

**57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE**  
**January 29-31, 2025**  
**Silver Legacy, Reno, NV**  
**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

**7:30am-5:00pm      REGISTRATION**

**8:00am              CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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

Welcome Address  
*Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
*David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation*

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address  
*Karl Stock, Regional Director, California Great Basin Region*

Bureau of Reclamation Deputies and Area Managers  
*Moderated by Brooke White, CVP Water Association*  
*Adam Nickels, Principal Deputy Regional Director*  
*Kristin White, Deputy Regional Director of Operations*  
*Lanie Paquin, Deputy Regional Director of Technical Services*  
*Ed Young, Deputy Regional Director of Business Services*  
*Alan Heck, Klamath Basin Area Manager*  
*Elizabeth Hadley, Northern California Area Manager*  
*Jack Worsley, Lahontan Basin Area Manager*  
*Drew Lessard, Central California Area Manager*  
*Michael Jackson, South Central California Area Manager*

Reservoir(s) of Dreams: If you build it....?  
*Moderated by Jeff Sutton, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District*  
*Jerry Brown, Sites Project Authority*  
*Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District*  
*Pablo Arroyave, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority*  
*Adam Nickels, Bureau of Reclamation*

**12:15pm-2:20pm    LUNCHEON and PROGRAM**

50 Shades of Red: The Outlook for Trump 47 and the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress  
*Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance*  
*Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group*  
*Garrett Durst, Natural Resource Results*

Klamath Project Report  
*Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association*

**2:30pm-4:30pm    SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

*Presented by Laura Fowler, Best Best & Krieger LLC*  
*This session will fulfill California state law requirements that all public officials receive sexual harassment training every two years. This workshop is offered at no charge and participants will receive a certificate of completion.*

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

**7:30am-4:00pm REGISTRATION**

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

Unplugged!

*Tom Philp, Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist, Sacramento Bee*

**9:15am-12:15pm GENERAL SESSION**

The Future of the New BiOps: Do They Survive or Does the Cycle Continue?

*Moderated by Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmons & Dunn*

*Jennifer Quan, National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Region*

*Moss Driscoll, Klamath Water Users Association*

*Thad Bettner, Sacramento River Settlement Contractors*

*Allison Febbo, Westlands Water District*

*Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority*

Blueprint for the Future

*Panel Presentation*

**12:15pm-2:20pm LUNCHEON and PROGRAM**

Regional Director's Water Conservation Award

*Karl Stock, Regional Director, California Great Basin Region, Bureau of Reclamation*

Deference to Administrative Agencies/Demise of the *Chevron* Doctrine: What Does it All Mean?

*Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association*

*Steve Shropshire, Jordan Ramis*

*Dan O'Hanlon, Kronick, Moskowitz, Tiedemann & Girard*

*Meredith Nikkel, Downey Brand*

Cachuma Project Report

*Presented by Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (ret.)*

**2:30pm-4:00pm WORKSHOP: Dopplers for Districts – What's New, What Works, What has Challenges?**

*Presented by Stuart Styles, Cal Poly ITRC*

*This Flow Measurement Workshop is open to all interested parties. This will be a "hands on" workshop that will cover the FlowTracker2 (doppler on a stick), M9 (doppler on a boat), PT900 (doppler for a pipeline), and the RQ30 (doppler on a bridge). Districts that are using these devices are encouraged to attend to share their experiences. There will be demonstrations and examples of the different devices. The workshop is based on content developed through the USBR/ITRC Technical Services program. There will be handouts, and the workshop will provide critical information on new technologies/services that are available to MP districts.*

**6:00pm-9:00pm Dinner and Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

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

Bowling and Slot Tournament Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Newlands Project Report

*Presented by Ben Shawcroft, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District*

Revisiting the 2024 Water Year

*David Mooney, Bureau of Reclamation Bay Delta Office*

*Levi Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Operations*

2025 Water Supply Outlook

*Levi Johnson, Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Operations*

*Jason Cameron, Bureau of Reclamation Klamath Basin Area Office*

*Austin Balser, Bureau of Reclamation Lahontan Basin Area Office*

*Rufino Gonzales, Bureau of Reclamation South Central California Area Office*