Western State Water Resources Infrastructure Needs and Strategies

Western Governors’ Association/Western States Water Council
Arizona Department of Water Resources

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Phoenix, Arizona
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**Wednesday, November 14**

9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

10:30 am **Welcome and Introductions**
Phil Ward, Chairman, Western States Water Council
Tom Iseman, Water Program Manager, Western Governors’ Association

11:00 am **Arizona’s Water Future: Infrastructure Financing and Conservation**
Sandy Fabritz-Whitney, Director, Arizona DWR
Sandy Sutton, Manager, Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA)
Brad Hill, Utilities Director, City of Flagstaff (invited)
Dennis Rule, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (invited)
John Sullivan, Salt River Project (invited)
Guy Carpenter, Carollo Engineers (invited)

12:30 pm Lunch/Speaker – **Water Needs for the Sun Corridor** (to be invited)

1:30 pm **Western State Water Resources Infrastructure Projects, Programs & Funding**
**Moderator:** Phil Ward, Chairman, Western States Water Council

Mark Cowin, Director, California Dept. of Water Resources
Jason King, Nevada State Engineer
Dennis Strong, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources
Jennifer Gimbel, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm **Western State Water Resources Infrastructure (Continued)**
**Moderator:** Pat Tyrrell, Wyoming State Engineer

Maia Bellon, Water Resources Program Manager, Washington DOE
Phil Ward, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department
Brian Patton, Bureau Chief, Idaho Water Resources Board
Tim Davis, Administrator, Montana Water Resources Division
Todd Sando, North Dakota State Engineer
Dave Templeton, Director, South Dakota Division of Technical and Financial Assistance (by phone)

5:30 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Social Hour
Thursday, November 15

8:00 am Western State Water Resources Infrastructure (Continued)
Moderator: Tim Davis, Administrator, Montana Water Resources Division

Tracy Streeter, Director, Kansas Water Office
Dave Barfield, Chief Engineer, Kansas Department of Agriculture
Steve Gaul, Comprehensive Planning Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Harry LaBonde, Director, Wyoming Water Development Commission
Scott Verhines, New Mexico State Engineer and Blue Ribbon Commission Member
Melanie Callahan, Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board
J.D. Strong, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Water Quality Infrastructure Financing
Panel Presentation and Group Discussion

Steve Gunderson, Director, Colorado Water Quality Control Division (invited)
Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah DEQ
Mike Linder, Director or Pat Rice, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
Tom Stiles, Chief, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
George Mathieus, Administrator, Planning Division, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (invited)

12:30 pm Lunch - Financing Sustainable Water Infrastructure
Sharlene Leurig, Senior Manager, Insurance Program, CERES

1:30 pm Construction Innovations: Better, Faster & Smarter
(Management, Materials, Technology & Techniques)

Rodney Chapin, Senior Vice President, CDM (invited)
Scott Ingvoldstad, Director of Governmental Affairs, CH2MHiIl (invited)
Jeff Fassett, Vice President, HDR Engineering (invited)
David Martin, President, Arizona Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America (invited)
Paul Blanchard, Northwest Pipe (invited)

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm The Importance of Water to our National Economy

Veolia Water’s “Growing Blue” (to be invited)
Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency

4:30 pm Adjourn
Friday, November 16

8:00 am  Integrated Water Resources Management: Infrastructure Needs and Streamlining Regulatory Requirements

Terry Fulp, Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
James Hannon, Chief, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Dave White, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA (invited)
Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency

10:00 am  Break

10:15 am  Public/Private Sector Roles in Financing/Building Projects

Shawn Dralle, Managing Director, RBC Capital Markets (invited)
Wes Strickland, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
Pat Mulroy, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority (invited)
David Pitcher, Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer, Central Utah Water Conservancy District (invited)

12:00 pm  Meeting Infrastructure Needs in the Face of Growth and Uncertainties
Facilitated Discussion/Symposium Findings & Recommendations/Next Steps

Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council
Tom Iseman, Water Program Manager, Western Governors’ Association

12:30 pm  Adjourn