



51st Annual
Mid-Pacific Region
Water Users' Conference

January 17-19, 2018
Eldorado Resort Casino
Reno, Nevada

2018 MID-PACIFIC REGION WATER USERS' CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Please visit our website for a more detailed schedule and updates: www.waterusersconference.com

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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 *Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation*

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address *David Murillo, Mid-Pacific Regional Director*

Bureau of Reclamation Area Managers' Roundtable *Panel Presentation*

One Dam Big Repair Project – A Year in the Life of Oroville Dam *Panel Presentation*

12:15pm-2:00pm LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

Feeding the Future - Will We Be Ready? *Panel Presentation*

2:15pm-4:00pm

MATINEE MOVIE SCREENING: "BEYOND THE BRINK" *in the Eldorado Showroom*

5:30pm-7:30pm

EXHIBITOR RECEPTION & SLOTS TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00am-9:10am BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Keynote Speaker: *To be Announced*

9:20am-12:15pm

GENERAL SESSION

The Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow - Proposition One Storage Projects Move Forward in California
Panel Presentation

Klamath Project Report *Scott White, Klamath Water Users Association*

What's Happening Over at the State Capitol? Regulatory & Environmental Developments
Coming out of Carson City, Sacramento and Salem *Panel Presentation*

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

We're Not in Klamath Anymore: What the Recent Klamath Project Decision Means for Every Western
Water User *Roger Marzulla, Marzulla Law LLC, Washington DC*

1:45pm-3:30pm

GENERAL SESSION

Mid-Pacific Regional Director's Water Conservation Award *David Murillo, Mid-Pacific Regional Director*

Cachuma Project Report *Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1*

Newlands Project Report *Rusty Jardine, Truckee Carson Irrigation District*

"The Big Dig": 2017 Flood Operations in the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project *Panel Presentation*

3:30pm-5:30pm

WORKSHOP: Technical Assistance for Modernization Options *Stuart Styles, Cal Poly ITRC*

6:00pm-9:00pm

DINNER AND BOWLING AT THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30am-11:30am BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Aldo Sansoni Scholarship

Fake News in the Water World *Panel Presentation*

2018 Water Supply Outlook for CVP, Cachuma, Klamath and Newlands Projects *Bureau of Reclamation*

Closing Comments and Cash Raffle *Chris Dahlstrom, Water Users' Planning Committee Chair*

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.

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 (SCADA, flow measurement, automation, monitoring, canal control, reservoirs)

*Thursday afternoon (approx. 3:30). 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. A variety of training and technology transfer programs will also be provided. The ITRC provides independent expertise for specific water conservation programs for individual irrigation districts. 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 new Irrigation Turnout Calibration Unit will be available in 2018. The unit has a 6,000 gpm (over 12 CFS) capacity and is portable to help with SB7x7 compliance. There will be opportunities to get your turnouts checked in the Summer of 2018.*

WEDNESDAY MATINEE: "BEYOND THE BRINK" MOVIE SCREENING

Join us on Wednesday afternoon for a private screening of "BEYOND THE BRINK" in the Eldorado Showroom. "Beyond the Brink" depicts the water and food nexus and its evolving implications for national security through the lens of California's San Joaquin Valley. The film's producer and director, Jim Thebaut, will join us to introduce the film. There is no cost to attend, and spouses/guests of attendees are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. The screening is sponsored by DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT. See the enclosed flyer for details.

SLOTS TOURNAMENT

Wednesday Exhibitor Reception: Feeling lucky?? Try your hand at our exclusive slots tournament during the Exhibitors Reception on Wednesday evening. Play as often as you like or just watch the excitement from the sidelines. \$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.

READY, SET, LET'S BOWL! @ NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM

Thursday evening: Back by popular demand, dinner and bowling at the National Bowling Stadium. If you've never been, you're in for a great experience. If you HAVE been, you know what we're talking about!! Ticket price includes dinner, hosted bar, bowling, balls and shoes. For those who'd prefer not to walk to the stadium, or in case of inclement weather, shuttle service will be offered from the Eldorado Hotel. Not a bowler? That's OK, join us for the food, drink and to cheer on your favorite team. See enclosed flyer for more details.

SCHOLARSHIP SILENT AUCTION

Our 6th 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. Please consider donating an item or service to the silent auction benefitting the scholarship. See the enclosed flyer for details and to donate.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Please visit us at waterusersconference.com for conference information, up-to-date schedule, hotel information, and to download registration, exhibitor, sponsorship and auction contribution forms.

HOTEL INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS

The 2018 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 \$57 and a variety of upgrades (Luxury Rooms, Player Spa Suites, and Spa Tower Player 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)648-5966. Please mention the Water Users Conference and/or group code **WTR2018** to ensure the group rate.
- **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!! THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE SPECIAL RATE IS JANUARY 2, 2018 OR UNTIL OUR ROOM BLOCK IS FILLED.**

CONFERENCE DEADLINES

- The Eldorado Hotel room reservation deadline is January 2, 2018 OR until our room block fills.
- Conference pre-registration deadline is January 8, 2018

CANCELLATIONS

- Eldorado Hotel room reservation cancellations must be made directly with the hotel at least 24 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 17. 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
Bill Luce, Bill Luce Consulting
Mario Manzo, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Bob Oakden, Truckee Carson Irrigation District
Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority
Scott White, Klamath Water Users Association
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QUESTIONS?

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