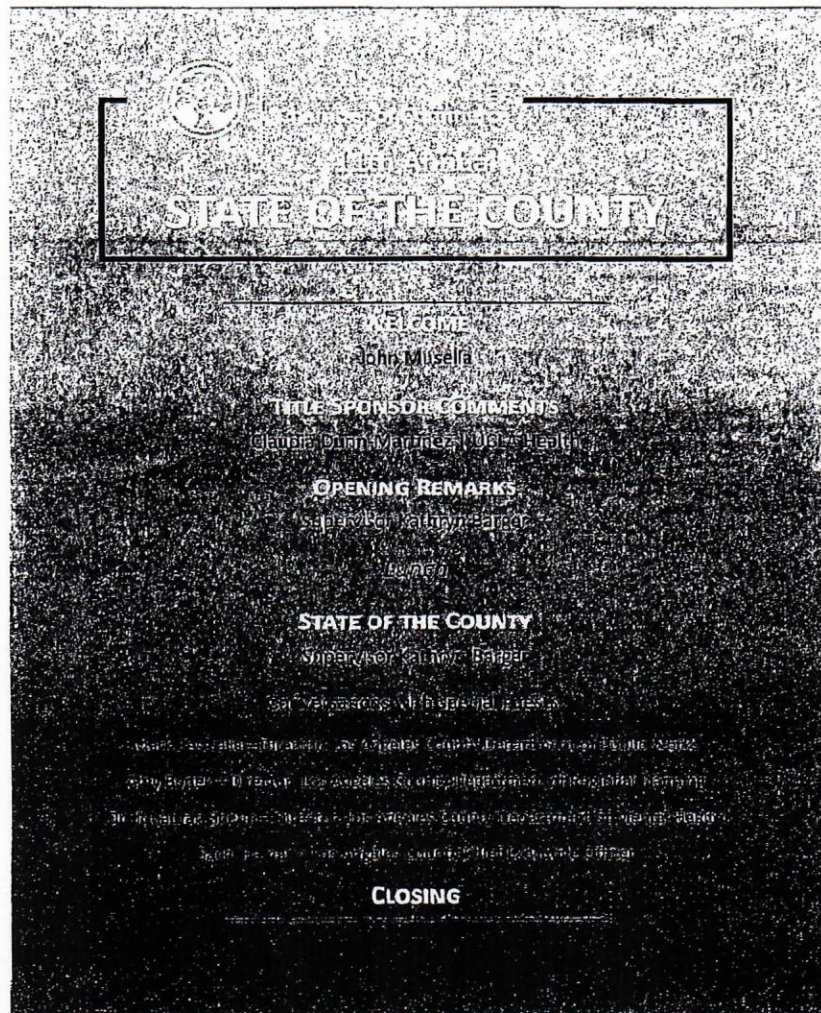
**Meeting Attended: State of the County Luncheon**

**Date of Meeting: May 1, 2019**

**Board Meeting to be Presented at: May 21, 2019**

**Points of Interest: Supervisor Barger described how great the relation between the City and County is. She discussed several of the projects that have been accomplished in the last year or so.**

**It was a great event with several hundred in attendance.**



Director name: Gary Martin  
Meeting attended: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the County Luncheon  
Date of meeting: May 1, 2019  
Location: Valencia Hyatt Regency  
SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: May 21, 2019

The program for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the County was as follows:

1. Welcome by John Musella
2. Title Sponsor comments by Claudia Dunn-Martinez, UCLA Health
3. State of the County presentation by 5<sup>th</sup> District LA County Supervisor, Kathryn Barger
4. Panel discussion on various topics with Mark Pestrella, LA County Director of Public Works and Amy Bodek, Director, LA County Department of Regional Planning.
5. Panel Discussion on various topics with Dr. Jonathan Sherin, LA County Department of Mental Health and Sachi Hamal, LA County Chief Executive Officer.
6. Closing Remarks by Supervisor Barger and John Musella.

Points of Interest:

Supervisor Barger presented accomplishments, goals and objectives for the County and for the Santa Clarita Valley, covering a full range of issues.

The first panel discussion covered issues on development and public works activities in the County and in the SCV, with emphasis on the County's efforts to streamline their process through collaboration and cooperation. There was heavy emphasis on transportation issues.

The second panel discussion covered health issues, including mental health and drug abuse, as well as economic and fiscal issues.

The luncheon topics were interesting and informative. Attendance at this event provided an opportunity to interact with a large range of community leaders and elected officials, and respond where appropriate to any questions regarding SCV Water.

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## DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Spring Conference and Exhibition

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2019

Board Meeting to be Presented at: May 21, 2019

Points of Interest:

It was great to see the 2019 Excellence in Water Leadership Award was given to Dr. David Kimbrough, a former employee of Castaic Lake Water Agency. A well deserved award.

The keynote speaker for breakfast was Wade Crowfoot, Secretary California Natural Resources Agency. He spoke about the many challenges the water community in California face, including adequate water supply of safe water for all of California, the need of better infrastructure.

It was a good way to start the Conference.

# ACWA 2019 SPRING CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

MAY 7-10 | MONTEREY, CA

2019



Change.

Challenge.

Opportunity.



Director AB 1234 Report  
May 21, 2019

Director name: Gary Martin  
Meeting attended: ACWA 2019 Spring Conference & Exhibition  
Date of meeting: May 6 to May 10, 2019  
Location: Monterey, CA  
SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: May 21, 2019

Sessions attended during the conference and key points of each:

May 6

As a newly appointed member of the ACWA JPIA board representing the SCV GSA, I attended the pre-board meeting luncheon. The theme of the luncheon was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACWA JPIA. The presentation made by JPIA CEO Andy Sells went through the 40 years decade by decade on the changes to JPIA and the additional services offered to member agencies, including the benefits thereof.

At the ACWA JPIA board meeting, elections were held for the Executive Committee and for the newly formed Captive Insurance Company (also known as the California Water Insurance Fund) board.

Four seats were up for election on the Executive Committee and 2 incumbents were elected; Jerry Gladbach and J. Bruce Rupp, and 2 new members were elected; Fred Bockmiller, Mesa Water Director, and Brent Hasty, ACWA President and Chairperson of the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors. There were 2 seats up for election to the 7-member Captive Insurance Company. Andrew Morris, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Director, and Scott Quady, Calleguas Municipal Water District Director were elected. The other 5 board seats are occupied by 4 Executive Committee members and 1 resident of Utah, which is a state requirement.

The JPIA board also ratified the new membership of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The balance of the meeting included Review and approval of changes the JPIA governing documents, review and approval of the audited financial statements ending September 30, 2018, review and approval of FY20 operating budget, and a number updates on various JPIA programs.

May 7

Attended the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Chairman Woodling introduced the meeting.
- Bill Diedrich provided a brief agricultural committee update.
- DWR provided a lengthy multi-staff update of SGMA.
- A SWRCB update was provided, with emphasis on enforcement of groundwater management under SGMA and a discussion of the definition of beneficial use.
- A presentation was made on well impact calculations for sustainable management criteria.
- Eric Averett made a presentation on the ACWA groundwater replenishment initiative. To-date, the initiative has identified sources of water, infrastructure needs, regulatory and permitting issues, and water rights issues. The possible next step development of a framework to assist those considering a replenishment project – basically a “how-to” document, as well as a future practitioner’s conference.
- A very brief Groundwater Resources Association update was provided.
- The committee reappointment process was mentioned and the meeting was adjourned.

May 8

Attended the opening breakfast with highlights as follows:

- Dave Eggerton, ACWA Executive Director reviewed 2019 Priority Goals.
- Jerry Gladbach gave JPIA update remarks, JPIA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and accomplishments.
- The ACWA Excellence in Water Leadership award was made to Dr. David Kimbrough, Water Quality Manager for Pasadena Water & Power
- The Keynote Speaker was E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Esquivel covered a wide range of topics, including safe drinking water, SGMA, SWRCB being a modern regulatory agency, integration, collaboration, working together, and the State Water Quality Control Plan.

Attended the Region 9 Program: Innovation Explored: Securing Water for Future Generations.

Moderator: James Morales, ACWA Region 9 Director, East Valley Water District

Comments – panel to discuss insuring reasonable water supply with per capita use falling but with population rising. Conservation is a way of life.

Panelists:

Bill Hasencamp, Manager Colorado River Resources, MWD

Ed Means, President, Means Consulting

John Mura, GM, East Valley Water District

Tina Shields, Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

The panel discussed a wide variety of their individual experiences related to the topic, including pre-delivery and storage of water in Coachella Valley and the potential of using storage space in Lake Mead; Agg-to-urban transfers, effectiveness of conservation programs, the Chino Basin Water Bank formation and planned 6 million AF storage capacity.

Attended Luncheon Program

Keynote Speaker: Jared Blumenfield, Secretary of Environmental Protection, CalEPA

Mr. Blumenfield discussed the Governor's and CalEPA's priorities for environmental protection, including climate change policy.

Attended Statewide Issues Forum, Are We on Track? Groundwater Sustainability Goals and Challenges

Moderator: John Woodling, Chair ACWA Groundwater Committee, VP Principal Geologist, GEI Consultants

Panelists:

Eric Averett, GM, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District

Andrew Garcia, Senior Civil Engineer, San Luis and Delta Mendota Authority

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director, Tri-County Water Authority

Brian Lockwood, GM / Hydrogeologist, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

I thought the most interesting part of the panel discussion was the challenges of coordinating the agreement parties for multi-GSA agreements. For instance, Andrew Garcia described coordination of 23 GSA's and 36 agreement parties for 9 neighboring sub-basins using various model types. Eric Averett discussed the Kern GW Authority GSP coordination agreement of multiple GSPs.

May 9

Attended the Region 8 business meeting and gave a report of the ACWA Groundwater Committee meeting held on May 7. At the Region 8 meeting, members also received reports from all of ACWA committees, as well as an update on the Outreach Task Force, a discussion of Region 8 activities, updates on region elections and committee appointments, and an update from ACWA staff.

Attended Luncheon Program

Keynote Speaker: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency



Secretary Crowfoot's topic was Building a Water Resilience Strategy for California

Key points of the presentation:

- Great opportunity to advance water in CA.
- Great leadership in Sacramento who know water.
- Willing to work with other agencies and change course where necessary to make progress.
- Building on the Water Action Plan of the Governor.
- What actions does his agency (and other state agencies) need to take to help local water suppliers succeed?
- Support IRWMP approach.
- Support diversified approach.
- Modernizing water conveyance in the Delta is a critical component.
- Climate change is a critical component.
- Earthquake threat is a reality, and a real threat to the Delta.
- Voluntary agreement - need to work for a solution we can build a consensus on.
- Water tax – one in 30 people in CA live in areas with substandard water quality; the status quo is not acceptable.
- See [waterresilience.ca.gov](http://waterresilience.ca.gov)

Attended Statewide Issues Forum, Voluntary Agreements: A way Out of the Delta Dilemma?

Moderator: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

Panelists:

E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board

David Guy, President, Northern California Water Association

Jennifer Pierre, GM, State Water Contractors

Steven Rothert, California Regional Director, American Rivers

Key points made by the panel with regards to the hoped for voluntary agreement on the WQ Control Plan:

- Flow is not the whole answer; there are many other habitat factors in play and the voluntary agreement approach will allow consideration and incorporation of these other factors.
- A number of WQ plans have been passed and conditions have gotten worse. This new approach will allow for us to break through the obstacles.
- This is an opportunity to re-imagine CA's water system. We need a system where we truly integrate the system.
- This is a watershed management approach. We have different trade-offs each year depending on actual conditions.
- Doing it together is the answer.
- I believe in the process and the science underlying the approach is critical.
- The water board must agree with the science behind the approach. The regulatory agencies give the test, but in this voluntary agreement they work together to provide the answers.
- With regard to where we are in the process, June milestones have been set and there should be a meaningful plan by the end of the year.
- None of us are comfortable, but we need to get uncomfortable to arrive at a meaningful solution. It is a rare and important opportunity.

May 10

Attended the Breakfast Program, ACWA JPIA Update and ACWA – DWR: A Deep Dive Discussion

Andy Sells provided an Update on ACWA JPIA

Dave Eggerton and Karla Nemeth, Director, California DWR discussed DWR's priorities for 2019 and beyond.

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**AB1234 Report**  
**Lynne Plambeck**  
**ACWA Spring Conference**  
**Monterey, CA**

5-7-19 10 AM Ground water committee

DWR reported an excellent snow pack, but reminded everyone that drought will come again and that we should use this time to recharge basins. Noted Newsome's one tunnel plan announcement.

Update of work on Sustainable Ground Water Act compliance around the state. Went over timelines. A month away from sending alternative assessments for 15 basins. This will be the first test of SIGMA

2018 GSA Boundaries are posted on the site. Boundary changes require submittal and notice.

Steven Springhorn Prioritization criteria - people that live in the basin, pumping that goes on in the basin, how much reliance on ground water. Public comment is open for 30 days. Applies to 100 basins, 20 million AF covers 85% of the state, 7 million acres of agricultural land. The basin prioritization web page and dash board. Monday will have a webinar on prioritization. Comment deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public hearing required, but plans may not be available??? Stakeholder engagement is encouraged (but is it happening?)

Best management practices have been developed for plan development.

Bulletin 118 is in progress.

Land subsidence – working with NASA to track subsidence, info is publicly available InSAR data – confirms subsidence. Will release for inclusion in the GSA planning process. Will also provide in future years. Not required to be used, but can be used. Will be posted on SIGMA data viewer.

POCs (Point of contact) are there to be liaisons between the stakeholders and GSAs. DWR held a forum on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

State Water Resources Control Board has created SIMA Fact sheets (on Line) to ensure that plans succeed. If a basin does not comply, the first step is to place them on probation. If part of the basin is out of compliance, then the whole basin is out of compliance. State Board will be looking at subsidence. If this is continuing, it will be hard to argue that Plan is adequate.

Undesirable results – beneficial use to avoid sea water intrusion. Other issues could result in beneficial uses like shallow wells that need a certain water level.

DWR has a data base that shows all the water well construction

Technical presentation on well analysis regarding dropping water levels and well efficiency – What might begin to occur as the levels drop, efficiency and costs of improvement. One consideration is whether a deeper well would puncture other strata and result in pollution (for instance arsenic) that will require treatment). What are the costs of mitigation for deeper wells?

Wednesday 5-8

8:30 Breakfast speaker Board Member Joaquin Esquivel, the new Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, spoke on various issues involving the Board and the Sacramento Delta. Dr. David

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Kimbrough, Water Quality Manager for Pasadena Water and Power and former CLWA Water Quality employee, received the ACWA Excellence in Water Leadership Award.

10 AM

Statewide Issues Forum: Climate Change Resiliency: Capturing the Full Benefits of Atmospheric Rivers

In 2019 California got more water from a newly identified phenomenon called an atmospheric river . The impacts to California's water supply were significant, providing a third to one half of the state's annual precipitation in just a few storms per year . Further most of the floods that occurred in the state were a result of this weather pattern. Now that we can more readily identify this problem, local, state and federal entities are partnering to prioritize public safety, while maximizing water supply benefits. The forum presented a panel discussion of operations and proposals to address the two aspects of atmospheric rivers .in action and the needed policy direction California should pursue in continuing to capture the full benefits of future atmospheric river storms . Panelists: Grant Davis, General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency, Jeanine Jones, Interstate Resource Manager, California Department of Water Resources, Michael Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District, Dr. Marty Ralph, Director, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Josh Weimer, Government Affairs Manager, Turlock Irrigation District

Lunch – Jared Blumenfeld talked about wanting to work collaboratively with ACWA and other stake holders to solve issues. He said that Newsome felt we couldn't afford the twin tunnels, but one might doable and provide a middle ground. Since SCVWA was a lunch sponsor, our logo was prominently displayed on the screens.

2PM - Fire Infrastructure

Fire reservoir Impacts – Ash, sediment. Debris, water quality equipment, sediment loading in future years, are their mines in the area?

Form partnerships in the community and a fire action plan. Will you still be able to provide water?

Retail Impacts – SCADA System went down, no way to evaluate what was going on, seven tanks drained because of free flowing lines in burned houses. After people were allowed back in, did water quality testing, then tested for VOC and found Benzene. Flushed system. Still there couldn't find the source., melted and burning plastic, adsorbed when there was a loss of pressure. Social media was best why to communicate. Had to replace service lines and hydrants. Flush water system immediately. SCADA use solar power and wireless. Couldn't get in to turn off houses.

2017,18 – forest service 2billion, CalFire, 2 billion A map between all agencies and privates that shows where the work is being done. Must be proactive about preventive measures.

Need redundancy. Should have backflow stops to prevent water from continuing to flow or being sucked back into the system in the invent houses are burned down. if the electric companies cut energy are their enough backup generators to keep scada system working..

Thursday

9:30 AM State Wetlands Policy

Creates a State 404 permit. Goes into affect 9 months after approval by OEA (Probably sometime after January). Was created by a stake holder group to look at multiple benefits.

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New definition includes Vernal Pools. Non-wetland water have not yet been fully delineated. Nationwide permits are not recognized under this new policy

General orders to try to facilitate multi benefit projects. Litigation has been filed.

Could apply to catchment basins, there is an exclusion – but should make an assessment Creation of re-charge basins that have a habitat component. More setback to protect floodplains.

Lunch speaker Wade Crowfoot – spoke about central valley issues, may have to fallow some land to stop the overdraft.

2:00PM Jim Thebault film – On the Brink” about shrinking water resources in California. He was making the point that as other large economies such as China who are now depending on importation of food, the world’s shrinking water resources and thus shrinking food sources will become a National Security issue. Speaker discussion included Erick Webb of Sandia National Laboratories who has been studying food importation needs, especially China, painting a dire picture of their future inability to feed their rising population.

Friday Breakfast

Discussion between ACWA’s Executive Director Dave Eggerton, and California Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth on various subjects including the single tunnel. She was supportive of the new direction because she felt it would reduce tensions and lead to a plan that can actually get accomplished.

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## **DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT**

**Director Name: Jerry Gladbach**

**Meeting Attended: NWRA's Federal Affairs Committee**

**Date of Meeting: May 3, 2019**

**Board Meeting to be Presented at: May 21, 2019**

### **Points of Interest:**

The Bureau of Reclamation held a stakeholder meeting in Denver, In attendance were several water agencies as well as electrical utilities.

They discussed the need for better coordination of water districts activities as they relate to the BoR.

Also discussed was the repricing of water, presumably to be lower. The electrical utilities urged that such pricing not affect the price of power.

The BoR is trying to get an exemption from ESA for maintenance of canals, this is similar to what the Federal Highway Administration has for maintenance of highways.

They discussed the streamlining of EIR's to be under 1 year which is the directive, however there is a question of when the clock starts ticking.

It was a very informative meeting.

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May 2, 2019

To: NWRA Members

From: NWRA Federal Affairs Team

RE: May Federal Affairs Committee Call

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain  
and 9:30 Pacific.

Call-in Number: 319-527-9020

Pin Number: 371734#

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Federal Affairs committee members,

As a reminder NWRA will be holding its monthly Federal Affairs Committee Call tomorrow, May 3 at 12:30 Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain and 9:30 Pacific. As a reminder, this call is held the first Friday of every month.

The call in number and code and agenda for the call are below.

**Federal Affairs Committee Agenda**

**Friday, May 3, 2019**

**Call-in Number: 319-527-9020**

**Pin Number: 371734#**

**Time: 12:30 pm Eastern, 11:30 Central, 10:30 Mountain and 9:30 Pacific**

*Draft Agenda*

I. Introductions

II. Bernhardt Confirmation



III. White House Infrastructure Meeting

IV. Appropriations

V. Interior Reorganization

VI. Reclamation Stakeholder Meeting

*better coordination of districts  
keep priority method of elect  
same*

VII. Directive & Standard CMP 10-05 regarding Transferred Works

*FHA cultural  
exemptions*

VIII. Task Force Updates

- a. Water Quality
- b. Groundwater
- c. Environment
- d. Army Corps
- e. Forest Health
- f. Water Power
- g. Water Supply
- h. Infrastructure Finance
- i. Litigation Review

*streamlining - 1 year limit - clock does not  
start immediately*

IX. Western Water Issues Seminar

X. Other Business

We look forward to talking with you all shortly and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Director AB 1234 Report  
May 21, 2019

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Director name: Gary Martin

Meeting attended: SCVWA Open House Water Talks presentation on water resources

Date of meeting: May 4, 2019

Location: Santa Clarita Central Park

SCV Water Board meeting to be presented at: May 21, 2019

At the SCVWA Open House I assisted in the SCVWA Staff Water Talks presentation on water resources. The staff made an excellent presentation and I was able to add a few comments from the board perspective and help answer questions. The event was well attended and the audience seemed to be very much engaged in the discussion. I thought that this first effort at "water talks" was a success thanks to staff's preparation and expertise in the subject matter.

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## DIRECTOR AB 1234 REPORT

Director Name: Jerry Gladbach

Meeting Attended: ACWA's Energy and Federal Affairs Committees

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2019

Board Meeting to be Presented at: May 21, 2019

Points of Interest:

Energy Committee:

Barry Moline of the California Municipal Utilities Association, whose members include many publically owned electrical utilities described what their members are doing to avoid being the cause of fires from their power lines. One such way is to deenergize lines, but then in many cases no power no water. They are also promoting that the State develop a catastrophic reserve fund.

Also discussed was the need for power backup at each facility. Along with this was the suggestion that these backup units should be tested frequently.

Federal Affairs Committee:

Dave Eggerton, ACWA's Executive Director, gave an update on what is happening at ACWA, including his testimony on behalf of ACWA and the National Water Resources Asso. Before the House Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife

Cindy Tuck discussed the status of the Calif. Water tax and the State budget.

**Dave Reynolds gave an update on the Appropriations and Headwaters/Wildfire Implementation.**

**Both meetings were very informative.**





# AGENDA

Energy Committee Meeting	
May 7, 2018 • 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	De Anza I & II, Portola Hotel
Chair: Charley Wilson	Vice-chair: Michael Minkler

I. Chair's Welcome and Introductions (10 min) Charley Wilson

CMUA –How electric and water utilities are prioritizing and engaging on energy and wildfire efforts (15 min) Barry Moline

*wildfire challenges links*

Public Safety Power Shutoff Program (55 min)

- PG&E James Pasmore
- SCE Alicia Kilgore
- Calaveras County Water District Michael Minkler
- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District David Pedersen
- Water agencies roundtable discussion James Pasmore

IV. SCE - Rate Case (5 min)

V. PG&E Updates – TOU, Energy Efficiency (5 min)

VI. ACWA Legislative/ Regulatory Updates (15 min)

- Legislative Positions & Proposals Adam Quinonez
- Gov. Wildfire Report & Senate Select Committee Chelsea Haines
- Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost & Recovery Michael Minkler
- Energy Policy Principles & SWRCB

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 9, 2019 in Sacramento.

Energy Committee Conference Programs:

Mega Watts and Mega Challenges

Wednesday, May 9 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | San Carlos I – II, Marriott



# Committee Agenda

## Federal Affairs Committee

May 7, 2019

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Monterey, CA

Chair, Patrick O'Dowd

Vice-Chair, Jim Peifer

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- I. Welcome & Call to Order, Patrick O'Dowd, Federal Affairs Committee Chair
  - II. Self-Introductions and Circulation of the Attendance Sheet
  - III. Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes
  - IV. ACWA Update: Dave Eggerton, Executive Director
  - V. ACWA Update: Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations
    - a. Disadvantaged Communities and Safe Drinking Water/ Water Tax
    - b. State Water Budget
  - VI. WIIN Act Extension – Hurdles and Opportunities in a Divided Congress: Garrett Durst, Natural Resource Results
  - VII. Washington Update: David Reynolds
    - a. Appropriations Update
    - b. Headwaters/Wildfire Implementation
    - c. Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee Hearing: The State of Western Water Infrastructure and Innovation – Dave Eggerton, Witness
    - d. Support Letter, H.R. 1764 (Garamendi, CA-D)
  - VIII. Update on 2020 Washington, DC conference – Feb. 25-27, 2020, St. Regis Hotel.
  - IX. New Bill Positions
    - a. Drinking Water and Energy Subcommittee
    - b. Water Supply Subcommittee
    - c. Infrastructure and Agriculture Subcommittee
  - X. Regulatory Issues: Abby Schneider
    - a. Clean Water Act Update – WOTUS
  - XI. NWRA Update
  - XII. Other Business
  - XIII. Next Meeting - September 19, 2019 ?