

58th Annual Mid-Pacific Water Users' Conference

January 28-30, 2026
Silver Legacy Resort Casino,
Reno, NV

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Schedule will be updated periodically and posted on our website:

www.wateruserconference.com

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 Address

Scott Cameron, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation (virtual)

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address

Adam Nickels, Acting Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation

Voices from the Field: Area Managers Unplugged

Moderated by Brooke White, CVP Water Association

Elizabeth Hadley, Northern California Area Manager

Lee Mao, Central Coast Area Manager, Acting

Rain Emerson, South Central California Area Manager

Laurie Nicoles, Lahontan Basin Area Manager, Acting

Alan Heck, Klamath Basin Area Manager

Leave your Pitchfork at the Door: The Story of the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership

Moderated by Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District

Mary Hildebrand, Hildebrand Farms

Cliff Loeffler, Loeffler Farms

Russ Ryan, Metropolitan Water District

Sarah Woolf, Water Wise

Modernizing Environmental Review: CEQA, NEPA and the Future of Water Projects

Moderated by Anthea Hansen, Del Puerto Water District

Richie O'Connell, U.S. House Natural Resources Committee

Pablo Arroyave, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

James Moore, Remy Moose Manley LLP

12:15pm-2:00pm	LUNCHEON and PROGRAM
	<p>Water Under the Dome: D.C. Insights on the Legislative and Policy Currents Shaping the West</p> <p><i>Moderated by Dan Keppen, Dan Keppen & Associates</i> <i>Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group</i> <i>Michael Brain, Best Best & Krieger LLP</i> <i>Garrett Durst, Natural Resources Results</i></p>
2:30pm-4:30pm	ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS <p><i>Brian Hughes and Sergio Rudin, Best Best & Krieger LLP. This two-hour session will fulfill California state law requirements that all public officials receive ethics training every two years.</i></p>
5:00pm-6:30pm	EXHIBITOR RECEPTION
<u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 29</u>	
7:30am-3:00pm	REGISTRATION
8:00am-9:10am	BREAKFAST and PROGRAM
	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p><i>Paul Souza, US Fish & Wildlife Service, and Jennifer Quan, NOAA Fisheries</i></p>
9:15am-12:15am	GENERAL SESSION
	<p>Evolving Needs for Endangered Species and ESA Compliance</p> <p><i>Moderated by Jeff Payne, Westlands Water District</i> <i>Elizabeth Nielsen, Klamath Water Users Association</i> <i>Allison Febbo, Westlands Water District</i> <i>Brad Cavallo, Westlands Water District</i> <i>Paul Simmons, Paul Simmons LLC</i></p>
	<p>A Startling Picture: Impacts of Non-Native Fish on Salmon Recovery</p> <p><i>David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona Irrigation District</i> <i>Dana Lee, FISHBIO</i></p>
	<p>Forest Resilience, Water Resilience: Confronting Problems and Building the Path Forward</p> <p><i>Moderated by Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance</i> <i>David Auchterlonie, Author</i> <i>Andy Fecko, Placer County Water Agency</i> <i>Dale MacDougall, Patriot Restoration Ops</i></p>
12:15am-2:30pm	LUNCHEON and PROGRAM
	<p>If Not Then, Why Now? California Water Storage Policy Evolution of Political and Public Perception of Storage</p> <p><i>Moderated by Brooke White, CVP Water Association</i> <i>Jason Peltier</i> <i>Ali Forsythe, Sites Project Authority</i> <i>Bill Swanson, Stantec</i></p>

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

Moderated by Elizabeth Nielsen, Klamath Water Users Association

Scott Seus, Klamath Water Users Association

Brittany Johnson, Somach Simmons & Dunn

Adam Nickels, Bureau of Reclamation

2:30pm-4:30pm

WORKSHOP: Canal Flow Rate Measurement

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

Keynote Address

Aubrey Bettencourt, Chief, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) (invited)

Bowling Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Revisiting 2025/2026 Water Supply Outlook

Randi Fields, Central Valley Operations

Dave Felstul, Klamath Basin Area Office

Maggi Kraft, Lahontan Basin Area Office

Rufino Gonzales, South Central California Area Office

2026 MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE PRE REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION includes admittance to all Conference sessions, CVPWA Reno WUC Reception, Exhibitor Reception, Wednesday lunch, Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch and Friday breakfast. Separate tickets must be purchased for participation in the Thursday Evening Dinner & Bowling Event.

CVPWA TUESDAY RENO WUC RECEPTION. Hosted by Central Valley Project Water Association. There is no charge for the reception, but please indicate your participation on the registration form.

ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP. Two-hour session to fulfill CA state law requirements. For more information, see Schedule of Events. This workshop is offered at no charge, but you must indicate your participation on the registration form. Participants will receive a certificate of completion.

SPOUSES OR GUESTS of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives need not pay a registration fee; however, spouses or guests who wish to participate in any meal sessions or the Thursday bowling event must purchase tickets to those events. CVPWA Reno WUC Reception and Exhibitor Reception are complimentary to spouses/guests.

THURSDAY DINNER AND BOWLING AT THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM. Ticket price includes dinner, hosted bar, and bowling. Not a bowler? No problem, come for the food, drink and to cheer on your favorite team!

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

◆ CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS <i>Full registration is required for water district or company representatives.</i>	Full Registration <i>(after Jan. 10)</i> \$485	CVPWA Reno WUC Reception NO CHARGE	Ethics Training Workshop NO CHARGE		Thursday Dinner & Bowling \$85	Total Each Rep
1. _____ Company Representative						\$
2. _____ Company Representative						\$
3. _____ Company Representative						\$
◆ SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATIONS <i>Available only to spouses and guests of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives</i>	CVPWA Reno WUC Reception NO CHARGE	Wed Lunch \$55	Thurs Breakfast \$55	Thurs Lunch \$55	Thursday Dinner & Bowling \$85	Fri Breakfast \$55
1. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
2. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
3. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ALL ITEMS						\$

◆ PAYMENT METHOD: *(please note that credit card purchases will be charged a 3% convenience fee)*

Check payable to "Water Users Conference"

Credit Card: VISA Mastercard American Express Discover

Card No: _____ Exp. _____ Security Code: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Return form to: Water Users Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or email to jane@agamsi.com

CANCELLATIONS: Cancel by January 17th for a full refund. NO refunds for cancellations after January 17th.

QUESTIONS? Call Jane at (916)206-7186

2026 MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE
January 28-30, 2026 * SILVER LEGACY RESORT RENO
SPONSORSHIP and EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

EXHIBITS

CONFERENCE EXHIBITOR

Exhibit fee includes one exhibit table for company display in the pre-function area of the Grande Exposition Hall.

\$400—Single Booth (6 ft.) \$600—Double Booth (12 ft.)

SPONSORSHIPS

SUPPORTING SPONSOR

\$250 Sponsorship

N/A **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: WEDNESDAY OPENING SESSION** *sponsored by MBK Engineers*
\$1500 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space (one 6 ft. table)

N/A **WEDNESDAY AM/PM COFFEE BREAKS** *sponsored by Rubicon Water*
\$500 Sponsorship

N/A **COCKTAILS: WEDNESDAY EXHIBITOR RECEPTION** *sponsored by International Water Screens*
\$2000 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space (one 6 ft. table)

HORS D'OEUVRES: WEDNESDAY EXHIBITOR RECEPTION
\$2000 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space (one 6 ft. table)

N/A **THURSDAY AM/PM COFFEE BREAKS** *sponsored by HDR*
\$500 Sponsorship

N/A **COCKTAILS: DINNER/BOWLING AT THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM** *sponsored by Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck*
\$2000 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space (one 6 ft. table)

DINNER: DINNER/BOWLING AT THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM
\$2000 Sponsorship includes complimentary exhibit space (one 6 ft. table)

N/A **LANYARDS** *sponsored by Provost & Pritchard*
\$500 Sponsorship. Imprint your company's name and/or message on lanyards that will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides lanyards. (Please check with us to ensure lanyards are compatible with our nametags).

PENS
\$500 Sponsorship. Provide attendees with pens with your company's name and/or logo. Pens will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides pens.

N/A **WRITING PADS** *sponsored by Woodard & Curran*
\$500 Sponsorship. Provide attendees with writing pads with your company's name and/or logo. Writing pads will be distributed at registration. Sponsor produces and provides pads.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE OF EXHIBITOR AND/OR SPONSORSHIP ON THE ABOVE MENU AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE. DEADLINE FOR EXHIBIT/SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION IS JANUARY 17, 2026. AFTER THE DEADLINE, PLEASE CONTACT JANE TOWNSEND (jane@agamsi.com) or 916-206-7186 FOR AVAILABILITY.

EXHIBITOR CANCELLATION: Exhibitor cancellation by January 17 will be refunded in full. Cancellation after January 17 will be refunded ONLY IF we are able to resell the space.

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2026 MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE EXHIBITOR/SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE THAT EXHIBITOR AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION: Exhibits will be located in the Pre-Function area of the Grande Exposition Hall at Silver Legacy Resort Reno. This large exhibitor area will host our **Exhibitor Reception** on the evening of Wednesday, January 28, and the **Wednesday Continental Breakfast** and **Wednesday/Thursday Refreshment Breaks**, ensuring that your company has the most exposure to potential customers. Exhibit setup will be after 4pm on Tuesday, January 27. Exhibitor move-out will be following the conclusion of sessions on Thursday, January 29 (approximately 3:00pm). **Please note that tickets must be purchased to participate in the Thursday Dinner/Bowling event.** You may register for this in advance online at: www.waterusersconference.com. Special room rates for Water Users Conference attendees at the Silver Legacy are available on <https://waterusersconference.com/hotel-information/> **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Exhibitor cancellations by January 17 will be refunded in full. Cancellations after January 17 will be refunded ONLY IF we are able to resell the space.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION: All sponsors will be recognized on prominent signage and in the printed meeting program. Sponsorships will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Sponsors have the opportunity to provide literature (brochures, booklets or pamphlets) for distribution at the registration desk. Sponsors of lanyards, pens and writing pads agree to provide these items at no cost to the Water Users Conference. Sponsors will be responsible for the shipping or transport of any literature or promotional items to the Water Users Conference in Reno.

HOTEL SHIPMENT INFORMATION: Packages may be shipped to the hotel to arrive no more than 3 days prior to the event. Include the following information on deliveries: Silver Legacy Executive Business Center, Water Users Conference, # of packages, Guest Name, Guest Phone, Date of Event (January 28-30), 407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89501. Service charges based on weight may be assessed by the hotel on any packages/shipments received or shipped by the hotel.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

I. COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

II. TOTAL DUE

Exhibit Space \$ _____

*Please list exhibit booth representative names:

Sponsorship: \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

III. PAYMENT METHOD (please note that credit card purchases will be charged a 3% convenience fee)

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Connect With Your Area Manager

January 27-29, 2026



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

Join us for dedicated time with your Area Office Managers to discuss regional priorities, updates, and collaboration opportunities.

Location: Silver Baron A, located upstairs from conference on the Mezzanine Level.

<u>Area Office</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lahontan Basin (LBAO)	Tuesday, January 27	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Central California (CCAO)	Tuesday, January 27	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Northern California (NCAO)	Wednesday, January 28	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Klamath Basin (KBAO)	Wednesday, January 28	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
South Central California (SCCAO)	Thursday, January 29	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Please attend during your scheduled time to engage, ask questions, and provide updates.

For questions and additional information, please contact Anitalee Bronner at abronner@usbr.gov or (916) 978-5380.



Ready, Set, Let's BOWL!!!

Join us Thursday evening for dinner and bowling at the National Bowling Stadium, which the LA Times calls the "The Taj Mahal of Tenpins". Enjoy the company of friends, a great dinner, hosted bar and bowling. You don't have to be a bowler to enjoy this event!!!!

Tickets are only \$85 and include dinner, hosted bar, bowling (games, balls, shoes), and shuttle transportation to/from the National Bowling Stadium.

Prizes will be awarded! There are three ways to win:

- Highest Team Score Wins
- Your Team Gets a Playing Card for Every Strike — Best 5 Card Poker Hand Wins!
- Random Drawings for Prizes Whether You're Bowling or Not!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BOWLER TO ENJOY THIS EVENT!
Join us for food, drink, and to cheer on your favorite team!!

***SAVE TIME WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE!!
IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COVER YOUR BOWLING
PARTICIPATION, YOU MAY PAY FOR IT SEPARATELY ONLINE AHEAD
OF TIME, INDEPENDENT OF YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION.***