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**Water Education Foundation
33rd Annual Executive Briefing
DoubleTree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento**

March 17, 2016

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, March 17

- 8:00** **On-site registration and check-in**
Coffee, Pastries and Muffins
- 8:30** **Welcome**
Jennifer Bowles, *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 8:45** **Thriving During Climate and Water Change: Strategies for the 21st Century**
Brad Udall, *Senior Water and Climate Research Scientist/Scholar, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University*
- 9:30** **BREAK – View and Bid on Auction Items**
- 9:45** **Water Year 2016: View from the State Water Board**
Felicia Marcus, *Chair, California State Water Resources Control Board*
- 10:30** **Investing in the Future: Breaking Ground on Funding Sources**
Xavier Irias, *Committee Chair, Region 9 Water and Environment Committee, American Society of Civil Engineers*
Chris McKenzie, *Executive Director, League of California Cities*
Ian Parker, *Managing Director, Public Sector and Infrastructure Banking, Goldman Sachs*
Peter Culp, *Partner, Squire Patton Boggs, and co-author of Liquid Assets: Investing for Impact in the Colorado River Basin*
Moderator: Lester Snow, *Executive Director, Water Foundation*

- 12:00** **Lunch**
Moving to a Sustainable Water Future for California
John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
- 1:30** **One Year Later: Implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
Dennis O'Connor, *Principal Consultant, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water*
David Gutierrez, *Program Manager, Sustainable Groundwater Management Program, California Department of Water Resources*
Juliet Christian Smith, *California Climate Scientist, Union of Concerned Scientists*
David Aladjem, *Partner, Downey Brand*
Moderator: Sue McClurg, *Deputy Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 3:00** **NETWORK BREAK – View and Bid on Auction Items**
- 3:30** **State of the Delta: Tunnels, Habitat and More**
Steve Arakawa, *Manager, Bay-Delta Issues, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*
Erik Vink, *Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission*
David Guy, *Executive Director, Northern California Water Association*
Doug Obegi, *Staff Attorney, Water Program, Natural Resources Defense Council*
Brent Walthall, *Assistant General Manager, Kern County Water Agency*
Moderator: Jennifer Bowles, *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*
- 5:00** **Adjourn to Hosted Reception Sponsored by Downey Brand**

Close Out Silent Auction