

Agenda

*All conference sessions to be held in Ballroom A, unless specified otherwise. All other events to be held outside.

Thursday, September 29

- 10 – 11:45 a.m. **CONFERENCE CHECK-IN | [FOYER A](#)**
- 12 – 1 p.m. **LUNCH AND OPENING REMARKS | [BALLROOM TERRACE](#)**
- 1:15 – 2 p.m. **NEVER WASTE A CRISIS: ADAPTING TO THE NEW NORMAL IN WATER MANAGEMENT**
Moderator:
Bella Sewall Wolitz, Of Counsel, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Speakers:
Karla Nemeth, Director, California Department of Water Resources
Rebecca (Becky) Mitchell, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board
- 2 – 2:45 p.m. **INVESTING IN THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE WEST'S WATER RESOURCES**
Moderator/Speaker:
Sivan Zamir, P.E., Vice President, Xylem Inc.
Speakers:
Nicole Neeman Brady, CEO, Sustainable Development Acquisition I Corp
Dorothy Timian-Palmer, P.E., President and CEO, Vidler Water
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK | [BALLROOM TERRACE](#)**
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **COMING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE**
Moderator/Speaker:
Ellen Hanak, Ph.D., Vice President and Director, Water Policy Center; Senior Fellow and Chair, Water Policy, Public Policy Institute of California
Speakers:
Heather Dyer, CEO and General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Alicia (Ali) Forsythe, Environmental Planning and Permitting, Sites Reservoir Authority
Ann Hayden, Associate Vice President, Water, Environmental Defense Fund
- 4:15 – 5 p.m. **GAME CHANGER FOR CALIFORNIA WATER MANAGEMENT: HERE TO STAY!**
Moderator/Speaker:
Kassy Chauhan, P.E., Executive Officer, North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency; Special Projects Manager, Fresno Irrigation District
Speakers:
Lisa Porta, P.E., Senior Water Resources Engineer, Montgomery & Associates
Sarah Woolf, President, Water Wise
- 5 – 5:20 p.m. **MAXIMIZING GLOBAL WATER DATA: A NEW DATA SCIENCE PLATFORM**
Introduction:
Stephanie Hastings, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Speaker:
Rachel Peletz, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Aquaya Institute
- 5:30 – 8 p.m. **COCKTAIL PARTY | [OCEAN TERRACE](#)**

Friday, September 30

8 – 9 a.m. **BREAKFAST | BALLROOM TERRACE**

9 – 9:45 a.m. **BUILDING A RESILIENT WATER FUTURE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

Moderator/Speaker:

Newsha Ajami, Ph.D., Chief Strategy and Development Officer for Research, Earth & Environmental, Sciences Area, Berkeley Lab

Speakers:

Lisa Atkins, Board Member, Past Board President, Central Arizona Project
Tracy Quinn, P.E., President and CEO, Heal the Bay

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **NETWORKING BREAK | BALLROOM TERRACE**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **WATER BOARD WOMEN AND DROUGHT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Moderator:

Jennifer (Jen) Sokolove, Ph.D., Director of Programs and Strategy, Water Foundation

State Water Resources Control Board Speakers:

Dorene (DeeDee) D'Adamo, Vice Chair
Nichole Morgan, Board Member
Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
Nicole Kuenzi, Hearing Officer
Yvonne West, Director, Office of Enforcement

11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. **“H₂O DROPS” MINI PRESENTATION SERIES**

Lauren Layne, Partner, Baker Manock & Jensen, PC
Jennifer Capitulo, Executive Director, California Water Association
Anjanette Shadley, Assistant General Manager, Western Canal Water District
Evelyn Cortez-Davis, Director of Water Engineering and Technical Services, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Cristina Ahmadour, President, Isle Utilities

12 p.m. **BROWNSTEIN CLOSING REMARKS**

OPTIONAL EVENTS (NOT INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION)

Activities Throughout the Conference: pools, spa, hikes, beach walks

1 – 2 p.m. **LUNCH | POOL BAR**

5:30 p.m. **COCKTAILS | O BAR**