



Water Leaders Alumni rave about the program:

- 100% said they better understand water issues.
- 90% said their ongoing relationship with class members has been helpful in their professional lives.
- 86% remain in a water-related profession.
- 86% said they include graduation from the Water Leaders Class on their resumé.
- 100% said they would recommend the Water Leaders Class to a colleague.
- 85% are involved in the Water Leaders Alumni Association.

William R. "Bill" Gianelli served as Assistant Secretary for the Army in charge of the Corps of Engineers from 1981 to 1984 and Director of the California Department of Water Resources from 1967 to 1973 during major construction on the State Water Project. He resides in Monterey, Calif.



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2017 William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Class

The Water Leaders Class is a one-year program that identifies early to mid-career community leaders from diverse backgrounds, including members of minority and ethnic communities, and educates them about water issues. The program enhances individual leadership skills and prepares participants to take an active, cooperative approach to decision-making about water resource issues. Water Leaders leave the program with a deeper understanding and knowledge of water issues. Leading stakeholders and top policy-makers serve as mentors to class members.

The Water Education Foundation is accepting applications for its 21st Water Leaders Class, which will begin January 2017. **The application deadline is 5 p.m. December 7, 2016.** Applicants will be notified of acceptance via email by December 20, 2016.

Individuals from private businesses such as engineering and law firms, educational and nonprofit organizations, public agencies and public interest groups are encouraged to apply.

Criteria for Acceptance

- Commitment to understanding water issues;
- Interest in seeking leadership roles on public boards and commissions, or key staff positions;
- Commitment to the community through volunteer activities;
- Potential or existing opportunities for advancement to key leadership roles within their own organizations.

Participant Requirements

Designed as a program for working professionals, participation involves a **time commitment** from both the class member and the employer.

2017 Class members are required to:

- Attend a special one-day class orientation on **January 19, 2017** at the Foundation's office;
- Attend two Foundation water tours (the Bay-Delta Tour in the summer is mandatory);
- Attend the Foundation's one-day Executive Briefing on **March 23, 2017** and participate in the Water Leaders Auction (which requires soliciting items of value for the auction);
- Spend a day "shadowing" assigned mentor - a major water leader (from government, urban, agriculture, environmental organizations, private business, or public interest group);
- Interview the mentor about the topic selected for the class;
- Attend **at least three mandatory special work-group meetings** in Sacramento (and optional work-group meetings scheduled by class coordinator, as needed) to develop a class presentation and written report about the assigned water topic;
- Attend the Foundation's **November 27, 2017** Board Meeting in Anaheim to make a presentation.

The program is primarily funded through tuition fees and proceeds from the Water Leaders Auction. Tuition is \$3,950 for the year-long program, which helps to cover attendance at Foundation events and all meals, hotels and materials for tours. Transportation to and from events is not covered.

Some scholarship funding is available on a financial need basis from the William R. "Bill" Gianelli fund.

2016 Water Leaders Class

Carlos Carrillo, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Anna Constantino, FlowWest & Intelligent Ecosystems Institute
Carrie Crane, Tulare County Farm Bureau
Matthew Danielczyk, Audubon California
Danielle Duncan, CSU Fresno
Andrew Edstrom, Wonderful Orchards
Russell Frink, Spaletta Law P.C.
Amanda Heise, CH2M
Laura Hollender, California Department of Water Resources
Daniel Huang, Delta Stewardship Council
Danny Kelley, Stevinson Water District
Betty Hurley Lindeman, Panoche Water and Drainage District
Casey James LeBlanc, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Henry McCann, Public Policy Institute of California
Jennifer Morales, California Department of Water Resources
Jeffrey J. Patrick, The Law Offices of Young Wooldridge, LLP
Lena Perkins, City of Palo Alto, Utilities Department
Amanda Platt, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District
Oliver Slosser, MWH Americas

Additional funding for the 2016 class was provided by:

William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Fund
Anne J. Schneider Fund
Water Leaders Association, an alumni association

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Contact Lisa Tran at
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for more information

To apply, send completed application package to the Water Education Foundation's office or to ltran@watereducation.org. The package or email must be received no later than 5 p.m on **December 7, 2016**.

The package must contain

1. **Completed application form**
2. **One-page statement describing why you are interested in participating in the class**
3. **Résumé**
4. **Letter of support from employer**
5. **Non-refundable application fee of \$35**

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Job title and brief description _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Are you applying for a scholarship? Yes No
If yes, please provide statement of need.



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