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# **WATER SUMMIT 2025**

## **Embracing Uncertainty in the West**

# **Water Education Foundation's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Water Summit**

## ***Embracing Uncertainty in the West***

The Sawyer Hotel | 500 J St., Sacramento

### **AGENDA**

**9:00**      **Check-In**

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

Nick Gray | *Programs Director, Water Education Foundation*

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**9:45**      **State Leadership Keynote**

Wade Crowfoot | *Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency*

**10:15**      **NETWORKING BREAK**

**10:45**      **Forecasting in Flux: Decision-Making in a Changed Climate**

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

Christine Albano | *Associate Research Professor of Hydrology, Desert Research Institute*

Jim Prairie | *Research & Modeling Group Chief, Upper Colorado Basin Region, Bureau of Reclamation*

Andrew Schwarz | *Climate Action Manager, California Department of Water Resources*

Tamara Wilson | *Research Geographer, USGS Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center*

**12:00**      **2025 William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Cohort Introductions**

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**12:15**      **NETWORKING LUNCH**

**1:30 Rita Schmidt Sudman Award for Excellence in Water Journalism**

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

**1:45 Adapting in the Delta: Moving Forward Through Uncertainty**

**Moderator:** Mike Moran | *Regional Interpretive & Recreation Services Manager, East Bay Regional Park District*

Charlotte Biggs | *Assistant Deputy Director of Natural Infrastructure & Ecosystem Resilience, California Department of Water Resources*

Morgan Chow | *Environmental Program Manager, Climate Change & Environmental Justice Unit, Delta Stewardship Council*

Jerred Dixon | *Director, Conservation Farms & Ranches*

Josh Israel | *Science Division Chief, Bureau of Reclamation's Bay-Delta Office*

**3:00 NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:30 Crises in Context: How We Navigated Past Turbulence**

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

Brenda Burman | *General Manager, Central Arizona Project*

Felicia Marcus | *William C. Landreth Visiting Fellow, Water in the West Program, Stanford University*

Jeff Mount | *Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California's Water Policy Center*

Tim Quinn | *Water Policy Strategist, OceanWell*

**4:45 Closing Remarks**

**5:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION**