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With the theme, “Navigating a New Future Together,” we welcome you to ACWA’s 2021 Spring Virtual Conference & Exhibition to hear the latest developments on local, statewide and federal water issues during these unique times.

As with all ACWA conferences, this event also strengthens ACWA’s role as the leading voice in California water issues for more than a century, a historic role that depends on the knowledge, expertise and collaboration between our member agencies.

Keynote speakers and expert panelists will deliver insights into our industry that you cannot find anywhere else. Meanwhile, a virtual Exhibit Hall will showcase innovative products and services that may offer your organization the solution that you’ve been seeking. Additionally, continuing education credits will be available for legal, energy, financial and drinking water operator professionals. Virtual Networking Lounges will also allow you to meet your colleagues in a live Zoom space and hear from fellow water professionals throughout California.

If ACWA stands for anything, it stands for collaboration. This quality drives our success at coalition building, which will again prove essential in 2021. At the heart of ACWA’s success is the fundamental commitment to working together as a vast and diverse membership of local water agencies to find creative solutions to the challenges of the day.

Thank you for joining me and your colleagues from throughout the water industry at ACWA’s 2021 Spring Virtual Conference to connect, learn, and engage.

Enjoy the conference!

Steve LaMar
ACWA Board President
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Thank you sponsors! Because of your generosity, ACWA’s membership wins by being able to attend high-quality, educational and timely events at reasonable prices. The information ACWA members take home from these events is specific to their needs, which ultimately enables high-quality water to be delivered to California’s cities, farms and businesses. And this is good for all Californians!

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4:00 PM–5:00 PM

VIRTUAL TOUR

Under the Sea with ACWA

Although we cannot meet in-person in Monterey this Spring, ACWA is bringing a bit of Monterey live to you!

Get an exclusive insider’s view of the Monterey Bay Aquarium’s most iconic exhibits. The Aquarium’s remarkable Guest Experience host will walk you through an engaging overview about the Aquarium’s history; highlights will include a 3-story tall swaying Kelp Forest & diver feeding along with the majestic deep-sea exhibits, as well as, getting up close and personal with our African Penguins and Southern Sea Otters. Plus live Q&A with the Aquarium!

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A private behind-the-scenes virtual tour of the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Join us LIVE!
Wednesday, May 12
4:00 PM
5:00 PM–6:30 PM

VIRTUAL RECEPTION

Women in Water Virtual Reception

After learning so much and hearing from the different speakers that ACWA’s Spring Virtual Conference has to offer, we invite you to join us for the Spring Women in Water Reception... virtually!

We will spend the evening unwinding after the education-filled day and hear from several women leaders and inspirational notes.

So, grab a glass and spend the evening with your colleagues from wherever you are!

2021 Clair A. Hill Award Finalists

Leak Free Sacramento Program

Palm Desert Groundwater Replenishment Project

Recycled Water Accelerated Retrofit Program

PFAS Pilot Testing Program

Watershed Resilience Program

The 2021 Clair A. Hill Award recipient will be announced on Friday.

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2021 John P. Fraser Water Leaders Fellowship Award Recipient

BRAD ARNOLD
Water Resources Program Manager
Calaveras County Water District

Are you interested in applying? Get more information at: www.acwa.com/about/scholarships

8:00 AM–8:30 AM

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OPENING SESSION

Hear from Our Sponsors

Opening Remarks

Pam Tobin
Vice President
Association of California Water Agencies

Awards Presentation

John P. Fraser Fellowship Award
Clair A. Hill Scholarships and ACWA Undergraduate Scholarships

Keynote Speaker

ACWA is pleased to welcome Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth to address our members on Delta Conveyance, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation, the Water Storage Investment Program and water use efficiency.

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REGION ISSUE FORUM

Wildfire Recovery and Managing Public Expectations

Presented by Region 4

ACWA Region 4 will host a region issue forum that will highlight the significant impact the LNU Lightning Complex Wildfire had on five of the Solano Irrigation District’s public water systems. The panel will also take a closer look at the public’s expectations of a rural irrigation system built in 1960 that turned into a public water system in 2020.

Moderator:
Cary Keaten  
General Manager  
Solano Irrigation District

Panelists:
Robert Reeb  
Lobbyist  
Reeb Government Relations, LLC  
Donald L. Ryan  
OES  
Solano County

9:30 AM–10:30 AM

WATER INDUSTRY TRENDS / ENERGY

CARB Advanced Clean Fleet Rule Implications for Water Agencies

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is developing a proposed Advanced Clean Fleet Rule that will require all California Fleets (including all public fleets) to start purchasing medium/heavy duty Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) as soon as 2023 with the goal of a statewide zero emission fleet by 2045 where feasible. Come hear member perspectives on how public water agencies will approach this proposed rule. In addition, hear from industry stakeholders who are key to the development of a marketplace for ZEVs that enable public water agencies to continue providing critical public services in responsible and effective ways.

Moderator:
Charley Wilson  
Executive Director  
Southern California Water Coalition

Panelists:
Niki Okuk  
Program Manager  
CalStart  
David Pedersen  
General Manager  
Las Virgines Municipal Water District  
Eva Plajzer  
Assistant General Manager  
Rancho Water

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VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL

**10:30 AM–11:30 AM**
**FINANCE FORUM**
Utility Operational Reviews: Why Do One and What to Expect?
This presentation will look at utility operational reviews and delve into the common reasons that boards and executive leadership choose to do them, such as developing solid information before launching a strategic planning effort; reassuring ratepayers that the utility is run efficiently; or wanting to compare with peer agencies. The discussion will include common areas typically analyzed during operational reviews, such as organizational structure; financial metrics; complexity of operations; quality of preventative maintenance systems; capital budgeting; rate setting policies; debt ratios; customer satisfaction; internal and external communications; and meter to cash systems. The panel will also examine typical areas in which utilities do well and areas that need improvement.

The presentation will include a specific case study of a recent operational audit conducted for the City of Corona Water, Wastewater and Electric Utilities. The panel will include representatives of the City of Corona as well as members of the consultant project team.

Moderator:
Seth Garrison
Senior Manager
Raftelis

Panelists:
Jim Armstrong
Principal Consultant
Raftelis
Tom Moody
General Manager
City of Corona Department of Water and Power

CPAs may receive continuing education credit by attending this program.
10:30 AM–11:30 AM

REGION ISSUE FORUM

Regional Collaboration Works: MWD’s Regional Recycled Water Program

Presented by Region 8

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts are working together on a large-scale program to develop recycled water as a new, much-needed potable source to the region. With planning in the works since 2009, an undertaking as extensive as the Regional Recycled Water Program involves equally extensive regional coordination and evaluation. Beyond providing an additional water source for Southern California, the program will ensure reliability, sustainability, and flexibility in future expansion of the water supply through raw water augmentation for many throughout the Los Angeles region.

Moderator:
Tom Love
General Manager
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

Panelists:
Robert Ferrante
Chief Engineer and General Manager
L.A. County Sanitation Districts

Dan Lafferty
Deputy Director
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Deven Upadhyay
Assistant General Manager & Chief Operating Officer
Metropolitan Water District

Tony Zampiello
Executive Officer
Main San Gabriel Watermaster

This program may qualify for State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Contact Hours.

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STATEWIDE ISSUE FORUM

Water Rights and Preparing for the Next Drought

Due to another dry winter, drought and the possibility of curtailments are on water managers’ minds. Hear from representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board on how they are approaching drought this year and what the water community can expect.

Moderator:
Dorene D’Adamo
Vice Chair
State Water Resources Control Board

Panelists:
Erik Ekdahl
Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board

Alan Lilly
Presiding Hearing Officer, Administrative Hearings Office
State Water Resources Control Board

Michael George
Delta Watermaster
State Water Resources Control Board

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11:30 AM–12:00 PM

**AFTERNOON KEYNOTE**

**Keynote Speaker**
ACWA welcomes California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot who will discuss the progress on the Voluntary Agreements and provide an update regarding the Newsom Administration’s drought activities.

_Wade Crowfoot_  
Secretary of California Natural Resources Agency

**Closing Remarks**

_Steve LaMar_  
President  
Association of California Water Agencies

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2021 EXCELLENCE IN WATER LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Robert Dugan has been on the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors since 2012 and Jeff Harris has been a Sacramento City Councilmember since 2014. Together, they both have a direct impact on protecting the upper and lower American River with a focus on drinking water quality and supply, flood control, groundwater management and forest management. The synergy between Jeff and Robert has brought focus to California’s headwater health and both have spent significant time on wildfire issues and advancing forest management education and programs. They have conducted significant lobbying in Washington D.C. and California for multi-agency projects such as RiverArc and the Sacramento Regional Water Bank, both of which improve the balance of surface and groundwater use. They were also instrumental in forming the North State Water Alliance, a coalition of more than 100 water agencies committed to water quality and supply issues.

JEFF HARRIS
Sacramento City Councilmember

ROBERT DUGAN
Placer County Water Agency Board Member

9:00 AM–10:00 AM
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Opening Media Presentation

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Opening Remarks

Steve LaMar
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Awards Presentation

33rd Annual Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence
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ACWA JPIA Presentation

Jerry Gladbach, Board President, ACWA JPIA
Walter “Andy” Sells, Chief Executive Officer, ACWA JPIA

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10:00 AM–11:00 AM
ATTORNEY FORUM

Developments in Proposition 218 and the Law of Water Rates

Water rates are under continuing legal attack throughout the state. Retail water suppliers must collect and fairly allocate the costs of service among their ratepayers, and even well-designed plans may come under attack from disgruntled users and their often entrepreneurial attorneys – who take the cases on contingency and bet on being able to collect their fees from the retailer. A class action case filed against 81 water retailers last year brought the threat of these suits and their financial impact into sharp focus. And recent case law proves to be a mixed bag for water agencies. This program will examine the impact of recent legal decisions, the threats posed by certain current cases, recent and proposed legislation affecting rate setting and collections, and propose some practical steps retailers might consider to reduce the risks of Prop. 218 challenges.

Moderator:
Claire Collins
Partner
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Panelists:
Kristopher Anderson
Legislative Advocate
Association of California Water Agencies

Adam Hofmann
Partner
Hanson Bridgett LLP

Lutfi Kharuf
Partner
Best Best & Krieger LLP

This program has been approved by the State Bar of California for attorneys to receive general MCLE credits and may qualify for State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Contact Hours.

10:00 AM–11:00 AM
FINANCE / LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM

Addressing Financial Impacts of COVID-19 on Disadvantaged Communities

Everything from facilitating in-person cash payments to addressing unpaid utility bills has drastically changed since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn from the experts around the state what strategies you might be able to implement for your ratepayers and how to address their unique challenges, including placing the fixed charges onto the county property tax rolls. This discussion will also cover the latest information on COVID-19 emergency relief funding to help with financial impacts related to water service.

Moderator:
Jennifer Burke
Director of Santa Rosa Water
City of Santa Rosa

Panelists:
Andrew B. Gagen
Partner
Kidman Gagen Law

Charles Kamrewu
Director of Customer Service
Eastern Municipal Water District

Cindy Tuck
Deputy Executive Director, Government Relations
Association of California Water Agencies

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**FEDERAL ISSUE FORUM**

Navigate changing drought and water supply conditions, climate change, and the implementation of infrastructure legislation with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Federal Issues Forum will dive into the new Biden Administration’s priorities, the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA), and other important items.

Moderator:
- David Reynolds
  Director of Federal Relations
  Association of California Water Agencies

Panelists:
- Ernest Conant
  Director, California-Great Basin Region
  U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Brigadier General Paul Owen
  Commander, South-Pacific Division
  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Karl Stock
  Acting Director, Lower Colorado Region
  U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

**NETWORKING LOUNGE**

Connect with friends, peers and industry leaders through the Networking Lounge – a chat room with the ability to invite up to 10 people into a video conference – all without ever leaving the conference site.

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HUMAN RESOURCES FORUM

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Why It Matters for Leaders

This interactive session presents the foundational understanding and importance of diversity, equity and inclusion. Leaders will explore unconscious bias and how it impacts their environment and work relationships with colleagues and staff. They will discover how their own values, culture and experiences affect interactions with colleagues, attitudes about work, and understanding of workplace values. Leaders will gain a deeper understanding of their role in promoting a diverse and inclusive work environment.

Presenter:
Jenine Jenkins
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategist and Trainer
CPS HR Consulting

Keynote Speaker
Cyber Security Expert Bob Flores will be joining us on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Flores is the Founder and President of Applicology, an independent consulting firm specializing in informatics and cyber security issues. He will share his thoughts on cybersecurity as a top concern facing water suppliers.

Bob Flores
Founder/President & Cyber Security Expert
Applicology Inc.

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GRANICUS  NOSSAMAN LLP
1:30 PM–2:30 PM
COMMUNICATIONS FORUM

Applying 2020 Lessons Learned to Future Communication Strategies

As the state emerges from the COVID-19 shutdown, learn how communicators are adapting to what’s becoming a hybrid world and continuing to utilize video production, video conferencing and web resources to engage with customers. Hear how the lessons learned during 2020 have permanently altered how we keep customers informed and discover what public agency communications could look like in the future.

Moderator:
Maurice Chaney
Public Information Officer, City of Roseville Environmental Utilities
President, California Association of Public Information Officials

Panelists:
Tara Bravo
Vice President
CV Strategies

Sharene Gonzales
Public Affairs Supervisor
Alameda County Water District

Eric Grubb
Government & Public Affairs Manager
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1:30 PM–2:30 PM
STATEWIDE ISSUE FORUM

California’s Forest and Wildfire Resilience Plan

Wildfires have become more frequent and severe as our climate has changed, and urgent action is needed to address the state’s undermanaged forested lands. Last year was the most destructive fire year on record in California; over four million acres were burned and countless structures and homes were lost. As a state, we cannot continue to delay investments in forest health while we wait for the next catastrophic wildfire.

Last year, California signed an agreement with the federal government for shared stewardship of California’s forest and rangelands, in which each party has committed to a goal of reducing wildfire risks on 500,000 acres of forest land per year. This year, the Governor’s Forest Management Task Force released a comprehensive Forest and Wildfire Resilience Action Plan that will serve as a roadmap for implementing that agreement. In this discussion, hear from those responsible for the implementation of this ambitious plan.

Moderator:
Dave Eggerton
Executive Director
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Panelists:
Wade Crowfoot
Secretary
California Natural Resources Agency

Randy Moore
Regional Forester
U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region

Willie Wittlesey
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2:30 PM–3:00 PM
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3:00 PM–4:00 PM

REGION ISSUE FORUM

Collaboration and Regional Planning: How to Achieve Large-Scale Water Projects on a Small-Scale Budget

Presented by Region 1

This program explores the work of the North Coast Resource Partnership, a long-term water management coalition of Northern California Tribes, counties and diverse stakeholders working together on a variety of integrated projects to enhance water security, water system infrastructure, watershed and forest health, and local economies in California’s north coast region. Learn about the North Coast Resource Partnership’s background and its work to ensure clean and reliable drinking water supplies, energy independence, climate adaptation and economic strength in the region. Panelists will discuss the collaborative process needed to achieve the partnership’s work, as well its successes and lessons learned.

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Panelists:
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STATEWIDE ISSUE FORUM

Reconciling the Regulatory Overlap of Groundwater Programs

SGMA, CV SALTS, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, and more: While these groundwater programs were developed over time to address various issues, some of their requirements have begun to look similar, and they sometimes impose overlapping requirements. Join us for this panel to learn how agencies are reconciling this complex web of requirements.

Moderator:
Patrick Versluis
Director of Water Quality
Orange County Water District

Panelists:
Kassy Chauhan
Executive Officer, North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency
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Stephanie Hearn
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WATER INDUSTRY TRENDS

PFAS Standards: Federal and State Outlook

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Panelists:
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4:00 PM

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Closing Remarks

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