

55th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference

January 25-27, 2023

Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno, NV

DRAFT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30am-5:00pm **REGISTRATION**

8:00am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30am-12:00pm **CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome Address

Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (retired)

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address

Ernest Conant, Regional Director, California-Great Basin

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Leadership Discussion, Deputy Regional Director Highlights and Area Office Q&A

Panel Presentation Moderated by Kevin Kasberg, CVPWA

The CVP View from Ground Zero: Water Authority and District Managers Weigh In

Panel Presentation Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance

Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority

Federico Barajas, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Jeffrey Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority

Chris White, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors

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

Klamath Project Report

Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

The Great Food (Security) Giveaway

Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance

Mike Wade, California Farm Water Coalition

5:30pm-7:30pm **EXHIBITOR RECEPTION & SLOTS TOURNAMENT**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30am-5:00pm **REGISTRATION**

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

Cachuma Project Report

Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (retired)

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Congressman Cliff Bentz (INVITED)

9:20am-12:15pm

GENERAL SESSION

The ESA at Fifty: What Would President Nixon Think?

Panel Presentation Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

Paul Souza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Meredith Nikkel, Downey Brand LLP

David Mooney, Bay-Delta Office, Bureau of Reclamation

Dammed if We Do; Damned if We Don't: A New Era of California Water Storage Projects

Panel Presentation Moderated by Jeffrey Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

Introduction by Antonio Villaraigosa, Former Los Angeles Mayor and Assembly Speaker

Jerry Brown, Sites Reservoir JPA

Taryn Ravazzini, Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA

Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District

Pablo Arroyave, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Richard Welsh, Bureau of Reclamation

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

Regional Director's Water Conservation Award

Ernest Conant, Bureau of Reclamation

Newlands Project Report

Ben Shawcroft, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

The Red Wave that Wasn't: Looking Ahead to the Divided 118th Congress

Dennis Cardoza, Foley & Lardner LLP

William Ball, Foley & Lardner LLP

Lane Dickson, The Ferguson Group

1:45pm-3:30pm

MOVIE SCREENING: "California's Watershed Healing"

Introduction by James Thebaut, Founder, The Chronicles Group

View the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/721597803>

3:30pm-4:30pm

USBR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Cybersecurity for SCADA, New Flow Measurement Options, and Modernizing an Old Turnout

Dr. Stuart Styles of Cal Poly ITRC will moderate a workshop open to all interested parties. There will be three additional participants that will discuss their involvement with the USBR Technical Services program. Speakers Kyle Feist – Senior Engineer with the ITRC, Sierra Layous – Senior Engineer with ITRC and Jay Thomas with Chico State. The workshop will have handouts and provide critical information on new technologies/services that are available to districts.

6:00pm-9:00pm

Dinner and Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30am-11:30am

BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Bowling and Slot Tournament Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Recapping Water Year 2022

Kristin White, Bureau of Reclamation

Dave Mooney, Bureau of Reclamation

2023 Water Supply Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation