

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

AGENDA | DROUGHT AND URBAN WATER CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

June 26, 2015, 9:30 am - 1 pm

Location: Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building
75-515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92211

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	Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Organization
1	9:30 - 10:00 (30 min)	Meet and Greet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Presentations will take place in the Board Room</i> 	All	
2	10:00 - 10:05 (5 min) 10:05 - 10:10 (5 min)	Introduction and Welcome Symposium Objective and Format	Ellen Way, R7 Board Chair Gita Kapahi – Director, Office of Public Participation	RWQCB-R7 SWRCB
3	10:10 - 10:30 (20 min) 10:30 - 10:45 (15 min)	California Statewide Urban Drought Restrictions Questions & Answers	Frances Spivy-Weber, SWRCB Board Vice-Chair	SWRCB
4	10:45 -11:05 (20 min) 11:05 - 11:20 (15 min)	Financial Assistance: During Drought and Beyond Questions & Answers	James Maughan, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance	SWRCB
5	11:20 - 11:35 (15 min)	How CVWD is working to achieve 36% conservation mandate	John Powell, Jr., CVWD Board Chair	CVWD
6	11:35 - 11:50 (15 min)	Indio Water Authority Water Conservation Program	Brian Macy, General Manager	IWA
7	11:50 - 12:05 (15 min)	Riverside County Facilities, Ordinance, and Water Conservation Update	Steven Horn, Senior Management Analyst Jason Uhley, Assistant Chief Engineer	RCEO RCFCWCD
	12:05 - 12:20 (15 min)	Break		
8	12:20 - 12:35 (15 min)	MCAGCC Water Conservation: Keep Calm and Conserve	Chris Elliott, Water Resources Manager, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs	MCAGCC Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
9	12:35 - 12:55 (20 min)	Panel Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All Presenters answer questions from the audience 	Panel, Audience	
	12:55 - 1:00	Adjourn	Ellen Way, R7 Board Chair	RWQCB-R7

About the Presenters

Frances Spivy-Weber, Vice Chair State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Frances Spivy-Weber of Redondo Beach was first appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 2007, reappointed and elected Vice-Chair of the Board in 2009, and reappointed by Governor Brown in 2013 to a four-year term. Before being appointed to the Board, she served as the executive director of the Mono Lake Committee since 1997. From 1983 to 1992, Ms. Weber served as the director of international programs for the National Audubon Society. She previously was a legislative assistant for the Animal Welfare Institute from 1978 to 1982. Ms. Spivy-Weber is currently serving as Chair of the Water Policy Center Advisory Council with the Public Policy Institute of California; Member, Advisory Board of Synergy; and Member, Advisory Committee on Recycled Water and Direct Augmentation of Surface Waters and Feasibility of Direct Potable Reuse. Ms. Spivy-Weber was a member of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and co-chair of its Water Use Efficiency Committee. She also served as co-chair of the Southern California Water Dialogue and convener of the California Urban Water Conservation Council. She has served on many boards, including the Water Education Foundation, California Council of Land Trusts, and Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund.

Presentation: California Statewide Urban Drought Restrictions

Gov. Jerry Brown's April 1 Executive order on drought requires a 25% mandatory statewide conservation target. Small water suppliers must reduce use and report by 12/15/2015. All properties not served by a water supplier must reduce water by 25%. Property owners and water agencies are subject to fines if they fail to meet standards.

James Maughan, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Financial Assistance SWRCB

James Maughan is a registered Professional Engineer and has worked for the Waterboards for over 25 years. Throughout his career, he has worked in Water Rights, permitting and other regulatory activities. For the past 10 years, he has worked in the Division of Financial Assistance as the Assistant Deputy Director. This branch has responsibility for State Revolving Funds (Drinking & Clean Water), Water Recycling, Small Community (Drinking & Clean Water) and the Operator Certification Program (Drinking & Clean Water).

Presentation: Financial Assistance: During Drought and Beyond

Mr. Maughan will discuss all funds that are available to help short term drought related issues and longer term solutions. Funds available will be in the form of grants and very low interest loans. Projects are for infrastructure for Drinking Water, Water Recycling, and Waste Water.

John Powell Jr, Board Chair Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

Board President John Powell Jr. first served on the board through an appointed term from 1998 to 2000. He was elected to four-year terms in 2010 and 2014. John is president and chief executive officer of Peter Rabbit Farms, his family's Coachella-based business, which he joined following graduation from Stanford University. John is a trustee representing California on the governing board of the Colorado River Water Users Association and is a former director and past chairman of the Western Growers Association. His community service includes involvement as a member of the board of the Boys and Girls Club of the Coachella Valley Foundation.

Presentation: How CVWD is working to achieve 36% conservation mandate

Mr. Powell will provide an overview of water-use restrictions, recommendations, drought penalties and public outreach and education efforts to achieve the 36% conservation mandate.

Brian Macy, General Manager Indio Water Authority (IWA)

Originally from Ohio, Brian Macy graduated from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and is a registered Professional Engineer in both Ohio and California. He moved to the Coachella Valley in 2010 and started with Indio Water Authority in 2011. Brian has been the General Manager of IWA since 2013.

Presentation: Indio Water Authority Water Conservation Program

The presentation will focus on the IWA Water Conservation Program. The Program includes budget tiered rates, rebates (turf removal, toilet, smart controller, sprinkler heads, drip irrigation and bubblers, and washing machine), smart phone app, and public outreach including weekend "walk abouts".

Steven Horn, MPA, Senior Management Analysis with the Riverside County Executive Office (RCEO)

Mr. Horn is responsible for guiding county land-use policy issues related to drought, stormwater, and groundwater. In May of this year, he successfully coordinated a Board of Supervisors Drought Workshop with the member agencies of the Riverside County Water Task Force. His current and past assignments with the county also include coordinating and administering regional storm water programs for several county departments; organizing and developing drought-related policy objectives associated with countywide programs, and serving as the county's designee on the Upper Santa Margarita Regional Water Management Group. Mr. Horn received both his B.A. degree in Environmental Studies and Masters in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

Jason Uhley, Assistant Chief Engineer, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCWCD)

Mr. Uhley is Assistant Chief Engineer for the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation. Prior to his appointment to Assistant Chief Engineer, Mr. Uhley managed the Riverside regional stormwater program for over 10 years and been with the District since 1996. Mr. Uhley has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a Master of Public Administration.

Presentation: **Riverside County Facilities, Ordinance, and Water Conservation Update**

Steven Horn will discuss current county facility standards, planned county projects, and will also discuss the County's Ordinance 859 Water Efficient Landscaping standards update. Jason Uhley will discuss District activities to promote water conservation and stormwater capture.

Chris Elliott, Water Resources Manager, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC)

Mr. Elliott has served as the Water Resources Manager for the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, MCAGCC for the last 7 years. Mr. Elliott is responsible for interpretation of regulations, establishing standards, developing programs, ensuring compliance and management of the water resources program with federal, state and local regulatory agencies as well as any DOD/Navy/Marine Corps directives.

Presentation: **MCAGCC Water Conservation: Keep Calm and Conserve**

MCAGCC faces challenges related to water conservation. Through public outreach, program development, projects, and policy implementation we have been able to achieve significant water reduction in a short period of time. Behavioral and cultural changes, however, will serve to sustain the savings for generations.
