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The Value of Water: Building Momentum in 2015

Water Education Foundation
32nd Annual Executive Briefing
Red Lion Hotel Woodlake/Sacramento, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento

March 25, 2015

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:00** **On-site registration and check-in**
Coffee, Pastries and Muffins sponsored by McGeorge School of Law
- 8:30** **Welcome**
Jennifer Bowles, *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 8:45** **Seizing the Moment: Making Progress under the California Water Action Plan**
Mark Cowin, *Director, California Department of Water Resources*
- 9:15** **Long-term Water Management: Living Within Our Means**
Maureen Stapleton, *General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority*
Mark Watte, *Owner-Partner, George D. Watte & Sons Farming, Member, City of Tulare Board of Public Utilities, Board Member, Friant Water Authority Board*
Kate Poole, *Senior Attorney and Litigation Director, Water Program, Natural Resources Defense Council*
Caitrin Phillips Chappelle, *Associate Center Director, Public Policy Institute of California*
Moderator: Mike Myatt, *Program Manager, California Water Foundation*
- 10:30** **BREAK – View and Bid on Auction Items**
- 10:45** **The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Steps for Implementation**
Lester Snow, *Executive Director, California Water Foundation*
Gordon Burns, *Undersecretary, California Environmental Protection Agency*
Dan McManus, *Regional Planning Branch Chief, California Department of Water Resources*
John Woodling, *Executive Director, Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Groundwater Authority*
Moderator: Sue McClurg, *Deputy Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

- 12:00** **Lunch**
Sustainable Water in the West: We're All In It Together
Jennifer Gimbel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior
- 1:30** **The Water Bond: Who Gets the Money**
Joe Del Bosque, Vice Chair, California Water Commission
- 2:00** **The Salton Sea Question**
Kevin Kelley, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District
Jim Barrett, General Manager, Coachella Valley Water District
Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife
Keali'i Bright, Deputy Secretary for Legislative Affairs, California Resources Agency
Moderator: Jennifer Bowles, Executive Director, Water Education Foundation
- 3:15** **BREAK – View and Bid on Auction Items**
- 3:30** **The Delta at a Crossroads: Where Are We Headed?**
Taryn Ravazzini, Coordinator, Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee
Sunne McPeak, President, Delta Vision Foundation
Karla Nemeth, Deputy Secretary for Water Policy, California Natural Resources Agency
John Durand, Center for Watershed Sciences, University of California, Davis
Erik Vink, Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission
Moderator: Jennifer Persike, Deputy Executive Director for External affairs and Operations, Association of California Water Agencies
- 5:00** **Adjourn to Hosted Reception Sponsored by CV Strategies**
- Close Out Silent Auction**