

56th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference
January 24-26, 2024
Silver Legacy, Reno, NV
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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 (ret.)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address
Ernest Conant, Director, California–Great Basin Region, Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation Deputies and Area Managers
Panel Presentation

The View from Three Capitals: Fighting for Water Users in Western State Legislatures
Moderated by Jeff Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
California-Dennis Albiani, California Advocates
Nevada-Chris Mahannah, Mahannah & Associates, LLC
Oregon-April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress

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

Let's Talk Politics at Lunch: The 118th Congress, the Biden White House and the 2024 Elections
Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance
John Bezdek, Water and Power Law Group PC
Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group
Garrett Durst, Natural Resource Results LLC

2:00pm-4:00pm **ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

Presented by Andrea Clark and Rebecca Smith, Downey Brand LLP
This two-hour session will fulfill California state law requirements that all public officials receive ethics training every two years. The training will cover transparency laws, conflicts of interest and fair process. Participants will receive a certificate to be retained by their agency. This workshop is offered at no charge, but please indicate your participation on the registration form.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

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

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

Newlands Project Report
Ben Shawcroft, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Cachuma Project Report
Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (ret.)

9:15am-12:15pm

GENERAL SESSION

ESA: Is Anything Fixed? Fixable?

Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

Paul Souza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Brittany Johnson, Somach, Simmons, & Dunn

Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority

Golden Trophies – 40-year History of How Water Agencies have Celebrated Negotiated Agreements made while being Leveraged by Regulators. Are these really worth celebrating? Are the latest Biological Opinions and Voluntary Agreements the final give? When should we push back?

Moderated by Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority

Ian Buck-Macleod, Friant Water Authority

Allison Febbo, Westlands Water District

Roger Cornwell, Sutter Mutual Water Co.

Richard Roos-Collins, Water and Power Law Group PC

Shelly Murphy, Colusa County Water District

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

Regional Director's Water Conservation Award

Presented by Ernest Conant, Director, California-Great Basin Region, Bureau of Reclamation

Klamath: Damned and Damless

Klamath Project Report

Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

Dam Removal: It's On

Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association

Brian Johnson, Klamath River Renewal Corp.

Elizabeth Nielsen, Siskiyou County, California

Floodplains & Flyways

Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance

Jacob Montgomery, California Trout

Mark Petrie, Ducks Unlimited

Moss Driscoll, Klamath Water Users Association

3:00pm-5:00pm

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 26

8:30am-11:30am

BREAKFAST and PROGRAM

Bowling and Slot Tournament Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Revisiting 2023 Water Year

Presented by Bureau of Reclamation

2024 Water Supply Outlook

Presented by Bureau of Reclamation