

# Integrated Regional Water Management 2.0: The Next Generation

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San Diego Hilton Resort

## DRAFT 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*

Paula Landis, *Chief, 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* and 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 Governmental Alignment**

Gordon Burns, *Undersecretary, California Environmental Protection Agency*

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

David Bolland, *Special Projects Manager, Association of California Water Agencies*

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

California Natural Resources Agency (invited)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Invited)

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 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Portofino 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 Basin Parkway Foundation*

Adam Hutchinson, *Groundwater Recharge 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*

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

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

Lynn Rodriguez, *Member, 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 A Sustainable Water Future: Experiences from the City of Los Angeles**

Nancy Sutley, *Chief, Sustainability and Economic Development Office, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power*

**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 IRWM, California Department of Water Resources*

Kris Tjernell, *Special Assistant for Water Policy, California Natural Resources Agency (invited)*

Moderator: Paula Landis, *Chief, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, California Department of Water Resources*

**10:15 BREAK**

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

Bill Croyle, *California Department of Water Resources*

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*

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**