



# Water Education Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Summit

## *Reflecting on Silver Linings in Western Water*

The Sawyer Hotel | 500 J St., Sacramento

### AGENDA

**9:00 am**    **Check-In**

**9:30**        **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Nick Gray | *Programs Director, Water Education Foundation*

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**9:45**        **Strengthening California's Water Resilience**

Karla Nemeth | *Director, California Department of Water Resources*

**10:15**        **NETWORKING BREAK**

**10:45**        **Embracing Creative Options for Managing Water**

**Moderator:** Nick Gray | *Programs Director, Water Education Foundation*

John Bednarski | *Interim Asst. General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*

Aaron Fukuda | *General Manger, Tulare Irrigation District*

David Rabbitt | *Director, Sonoma Water*

Julie Rentner | *President, River Partners*



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**12:00 pm      NETWORKING LUNCH**

**1:00      Rita Schmidt Sudman Award for Excellence in Water Journalism**

**1:15      Building Better & More Accessible Data**

**Moderator:** Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

Heather Bischel | *Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, UC Davis*

Erik Ekdahl | *Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights, State Water Resources Control Board*

Robyn Grimm | *Chief Executive Officer, California Water Data Consortium*

Steven Springhorn | *Supervising Engineering Geologist, California Department of Water Resources*

**2:30      NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:00      Beneath the Flow: The Confluence of Art, Research & Water**

Amanda Huguen & Jennifer Starkweather | *Visual Artists, Huguen/Starkweather*

**3:30      Fostering Inclusive Approaches to Water Decisions**

**Moderator:** Jennifer Persike | *President, Jennifer Persike & Co | Board Member, Water Education Foundation*

Eva Dominguez | *Assistant Director, Self-Help Enterprises*

Chelsea Haines | *Regulatory Relations Manager, Association of California Water Agencies*

Victoria Johnson | *Global Equity Director, HDR Engineering, Inc.*

Adriana Renteria | *Tribal Liaison, State Water Resources Control Board*

**4:45      Closing Remarks**

**5:00      NETWORKING RECEPTION**