

MID PACIFIC WATER USERS CONFERENCE

January 19-21, 2022

Silver Legacy, Reno, NV

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (1/12/2022)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30am-5:00pm

REGISTRATION

8:30am-11:50pm

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL SESSION

Welcome Address

Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance, WUC Planning Committee

Keynote Address

Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address

Ernest Conant, Regional Director, California-Great Basin

Bureau of Reclamation Area Managers Roundtable

Moderated by Kevin Kasberg, CVP Water Association

- *Jack Worsley, Lahontan Basin*
- *Donald Bader, Northern California*
- *Drew Lessard, Central California*
- *Michael Jackson, South-Central California*
- *Levi Johnson, Central Valley Operations*
- *Dave Mooney, Bay-Delta*

Regulating CVP Operations: After 2 Steps Forward, What's Next?

- *Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority*
- *Jeff Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority*
- *Thad Bettner, Glenn Colusa Irrigation District*
- *Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency*
- *Pablo Arroyave, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority*

12:00pm-2:00pm

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

Newlands Project Report

Rusty Jardine, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Keynote Address

Mike Alger, Chief Meteorologist, KTVN-TV, Reno

5:30pm-7:30pm

EXHIBITOR RECEPTION & SLOTS TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30am-5:00pm

REGISTRATION

8:00am-9:15am

BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Klamath Project Report

Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

Keynote Address

Senator Melissa Hurtado

9:20am-12:00pm

GENERAL SESSION

Deep Dive with the Deputies

Moderated by Mary Lee Knecht, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Reclamation

- *Richard Welsh, BR Principal Deputy Regional Director*
- *Jeff Payne, BR Deputy Regional Director-Technical Services*
- *Russ Callejo, BR Deputy Regional Director-Operations*
- *Michelle Williams, BR Deputy Regional Director-Business Services*

The 2021 Wildfires: Lessons Learned and Strategies for the Future

Moderated by Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance, Inc.

- Dale MacDougall, California Deer Association
- Lenya Quinn-Davidson, University of California Ag and Natural Resources
- Will Harling, Mid Klamath Watershed Council
- Phil Saksa, Blue Forest
- Isaac Silverman, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- Senator Brian Dahle, California's 1st Senate District

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

Regional Director's Water Conservation Award

Presented by Ernest Conant, Bureau of Reclamation

Western Water Policy Developments: The View from Capitol Hill

Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance

- Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group
- Kiel Weaver, House Natural Resources Committee Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee
- John Watts, Senior Counselor, Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

1:45pm-3:45pm

GENERAL SESSION

Dried-Up and Disparaged: Is This Rock Bottom?

Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

- Chris Scheuring, California Farm Bureau Federation
- Ben DuVal, Tulelake Producer, Klamath Water Users Association
- Aubrey Bettencourt, Almond Alliance of California

The Bright Side: Securing Multi-Benefits in Limited Water Supply Years

Moderated by Adam Nickels, Bureau of Reclamation

- Jessica Law, Water Forum
- Jeff McCreary, Ducks Unlimited
- Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority
- Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association

4:00pm-5:30pm

USBR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Two Decades of District Modernization

Moderated by Stuart Styles, Cal Poly Irrigation Training and Research Center

- Jarrett Martin, GM Central California Irrigation District (Modernization of CCID reservoirs, SCADA sites, and flow measurement options)
- Bill Stretch, GM Fresno Irrigation District (Conveyance system and SCADA modernization, SGMA and future projects, urban water use, trailways and challenges, and aging infrastructure challenges)
- Bert Bryan, GM of Walker River Irrigation District (Management of a \$5 million program to update river diversions in the Walker River basin including new automated gates, new flumes, several long-crested weirs and miles of pipeline replacement)

6:00pm-9:00pm

DINNER AND BOWLING NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30am-10:50am

BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Bowling and Slot Tournament Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Storytelling with a Purpose

Moderated by Mike Wade, California Farm Water Coalition

Todd Manley, Northern California Water Association

Elizabeth Jonasson, Westlands Water District

2022 Water Supply Outlook

Moderated by Adam Nickels, Bureau of Reclamation