

# 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE

January 27-30, 2026

Silver Legacy, Reno, NV

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

*Schedule will be updated periodically and posted on our website:*

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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

**5:00pm-7:00pm CVPWA WUC RENO RECEPTION**  
*Rum Bullions. Hosted by Central Valley Project Water Association*

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

**7:30am-2:30pm 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  
*Acting Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner*

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address  
*Acting Regional Director*

Voices from the Field: Area Managers Unplugged  
*Bureau of Reclamation Panel Presentation*

Leave your Pitchfork at the Door: The Story of the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership  
*Amy Wolfe, Great Valley Farm Water Partnership*

Inside the Process: How Congress and the Executive Branch are Shaping Environmental Review Reform  
*Panel Presentation*

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

Water Under the Dome: D.C. Insights on the Legislative and Policy Currents Shaping the West  
*Panel Presentation*

**2:30pm-4:30pm ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

*Presented by Best Best & Krieger, this two-hour session will fulfill California state law requirements that all public officials receive ethics training every two years.*

**5:00pm-6:30pm EXHIBITOR RECEPTION**

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

**7:30am-3:00pm      REGISTRATION**

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

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

*Paul Souza, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Jennifer Quan, NOAA Fisheries*

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

#### **Evolving Needs for Endangered Species and ESA Compliance**

*Panel Presentation*

#### **A Startling Picture: Impacts of Non-Native Fish on Salmon Recovery**

*David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, and Dana Lee, FISHBIO*

#### **Forest Resilience, Water Resilience: Confronting Problems and Building the Path Forward**

*Panel Presentation*

**12:15am-2:30pm      LUNCHEON and PROGRAM**

#### **If Not Then, Why Now? California Water Storage Policy Evolution of Political and Public Perception of Storage**

*Panel Presentation*

#### **Klamath's New Chapter: Leveraging Legal and Policy Developments, Advancing Solutions, and Honoring Commitments**

*Panel Presentation*

**2:30pm-4:30pm      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 30**

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

Bowling Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

### **Cachuma Project Report**

*Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1*

#### **Revisiting 2025/2026 Water Supply Outlook**

*Bureau of Reclamation Panel Presentation*