

52nd Annual
Mid-Pacific Region
Water Users' Conference



January 23-25, 2019
Eldorado Resort Casino
Reno, Nevada

2019 MID-PACIFIC REGION WATER USERS' CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Please visit our website for a more detailed schedule and updates: www.waterusersconference.com
ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00am** CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30am-12:00pm** CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL SESSION
Welcome Address *Chris Dahlstrom, Water Users' Conference Planning Committee Chair*
Keynote Address *Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation*
Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address
Bureau of Reclamation Area Managers Roundtable: Getting the Lowdown from the People on the Ground
The Trump Interior Department Plan for California *Panel Presentation*
- 12:15pm-2:00pm** LUNCHEON and PROGRAM
Regional Director's Conservation Award Presentation
Washington Update: A look ahead to the 116th Congress and Year 3 of the Trump Administration
- 5:30pm-7:30pm** EXHIBITOR RECEPTION & SLOTS TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00am-9:10am** BREAKFAST and PROGRAM
Keynote Speaker *Steven Ford, Actor and Son of President Gerald Ford*
- 9:20am-12:00pm** GENERAL SESSION
Newlands Report *Rusty Jardine, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District*
Role of the Federal Water Master in the Administration of Water Rights on the Truckee River
Patrick E. Fritchel, P.E., U.S. District Court Water Master's Office, Reno
That Sinking Feeling... Groundwater/Subsidence Issues *Panel Presentation*
The Public Trust Doctrine: New Developments *Panel Presentation*
- 12:15pm-1:30pm** LUNCHEON and PROGRAM
Déjà vu: Fear and Uncertainty in the Klamath Basin *Scott White, Klamath Water Users Association*
Cachuma Project Report *Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez WCD ID #1*
- 1:45pm-3:30pm** GENERAL SESSION
Forecasting the Biggest Storms in the Biggest Little City *Chris Smallcomb, National Weather Service*
I've seen Fire and I've seen Rain: Western Wildfires and Effects on the Watershed *Panel Presentation*
- 3:30-5:30** WORKSHOP: Technical Assistance for Modernization Options *Stuart Styles, Cal Poly ITRC*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:30am-11:30am** BREAKFAST and PROGRAM
Slot Tournament Awards
Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students
NASA Airborne Snow Observatory – Rocket Science Meets Runoff? *Panel Presentation*
2019 Water Supply Outlook for CVP, Cachuma, Klamath and Newlands Projects *Bureau of Reclamation*
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THE CONFERENCE

The Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference is an annual conference attended by Managers, Directors, O&M Personnel, Consultants, and Government Agency Representatives from districts served by the United States Bureau of Reclamation facilities in California, Nevada, and Oregon.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Brenda Burman was confirmed in 2017 as the 23rd Commissioner for the Bureau of Reclamation. Burman has over 25 years of experience working on western issues, with an emphasis on water and natural resources. She previously served in the Department of the Interior as Reclamation's Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs and as Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. Her career spans experience in Congress as legislative counsel for water and energy for Senator Jon Kyl to state agencies, including The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and most recently, the Salt River Project in Arizona. She was a judicial clerk for the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming and the Superior Court of Coconino County in Arizona and worked as an attorney in private practice in Arizona. She began her career as a park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. Burman holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arizona College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College. She is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming.

Actor **Steven Ford**, son of former President Gerald R. Ford has successfully negotiated the bumpy road from the White House to a 25 year career as an actor in Hollywood. He has worked in over 30 films and many guest leads in television. Before becoming an actor in 1980, Steve worked on the professional rodeo circuit as a team roper and still ropes today in his spare time. Steve served three years on the Board of Directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and currently serves on the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. He shares inspiring stories of character and leadership that led to the Ford family's success.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

USBR PRIVATE MEETINGS

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Management Team and Water Conservation Team will be available for private meetings during the conference. Questions or to arrange meetings in advance, please contact the following:

- U.S.B.R. Management: Alene Thomas (916) 978-5000 or athomas@usbr.gov
- U.S.B.R. Water Conservation: Anna Sutton at (916)978-5214 or asutton@usbr.gov (see enclosed flyer)

WORKSHOP: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MODERNIZATION OPTIONS (Updates on what is new in flow measurement, automation, monitoring, canal control, reservoirs)

Thursday afternoon: Immediately following the conclusion of the General Session, Dr. Stuart Styles of Cal Poly ITRC will hold a workshop open to all interested parties. The ITRC has been providing technical assistance through the USBR over the last 2 decades. Through the partnership, the ITRC serves as a valuable extension to the in-house expertise of federal and state agencies and irrigation districts. ITRC's qualified senior technical experts and engineers assist these agencies in making proper design and modernization decisions, and conduct rapid appraisal process evaluations which quickly — often in two weeks or less — determine key indicators of irrigation projects. The ITRC program will target the benefits of direct technical assistance to individual irrigation and/or water districts in the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley. The ITRC provides independent expertise for specific water conservation programs for individual irrigation district. The workshop will cover the technical topics that the ITRC supports and solicit input from the participants for potential new projects and training opportunities. The latest in NON-CONTACT flowmeters will be highlighted in 2019.

SLOTS TOURNAMENT

Feeling lucky?? Try your hand at our exclusive slots tournament during the Exhibitors Reception on Wednesday evening. \$20 cash buy-in per person per play payable at the tournament. All cash taken in will be paid out! Pre-registration is not required.

SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION

Our 7th Annual Silent Auction to benefit the Water Users' Conference Scholarship will be held during this year's conference. Formed in 2010, the Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference Scholarships are awarded annually to students pursuing fields of study offered by the BRAE (BioResource and Agricultural Engineering) and ITRC (Irrigation Training and Research Center) departments at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. See the enclosed flyer to donate.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Please visit us at waterusersconference.com for conference information, up-to-date schedule, hotel information, online registration, and to download registration, exhibitor, sponsorship and auction contribution forms. **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

The 2019 Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference will be held at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino, located at 4th and Virginia Streets in downtown Reno, Nevada. Room rates start at \$58 and a variety of upgrades (Luxury Rooms, Superior Rooms, Player Spa Suites, and Spa Tower Suites) are available. Please inquire with reservations or use the booking link through our website to get the special rates. Make reservations online or by phone:

- Book online at www.waterusersconference.com. Click on the Hotel Information tab.
- Call the hotel reservations line at (800)687-8733. Please mention the Water Users Conference and/or group code **WTR2019** to ensure the group rate.
- **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!! THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE SPECIAL RATE IS JANUARY 4, 2019 OR UNTIL OUR ROOM BLOCK IS FILLED.**

CONFERENCE DEADLINES

- The Eldorado Hotel room reservation deadline is January 4, 2019 OR until our room block fills.
- Conference pre-registration deadline is January 8, 2019

CANCELLATIONS

- Eldorado Hotel room reservation cancellations must be made directly with the hotel at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled arrival to avoid a cancellation penalty.
- Conference registrations cancelled by January 8, 2018, will be refunded in full. There will be no refunds for registrations cancelled after January 8.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

The Exhibitor Reception will be held Wednesday evening, January 23. For details, please refer to the enclosed Exhibitor Information and Application. If you have questions, please call us at (916)206-7186 or email jane@agamsi.com. Information is also available on our website: waterusersconference.com

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are available. Please refer to the enclosed sponsorship opportunities menu. Information is also available on our website: waterusersconference.com

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ID #1
Larry Bauman, CVP Water Association
Jeff Bryant, Firebaugh Canal Water District
Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District
Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance
Sheri Looper, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Bill Luce, Bill Luce Consulting
Palmer McCoy, Henry Miller Reclamation District
Bob Oakden, Truckee Carson Irrigation District
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
Scott White, Klamath Water Users Association
Jane Townsend, MPR WUC Meeting Coordinator
Debbie Murdock, MPR WUC Staff

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jane Townsend at (916)206-7186 or jane@agamsi.com

2019 MID-PACIFIC REGION WATER USERS' CONFERENCE PRE REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE:
www.waterusersconference.com

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION includes admittance to all Conference sessions, Exhibitor Reception, Wednesday lunch, Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch, and Friday breakfast.

SPOUSES OR GUESTS of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives need not pay a registration fee; however, spouses or guests who wish to participate in any meal sessions must purchase tickets to those events. The Wednesday Exhibitor Reception is complimentary to spouses/guests.

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

◆ CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS <i>Full registration is required for water district or company representatives.</i>	Full Pre-Registration (by Jan. 8) \$275		Full Registration (after Jan. 8) \$300		Total Each Rep
1. _____ Company Representative					\$
2. _____ Company Representative					\$
3. _____ Company Representative					\$
◆ SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATIONS <i>Available only to spouses and guests of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives</i>	Wed Lunch \$25	Thurs Breakfast \$25	Thurs Lunch \$25	Fri Breakfast \$25	Ttl Each Spouse/Guest
1. _____ Spouse/Guest					\$
2. _____ Spouse/Guest					\$
3. _____ Spouse/Guest					\$
◆ SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (voluntary) — Please indicate amount of donation <i>The Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference Scholarships are awarded annually to students pursuing fields of study offered by the BRAE (BioResource and Agricultural Engineering) and ITRC (Irrigation Training and Research Center) departments at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Since 2010, scholarships totaling over \$30,000 have been awarded.</i>					\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ALL ITEMS					\$

◆ PAYMENT METHOD:

Check payable to "Water Users Conference"

Credit Card: ___ VISA ___ Mastercard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Card No: _____ Exp. _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

Return form to: Water Users Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or fax (916)446-1063
You can also email your registration form to jane@agamsi.com
CANCELLATIONS: Cancel by January 8 for full refund. NO refunds for cancellations after January 8th.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION & APPLICATION

52nd Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference

Exhibitor Reception: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

WHEN AND WHERE?

The 52nd Annual Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference will be held January 23-25, 2019 at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada. The 2018 Conference was at the same location and there were over 275 paid registrants.

WHAT IS IT AND WHO WILL BE THERE?

The Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference is an annual Conference attended by Managers, Directors, Operators, Maintenance Personnel, and Consultants from water districts served by the United States Bureau of Reclamation facilities in California, Nevada, and Oregon. Many of the Conference participants are the same people who participate in budget preparation and purchasing decisions back home.

RECEPTION INFO

There will be one Exhibitor Reception at this year's Conference on Wednesday, January 23, from 5:30 to 7:30pm with hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This event is very well attended every year.

EXHIBIT RULES

Each exhibitor is provided with one or two tables for table top displays. Exhibitors with stand alone exhibits are limited to an area with the same dimensions as a table (width and depth). **EQUIPMENT OR ITEMS THAT DO NOT FIT WITHIN THE ALLOTTED AREA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**

MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT

Exhibit setup will be from approximately 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 23. **Exhibitors must tear down and remove their exhibits on Wednesday evening, immediately following the reception.**

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIPS

A limited number of sponsorships are available. Please see the enclosed Sponsorship Menu for more information. *Some sponsorships include free exhibit space.*

EXHIBIT SHIPPING/STORAGE

Packages may be shipped to the hotel no more than 3 days prior to the event. The catering office must be notified in advance of the shipment (Kara Player, 800-648-4597, ext. 7271). Include the following information on deliveries: Eldorado Hotel, Water Users Conference, # of packages, Guest Name, Date of Event (January 23), 345 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501. Service charges based on weight will be assessed by the hotel on any packages/shipments received or shipped by the hotel.

SPACE IS LIMITED

Exhibit space is limited. If your company would benefit from contact with staff and representatives from water districts throughout the Mid-Pacific Region, please register early.

Complete the attached application and mail it to:

Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference,
1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Ph (916)206-7186, or Fax (916)446-1063
Or email to jane@agamsi.com

NEED A ROOM?

Special room rates for Water Users Conference attendees at the Eldorado Hotel start at \$58 per night single or double, plus applicable taxes, with upgrades available at slightly higher rates. Make hotel reservations directly with the hotel by calling 800-687-8733 (mention group code WTR2019) or online at www.waterusersconference.com. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS **JANUARY 4, 2019** OR UNTIL OUR ROOM BLOCK IS FULL. THIS BLOCK WILL FILL FAST, SO RESERVE YOUR ROOM ASAP.

DETAILS, DETAILS

Payment must accompany registration to reserve exhibit space. Deadline for exhibitor pre-registration is January 8. If you wish to register an exhibit after that date, please call or email us (jane@agamsi.com) to check availability. Exhibitors are welcome to attend Conference sessions; however, tickets must be purchased for meal sessions. See application form on reverse side for details.

QUESTIONS

Please feel free to contact us or visit our website if you would like more information

www.waterusersconference.com

Phone 916/206-7186 Fax 916/446-1063 Email: jane@agamsi.com

EXHIBITOR APPLICATION
52nd Annual Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference
EXHIBITOR RECEPTION: January 23, 2019 Eldorado Hotel & Casino, Reno, NV

I. COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

II. EXHIBITOR REPRESENTATIVES (*nametags will be prepared for all listed names*)

III. EXHIBIT SPACE:

Number of Exhibit Tables: _____ One 6-foot table (@ \$200.00)
_____ Two 6-foot tables (@ \$300.00)
_____ I do not require tables - I have my own exhibit
*charge is based on width of display area:
 \$200 for up to 6 ft.; \$300 for up to 12 ft.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, EQUIPMENT OR ITEMS THAT DO NOT FIT WITHIN THE ALLOTTED AREA WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**

Electrical Requirements: _____ Electrical Connection (exhibitors provide extension cords as needed)

IV. EVENT REGISTRATIONS:

Exhibitors are welcome to attend conference general sessions; however, tickets must be purchased to participate in any meal sessions or special event. Please indicate which tickets you would like to purchase:

Wednesday Lunch	# _____	X \$25/person	= \$ _____
Thursday Breakfast	# _____	X \$25/person	= \$ _____
Thursday Lunch	# _____	X \$25/person	= \$ _____
Friday Breakfast	# _____	X \$25/person	= \$ _____

V. TOTAL DUE

Subtotal Exhibit Space \$ _____
Subtotal Events \$ _____

Total Due: _____ = \$ _____

VI. PAYMENT METHOD:

Check payable to "Water Users Conference"
 Credit Card: ___ VISA ___ Mastercard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Card No: _____ Exp. _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____ Cardholder Signature: _____

Exhibit space is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for exhibitor pre-registration is January 8. If you wish to register an exhibit after that date, please call us to check availability. **Cancellations:** Exhibitor cancellations by January 8 will be refunded in full. Cancellations after January 8th will be refunded ONLY IF we are able to resell the space.

RETURN APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:
Water Users Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone (916)448-1638 Fax (916)446-1063 Email: jane@agamsi.com

2019 MID-PACIFIC REGION WATER USERS' CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All sponsors will be recognized on prominent signage at the conference and in the conference program.

- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: WEDNESDAY OPENING SESSION**
\$1500 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space at Exhibitor Reception (one 6 ft. table)
- COCKTAILS: WEDNESDAY EXHIBITOR RECEPTION**
\$1500 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space at Exhibitor Reception (one 6 ft. table)
- SLOT TOURNAMENT: WEDNESDAY EXHIBITOR RECEPTION**
\$1000 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space at Exhibitor Reception (one 6 ft. table)
- HORS D'OEUVRES: WEDNESDAY EXHIBITOR RECEPTION**
\$1500 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space at Exhibitor Reception (one 6 ft. table)
- REFRESHMENTS: THURSDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION**
\$500 Sponsorship
- LANYARDS**
\$250 Sponsorship. Imprint your company's name and/or message on lanyards that will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides lanyards. (Please check with us to ensure lanyards are compatible with our nametags).
- PENS**
\$250 Sponsorship. Provide attendees with pens with your company's name and/or logo. Pens will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides pens.
- WRITING PADS**
\$250 Sponsorship. Provide attendees with writing pads with your company's name and/or logo. Writing pads will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides pads.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION: *All sponsors will be recognized on prominent signage and in the printed meeting program. Sponsorships will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Sponsors have the opportunity to provide literature (brochures, booklets or pamphlets) for distribution at the registration desk. Sponsors of lanyards, pens and writing pads agree to provide these items at no cost to the Water Users Conference. Sponsors will be responsible for the shipping or transport of any literature or promotional items to the Water Users Conference in Reno. Sponsors will be contacted by WUC staff to coordinate their participation. **The deadline for sponsorship registration is January 4, 2019.** After January 4th, please contact Jane Townsend (jane@agamsi.com) for available opportunities.*

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF SPONSORSHIP IN THE ABOVE MENU, RETURN THIS FORM AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU:

Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

RETURN FORM TO:
Water Users' Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone (916)206-7186 Fax (916)446-1063 Email jane@agamsi.com
Please contact us if you have any questions!

MPRWUC Scholarship SILENT AUCTION

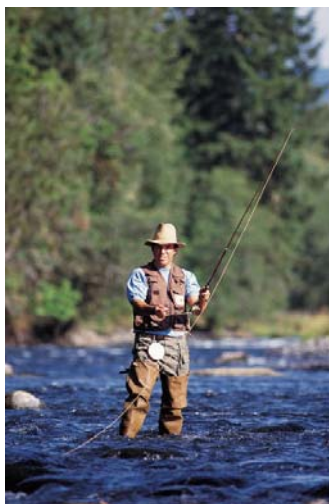
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Your generous donation to our SILENT AUCTION will benefit the Scholarship. Auction items might include, but are certainly not limited to, gift baskets, weekend getaways, use of a vacation rental, wine, merchandise, clothing, gift cards, gift certificates, adventure excursions, etc.

Auction item donors will be recognized at the Conference on signs in the registration area. Auction flyers will be displayed in the registration area where attendees will have the opportunity to bid on each item. Bidding will be open from Wednesday morning of the conference through Thursday's lunch. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship.

Adventure Excursions



MPRWUC SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION DONATION

Item Description: _____

Fair Market Value of Item: \$ _____

Donor Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Donor Phone & Email: _____

**Return form: Water Users Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
or fax: 916-446-1063 or email: jane@agamsi.com**

**Please send a photo and/or description of the donated item and
your company logo (if applicable) to jane@agamsi.com**

Questions, call Jane Townsend at (916)206-7186

Weekend Getaways



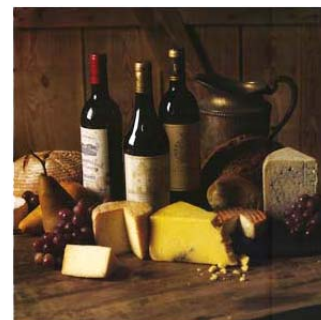
Gift Baskets



Event Tickets



Wine



Gift Certificates



Golf Outings



Logo'd Merchandise



Gift Cards



RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Water Conservation Team and Technical Assistance ~ Room 2516

Reclamation will hold a listening session for revisions to the 2020 Water Management Plan Criteria on January 23, from 2:15 to 4:15, in Room 2516. Reclamation will also provide water conservation planning and technical assistance during the Water Users Conference. The Water Conservation Team is currently accepting requests for individual meetings on January 23, from 9 am – 12 noon, and January 24, from 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm – 4:30 pm, in Room 2516.

Dr. Stuart Styles of the Cal Poly Irrigation and Training Research Center will be available in the Technical Assistance Room, by appointment only, at sstyles@calpoly.edu.

Financial Assistance Information

- WaterSMART Program
- Bay-Delta Water Conservation and Efficiency Program
- CALFED Program

Planning Assistance

- 2017 Conservation and Efficiency Standard Criteria
- Water Management Plans
- Annual Update Reporting