



# WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## ***Water 101 – The Basics and Beyond February 5 & 6, 2015***

***West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA***

### ***Course Description:***

A day-and-a-half course on California water basics and water district board member governance.

### ***Targeted Audience:***

Entry to mid-level water resource industry staff, engineering, environmental firm personnel, legislators, legislative staff, advocates, stakeholders, environmentalists, public interest organizations and water district directors.

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## **Agenda**

### **Thursday, February 5**

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| <b>8: 30 a.m.</b> | <b>Registration: Coffee and Rolls</b>  |
| <b>9 a.m.</b>     | <b>Introduction and Course Outline and Summary</b><br><i>Jennifer Bowles, Executive Director, Water Education Foundation</i>   |
| <b>9:15 a.m.</b>  | <b>California's Natural Water Endowment</b><br><i>Byron Buck, Executive Director, State and Federal Contractors Water Agency</i>   |
|                   | <b>Water Geography and Hydrology</b><br><b>Surface Water - Major Delivery Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Water Project</li><li>• Central Valley Project</li></ul> |

- Bay Area
- Southern California

### **Groundwater**

### **Types of Water Delivery Institutions**

- Private
- Public

### **Discussion - Questions and Answers**

**10:15 a.m.**

### **Break**

**10:30 a.m.**

### **Summary of California Water Rights Systems**

**Jennifer Harder**, *Attorney and Professor, Pacific McGeorge School of Law*

- Riparian Rights
- Appropriative Rights
- Reasonable and Beneficial Use
- Public Trust Law and Cases

### **Discussion – Questions and Answers**

**11:30 a.m.**

### **Lunch**

**Noon**

### **Current Issues in California Water Management**

**Lester Snow**, *Executive Director, California Water Foundation*

### **Four critical areas of concern to managing California's water**

- The Drought
- Groundwater Issues and Legislation
- Integrated Water Management
- The Delta – Central Valley River Systems – An ecosystem in decline

### **Discussion - Questions and Answers**

**1 p.m.**

### **The Water Bond and Role of Alternative Supplies**

**Kim Delfino**, *California Water Commission member; California Director, Defenders of Wildlife*

- Next steps for water bond funding
- What's being funded
  - Alternative Supplies: Water Recycling, Conservation
  - New Storage
  - Other Focus Areas

### **Discussion: Questions and Answers**

**2 p.m.**

### **Break**

**2:15 p.m.**

**Legal and Institutional Management Framework**

**David Aladjem**, *Partner, Downey Brand LLP*

**Summary of Governing Laws**

- Clean Water Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Porter Cologne Water Quality Act
- Endangered Species Acts – State and Federal
- Delta Reform Act

**Water Management Institutions and Stakeholder Groups**

*Government Agencies*

- California Department of Water Resources
- State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Central Valley Project and Bureau of Reclamation
- Fish and Wildlife Resource Agencies
- Delta Stewardship Council
- California Water Commission
- Delta Conservancy
- Regional and Local Water Districts
- CPUC-regulated Water Districts

*Major Constituency Groups and Agencies*

- Directory of Water Interests

**Discussion – Questions and Answers**

**3:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Understanding and Working with the State Legislature**

**Tina Cannon Leahy**, *Legislative Director for California Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee*

- Current and future water issues in the California Legislature
- The real-life process of passing landmark legislation – How you can participate
- Behind the scenes of the California Water Bond

**Discussion – Questions and Answers**

**4:30 p.m.**

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## **Friday, February 6**

### **Primer for Public Water Agency Directors**

**9 a.m.**

#### **Governance Primer for Water District Directors**

**Mona G. Ebrahimi**, *Shareholder, Kronick, Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard, General Counsel to Dixon-Solano Water Authority, Assistant City Attorney for the City of West Sacramento*

- Role and Responsibilities of a Water District Director
- The Brown Act – basic requirements
- The Fair Political Practices Act – basic requirements
- Conflict of Interest Code
- Requirements for Ethics Training
- Avoiding common legal and political pitfalls for Directors

#### **Discussion - Questions and Answers**

**10:15 a.m.**

#### **Break**

**10:45 a.m.**

#### **Explaining Water Issues in a Multimedia World**

**Jennifer Persike**, *Deputy Executive Director External Affairs/Operation, Association of California Water Agencies*

**Tom Philp**, *Executive Strategist, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 2005 Pulitzer Prize Winner, Editorial Writing*

- Understanding and Working with the News Media
- Using Social Media

#### **Discussion - Questions and Answers**

**Noon**

#### **Distribution of Certificates of Class Completion**