

# Integrated Regional Water Management 2.0: The Next Generation

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May 21-22, 2015  
San Diego Hilton Resort

## AGENDA

### Thursday, May 21 – The Pavilion Room

**7:45 Registration and On-site Check-in**

Coffee and Pastries

**8:15 Welcome**

Sue McClurg, *Deputy Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

Christina McCready, *Chief, Regional Planning Branch, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

Lynn Rodriguez, *Member, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, IRWM Roundtable of Regions*

**8:30 Keynote Speaker**

Frances Spivy-Weber, *Vice Chair, California State Water Resources Control Board*

**9:00 Making IRWM Even Stronger**

Melissa Sparks, *Grant Project Manager, Financial Assistance Branch, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

Mike Antos, *Programs Director, Council for Watershed Health*

John Flores, *Water Manager, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians*

Elizabeth Betancourt, *Watershed Science and Policy Analyst, Forsgren Associates, Inc.*

Moderator: Colin Bailey, *Executive Director, The Environmental Justice Coalition for Water*

**10:10 BREAK**

**10:20 Multiple Agencies, Multiple Missions: The Importance of Alignment**

Col. Mike Farrell, *Commander, Sacramento District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

Gary Bardini, *Deputy Director for Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

Gordon Burns, *Undersecretary, California Environmental Protection Agency*

Dennis Grossman, *Senior Advisor for Environmental Science and Policy, California Strategic Growth Council*

Norma Camacho, *Chief Operating Officer: Watersheds, Santa Clara Valley Water District*

Cindy Tuck, *Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations, Association of California Water Agencies*

Moderator: Kamyar Guivetchi, *Chief, Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

**12:00 Networking Lunch – Garden by the Bay**

***Stop by the special Expo from 12:45 to 4:00 p.m. in the Marbella Room to check out DWR tools to support your IRWM efforts***

**The Pavilion Room**

**1:30 Investing for California's Success**

*Fred Silva, Senior Fiscal Policy Advisor, California Forward*

*Rob Hutsel, Executive Director, San Diego River Park Foundation*

*Adam Hutchinson, Groundwater Recharge Planning Manager, Orange County Water District*

*Jessi Snyder, Community Development Specialist, Self Help Enterprises*

*Paul Massera, Chief, Strategic Water Planning Branch, California Department of Water Resources*

*Moderator: Vickie Newlin, Butte County, Northern Sacramento Valley IRWMP*

**2:40 BREAK**

**2:50 Unlocking the Door to Collaborative Success**

*Maureen Stapleton, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority*

**3:20 Integrating Groundwater Sustainability Planning and IRWM**

*David A. Gutierrez, Chief, Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation, California Department of Water Resources*

*Erik Ekdahl, Groundwater Program Manager, California State Water Resources Control Board*

*David Orth, General Manager, Kings River Conservation District*

*Lynn Rodriguez, Project Manager, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County and Rick Viergutz, Groundwater Manager, Ventura County Watershed Protection District*

*Moderator: Sue McClurg, Deputy Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**4:45 Adjourn to Reception**

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**Friday, May 22 – The Pavilion Room**

**8:00 Coffee and pastries**

**8:30 Realizing the Full Potential of the Integrated Regional Approach**

Gary Bardini, *Deputy Director for Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

**9:00 Grants? Loans? Finding Funding: Keeping IRWM Alive**

Darrin Polhemus, *Deputy Director, California State Water Resources Control Board*

Tracie Billington, *Chief, Financial Assistance Branch, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

Janice Waddell, *Assistant to the State Director, USDA Rural Development*

Moderator: Eric Hong, *Chief, North Central Region Office, California Department of Water Resources*

**10:15 BREAK**

**10:30 IRWM's Intrinsic Value: An Unscripted Q and A Discussion**

E.J. Remson, *Senior Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy – Southern California*

Eric Larson, *Executive Director, San Diego County Farm Bureau*

Terri Grant, *Principal Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works*

Michael Thompson, *Assistant General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency*

John Woodling, *Regional Water Authority and General Manager, Sacramento Groundwater Authority*

Holly Alpert, *Program Manager, Inyo-Mono IRWMP*

Bill Croyle, *Deputy Director of Statewide Emergency Preparedness and Security, California Department of Water Resources*

Moderator: Cathy Pieroni, *Governmental Affairs Manager, San Diego Public Utilities Department*

**12:00 Conference Wrap-up**

Christina McCready, *Chief, Regional Planning Branch, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

**12:30 Adjourn**