



**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM**

September 15, 2010

**To: Board of Directors**

**From: Administration & Finance Committee**

Kevin Hunt, General Manager      Staff Contact: Katie Davanaugh

**Subject: District Conferences as outlined below**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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Staff recommends the Board of Directors consider authorizing staff and Directors to attend the following conferences:.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Committee recommends (to be determined at Committee meeting)

**REPORT**

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Conference flyers are attached.

	Event	Date(s)	Location	Cost +/-
a.	ACWA Region 10	9/30/10	Cucamonga Valley Water District	\$85
b.	CSDA	9/ 20-23/10	Newport Beach	\$550
c.	Southern CA Water Cte. Annual Meeting & Dinner	10/7/10	City of Industry	\$200
d.	WaterSmart Innovator	10/6-8/10	Las Vegas	\$1300
e.	ACWA CLE	9/30/10-10/1/10	San Francisco	\$1300



## ACWA REGION EVENT

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Securing Your Water Supply

Event in cooperation with  
Cucamonga Valley Water  
District & Santa Ana Watershed  
Project Authority.

Hotel accommodations are  
available at the Doubletree  
Hotel – Ontario Airport.

Room Rental Rates are \$84.00  
plus tax per night. Please reserve  
your room by September 16, 2010  
to guarantee room rate. Room  
rate, tax, incidentals and parking is  
to be arranged and paid for by  
attendee.

Doubletree Hotel – Ontario  
Airport  
222 North Vineyard Ave.,  
Ontario, CA 91764  
909.418.4847  
Ask for the "ACWA" rate

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10 Fall Program & Tour

### ***"The Salty Truth: A Look at Salt Management Practices"***

ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10 invite you to a one day program and tour on salt management practices in the Santa Ana groundwater basin. Please join us to hear expert panelists for a morning program and take an exciting hands-on tour in the afternoon. Tour locations include, Chino II Desalter, Inland Empire Bio Solids Treatment Plant and Prado Wetlands!

**Who:** ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10  
**What:** Joint Program & Tour  
**When:** Thursday, September 30, 2010  
8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Frontier Project  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
10435 Ashford Street  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

***Avoid traffic and discuss the day with friends at a post-tour  
networking reception at the Frontier Project, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.***

REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT ONLINE [HERE](#):

<http://acwa.eventready.com/events/Regions89102010>

### **Registration Fee: \$ 85.00 (\$95.00 for on-site registration)**

*(Registration fee includes: Meeting materials, tour transportation, light breakfast, lunch, snacks & refreshments on the bus, and reception).*

**Registration deadline: September 20, 2010.** Tour participants are required to sign an ACWA Voluntary Release and Waiver. Substitutions can be made but must be requested in writing prior to September 20. After that date, they will need to be handled on site. Cancellations must be received in writing by September 20, 2010 in order to cancel a registration and receive a reimbursement. *After the September 20 registration deadline, registrations will be taken onsite only at the Frontier Project on September 30.* This event is underwritten by ACWA Regions 8, 9 & 10.

**Tour Space is Limited! Register Today!**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact ACWA's Region Coordinator Katie Dahl at [katied@acwa.com](mailto:katied@acwa.com).

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## Schedule

### Monday, September 20, 2010

#### 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Special District Administrator (SDA) Exam – by the Special District Leadership Foundation

#### 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Workshop #1: Special District Leadership Academy Module 1: Governance Foundations

Speaker: [Davis Campbell](#)

As the core of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy, this workshop serves as the "foundation" for the series on the effective governance of special districts. We will discuss the three critical dimensions of governance: Special District Trustees as Policy Leaders, The Effective Special District Board and The Board's Responsibilities and Roles in Special Districts. At this workshop, attendees will learn how to: Develop a unity of purpose on their board, understand and work within the board's role in the district, build a strong, positive operational culture on the board and organize the formal structure of the board. If you are a special district professional, this is a leadership workshop you don't want to miss!

#### 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Workshop #2: Effective Strategic Planning for Your Special District

Speaker: [Brent Ives, BHI Management Consulting](#)

Bringing the staff and the board together to learn the essential components of strategic planning can lead to communication that is more effective and creates enhanced working relationships. In this workshop, you will learn how the strategic plan should create a clear plan of actions, projects, on-going activities and initiatives that carefully link to and support the mission and vision of the district. The interrelationship between mission, vision and strategic actions will also be discussed. This is an essential workshop for any special district leader.

#### Noon – 4:00 p.m.

1st Annual CSDA Tennis Mixer  
The Tennis Club, Newport Beach

#### Noon – 5:00 p.m.

3rd Annual CSDA Golf Tournament

**Register Now!**

*Become the most effective leader in your field*

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## Hotel Information



NEWPORT BEACH MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA

900 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

[MARRIOTT.COM](#)

CSDA ROOM RATES: \$179.00 PLUS TAXES AND FEES.

RESERVATIONS: 1-866-440-3375

ROOM CUT-OFF DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2010

WHEN BOOKING YOUR ROOM, PLEASE ASK FOR THE CSDA GROUP RATE.

Costa Mesa Country Club

**1:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

Orange County Sanitation District & Ground Water Replenishment System Plant Tours

Limited seating. Join us for a special tour of the OCSD/GWRS facilities.

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

CSDA Business Affiliates & Golf Awards Reception  
 hosted by the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)  
 (all attendees welcome)

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**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**



**9:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

- Welcome by Newport Beach Mayor Keith Curry  
 - Opening Keynote: Presentation and Continental Breakfast "At the Heart of Leadership" by Tom Flick, Former NFL Quarterback  
 As a motivational speaker and training consultant, Tom Flick has tackled the business world with the same passion, focus and spirit that earned him honors as a collegiate and NFL quarterback. For over ten years, Tom Flick has helped Fortune 500 companies and leading organizations meet the challenges of today's business environment.

"At the Heart of Leadership" presents the core drivers for the next great transformation of business. From corporate titans to public agencies, the skill and capacity to capture the hearts of people will be the decisive factor. No longer can one charismatic individual lead the vision alone. The catalyst for sustained high-level performance is leadership, from top-to-bottom, which empowers every individual.

**11:00 – 12:00 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)**

**Governance: Must Have Board/GM/Staff Communication Protocols**  
 Melanie Poturica and Mark Meyerhoff, Liebert Cassidy & Whitmore

Do your staff members and board members speak the same language? This interactive workshop will discuss guidelines and practical tips that will assist the Board of Directors and General Managers with communicating with staff members. We will also discuss how certain legalities can impact your agency. Remember, communication is key so learn how to use it to your advantage.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

**Getting Reimbursed! Understanding SB90 and State Mandated Cost Reimbursement for Special Districts**  
 Andy, Nichols, Nichols Consulting; Steve Oppenheim, Local Government Consultants

Informational meeting on State of California reimbursement to special districts through the SB90/State Mandated Cost process. Reimbursable programs include: Brown Act agenda preparation; Election costs - absentee ballots; Workers' Compensation-Firefighter Cancer Presumption; Unfair labor practice charges-PERB; and Claim preparation - mandate reimbursement.

**Expert Panel: Why the Delta Matters to Your District – An Update on Major Water Issues, Legislation & the Statewide Bond**



*"As a general manager, I have found the CSDA conference to be three full days of education, information and legalities that greatly assist me in my responsibilities."*

*David Aranda, General Manager, Stallion Springs Community Services District*

**Events**



PLAY IN THE CSDA 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!  
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

**Travel**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESERVING A ROOM AT THE NEWPORT BEACH MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Recognition**

**Robert Sawyer, Roderick Walston and Jill Willis, Best, Best and Krieger, LLP**

The Legislature's emergency-session water legislation, the emerging Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and a flurry of federal and state lawsuits over the most effective way to protect endangered fish species are all converging to dramatically alter the way that the heart of our state's major water delivery systems, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is managed and regulated. Hear the latest on what's happening to the State Water Project, the Central Valley Project, plans for the peripheral canal, the State Water Resources Control Board's Delta outflow criteria hearings, the upcoming statewide water bond vote and a host of other issues affecting your water supply, with plenty of opportunities for your critical questions.

**The Do's and Don'ts in Elections & Campaigns****Rachel Michelin, ROM Consulting**

Running a campaign, whether for political office or a local initiative, can be an experience of a lifetime and provides you with insight into yourself, your friends and family, and your community. Campaign consultant Rachel Michelin shares her top 10 valuable lessons and offers insider tips on how to put an effective campaign together. Whether you are running for re-election, moving on to a different level of government or trying to get a bond or local initiative passed, Rachel will share how to use resources available to you in the most efficient and effective ways.

**More Press, Less Stress: Mastering Media Relations in Good and Bad**  
**Laer Pearce, Laer Pearce & Associates, Beth Beeman, Irvine Ranch Water District,**  
**& Jenny Wedge, John Wayne Airport, Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra of Cucamonga**  
**Valley Water District**

More Press, Less Stress will provide attendees a crash course in media relations. Orange County PR stalwart Laer Pearce will equip special district managers, directors and staff with a 20-minute crash course in all of the necessary tools to craft compelling messages, generate positive media coverage, and avoid the potential landmines that can come from press interaction. Then real-world applications of those principles will follow, through a 40-minute moderated panel of public agency communications and media relations experts, who will discuss how they've utilized the press to meet their organizations' goals during good and bad.

**AB 1234 Required Ethics Training (Part 1)****Ruben Duran and Bianca Sparks, Meyers Nave Riback Silver & Wilson**

Is it time for you to renew your Ethics Training certification? In January 2006, Assembly Bill 1234 required some 10,000 directors, trustees and other governing board members of California special districts, as well as city and county officials, to begin receiving ethics training every two years. You must attend both Ethic Training sessions during conference in order to complete the required 2-hour training. Certificates will be issued at conference to attendees who complete both sessions.

**Noon – 2:00 p.m.**

Exhibitor Hall Grand Opening & Lunch

**2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**

**- Super Session: "Work Like Your Dog: New Dimensions in Team Building" by Matt Weinstein**

Matt Weinstein is the nation's foremost authority on the use of fun and humor in team building. Called "The Master of Playfulness" by PEOPLE Magazine and "America's Pied Piper of Play" by the Houston Post, his playful vision has been the subject of dozens of national newspaper articles, magazine features and television appearances. Matt Weinstein has recently been featured in The Wall St. Journal, The Los Angeles Times and CBS This Morning.



INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT THE CHAPTERS RECEPTION. [FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE.](#)

One way to work smarter, not harder, is to learn the skills of working like your dog. Dogs approach their work with dedication, loyalty, sensitivity and love, and also with joy, enthusiasm and a willingness to see their work as play. Based on Matt Weinstein's business bestseller, *Work Like Your Dog*.

- Awards presented: **Board President of the Year and General Manager of the Year**

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**3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)**

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**Governance: Effective Leadership – 6 Must Have Best Practices**  
**Brent Ives, BHI Management Consulting**

Leadership in Special Districts means many things, but in these days and times it must mean "efficiency". Our public expects and deserves "efficiency" in the delivery of the services we offer. This session is based on our experience as consultants to Special Districts over the last 12 years in the areas of governance and leadership and correlates issues that are pervasive. We have identified 6 critical aspects of leadership that both Boards and Staff should master to be truly efficient. Don't miss it!

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**GASB 45/OPEB: The Latest in Compliance and Funding Issues**  
**Mitch Barker and Maureen Toal, PARS Public Agency Retirement Services**

Get the most up-to-date information available on complying with federal rules on post-retirement healthcare for public agencies and funding this liability. This session will cover topics such as actuarial, accounting, and funding issues related to retiree benefit obligations - with a practical focus on the varied approaches special districts across the state are taking to confront this new challenge.

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**Navigating Permitting & Regulatory Approvals for Your Solar/Renewable Energy Project**  
**Jason Ackerman and Lindsay Puckett, Best Best & Krieger LLP**  
**EJ Shalaby, General Manager, West County Wastewater District**  
**Rob Wilson, Manager of Engineering and Construction, Solar Power Partners**

This presentation will provide an overview to the permitting and regulatory requirements applicable to a renewable energy project with case studies presented to illustrate particular applications of CEQA and municipal regulations.

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**Keeping Up on LAFCo Issues & Trends**  
**Joyce Crosthwaite and Carol Emory, Orange County LAFCO**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how LAFCO serves as a resource for local governments and citizens by providing a structure for sharing information among stakeholders. This session will also review how recent legislative changes to LAFCO law can affect special districts.

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**REVENUES! Identifying new options and enhancing existing ones**  
**Jeanette Hahn and Tim Seufert, NBS**

This one hour seminar will briefly discuss potential new revenue options for Special Districts and how to implement them, as well as how to enhance the existing revenue and funding streams. Specifically, the discussion will include such revenues as rates, fees, assessments and special taxes. A significant amount of time will be given to audience topics of interest and Q&A. So, what is your [revenue] problem?

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**Prevention Link - An Online Communication and Training Network for Your Agency**

**Phil Coins, Target Safety**

TargetSafety is a pioneer and leader in web-based solutions designed to simplify and standardize risk management for organizations. SDRMA provides TargetSafety services at no charge to their members.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

President's Reception in the Exhibit Hall (*All attendees welcome*)

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**Wednesday, September 22, 2010**



**9:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

**SDRMA General Session/Keynote/Breakfast**  
**Dick Ruhe, Ph.D. – “Leadership for a Reenergized Workforce” -**  
**SDRMA Safety Awards will be presented**

Learn why good performers sometimes take so long to provide effective leadership. Leaders know how to preserve the organization's values while changing the way it operates. It is important to retrain and redeploy the workforce in order to merge organizational objectives with the goals of individuals. Both leadership and management have their places in capitalizing on the talents of people at all levels. It is important to be both visionary and practical, and to be capable of moving from discussions of purpose to the details of actual practice. Learn the two skills that create learned optimism and maximize the performance of others.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)**

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**Ensuring Brown Act Compliance – Updates**

**Mark Meyerhoff, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore**

In today's local government environment, a clear understanding of the Ralph M. Brown Act is crucial to effectively managing the business of your district. While the Brown Act has been around since 1953, there have been recent updates and changes. Attend this session to learn if you are staying in compliance.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

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**Using Social Media as an Outreach Tool in Your District**

**Ronald J. Scholar and Margaret J. Grover, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard,**  
**Shannon Reed, Irvine Ranch Water District**

Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard labor and employment attorneys will discuss and examine social media and the legal implications of using social media in the workplace, including the risks and benefits of using it as an outreach tool.

Key Topics will include:

1. Social Media: Deciding what's right for your District.
2. Risks and benefits of using social media in the workplace: Understand the pros and cons.
3. Common perceptions and misconceptions about social media
4. The importance of creating a company social media policy
5. Best practices for successfully enforcing a social media policy and the pitfalls of inconsistent enforcement
6. Damage control: What to consider when managing the negative effects of social media

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#### **Board Member Liability - There's No I in Board**

**Dennis Timoney, SDRMA**

A discussion of the legal role of the Board in the management and operation of a public agency and the role of individual Board members acting within the course and scope of their official duties.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

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#### **Harnessing the Power of Community Partnerships: Case Studies**

**Jack Harrison, Carmichael RPD and Ed Nicholson, O'Connell Park Neighborhood Committee**

Learn how a community came together when it became necessary to surplus and sell vacant land previously slotted for a park. The local neighbors came to the rescue by raising \$238,000 to turn the vacant land into a new 9.4 acre park.

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#### **How Remarkable Women Lead in Tough Times**

**Rachel Michelin, Executive Director/CEO, CA Women Lead, Marilyn Buchi, Trustee, Fullerton Union Joint High School District and Teri Burns, Trustee, Natomas School District**

Being a leader can be hard, especially when you have to lead in difficult times. Whether it is a budget shortfall, a local crisis or personality conflicts in your organization it is the difficult times that truly challenge women to dig deep. Join California Women Lead in a panel discussion with women leaders on lessons they have learned in being a leader in trying times. Network with other women leaders and share stories on effective ways you have approached leadership in trying times and learn some new skills you may want to try when you return home.

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#### **A Strategic Approach to Strengthening Your District's Financial Position & Credit Profile**

**Jeff Stava, Saul Rosenbaum and Bill Morton, CSDA Finance Corporation**

### **12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch on your own

### **1:30 – 2:45 p.m.**

Exhibit Hall Finale - Dessert with the Exhibitors/Grand Prizes



### **3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

**CSDA Super Session**

**"The Gold Medal Process" John Naber, Olympic Gold Medal Swimming Champion and Sports Broadcaster**

One of America's greatest Olympic champions, John Naber was America's most highly decorated Olympian at the 1976 Games in Montreal, earning four gold medals in swimming. Naber went on to earn the Sullivan Award as America's top amateur athlete of 1977. Today, he is one of America's top Olympic

Ambassadors.

For over a quarter-century, John Naber has delighted audiences as a sports speaker, with stories of ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary results. What do Olympians go through on their way toward the awards platform? How can you feel like you're "going

for the gold" in your field? John Naber explains an eight-step process, using humor and Olympic analogies that can help anyone reach their own personal and professional goals.

### 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Chapters Reception – CSDA Chapter of the Year Award will be presented.

*(all attendees welcome)*

sponsored by BHI Management Consulting

### 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- CSDA Awards Banquet and Entertainment

- Award Presentations: Excellence in Community Service, Innovative Program, Exceptional Public Outreach and the William Hollingsworth Award



- Awards Banquet Entertainment

**Comedian Mack Dryden**

From humble beginnings as "the funniest paper mill employee in Mississippi," he won two Associated Press writing awards as a reporter in his home state, and finally became a professional comedian whose talent and perseverance landed him numerous TV appearances and got him hand-picked by Bill Maher to write on his acclaimed show. Now he spends his time writing and traveling the country bringing his special brand of Motivation, Inspiration and Jubilation to thousands each year. It hasn't been

an easy road; but, as he says, "falling on your face is still moving forward!"

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## Thursday, September 23, 2010

### 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

CSDA Chapter Roundtable

Join CSDA staff, board members and chapter members from throughout the state to learn the benefits of belonging to a chapter, share ideas, discuss issues of concern, and gather tools to launch a chapter in your area.

### 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

AB1825 Sexual Harassment Prevention Compliance Training

**Dennis Timoney, SDRMA**

AB 1825 makes sexual harassment prevention training mandatory for supervisory employees of special districts and other organizations. This presentation will help you understand what is "sexual harassment" and "a hostile work environment". Attendees will receive a Certificate of Compliance as required by AB 1825.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

### 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (BREAKOUT SESSION)

How to Make Board Meetings Effective & Efficient: Meeting Management Techniques That Work!

**Kevin Ennis, Richards, Watson & Gershon**

This session will provide strategies and tips for keeping meetings efficient, productive and fair, and to deal with common problems that cause meeting to drag on.

*SDRMA CIP Points*

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**What Every Public Agency Should Know About Prevailing Wage**  
**Deborah Wilder, Contractor Compliance & Monitoring**

New changes in prevailing wages laws and regulations require constant updating. Agencies who collect and monitor certified payrolls or operate a labor compliance program can get the most up to date information, forms and changes.

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**How to Advocate at the State Capitol**  
**Kyle Packham and Iris Herrera, California Special Districts Association**

Learn how to partner with CSDA's legislative team in order to strengthen the voice of special districts on legislative issues that affect your agency. Gain valuable insight into the legislative process and equip yourself with the tools that CSDA offers your district to stay informed and engaged in the State Capitol.

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**Getting Up-To-Speed Quickly on the Latest Audit & Accounting Standards**  
**Richard Green, CPA, Macias, Gini & o'Connell**

Get up to speed quickly on the latest governmental accounting standards and what they mean in relation to your audit process.

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**The Art of Conversation: How to Transform Your Relationship with Key Stakeholders and the Press**  
**Kevin Eckery, Eckery Associates**



**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**CSDA Keynote Program & Brunch**  
**Orange County Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach**  
**U.S. Department of Commerce – Census Bureau, Steve Owens**  
**Keynote Speaker: Ralph Heim, Public Policy Advocates**

CSDA Legislative Advocate Ralph Heim will give attendees the most up-to-date information on the state of the state budget, special district revenues, the upcoming November election and issues surrounding reform. 2010 has been an exceptionally challenging year for local government and the state and Heim will give attendees the most current information on the issues facing both.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# WATER COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

**THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 2010**

3-9 p.m. • Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry

*3 p.m. SCWC Board of Directors Meeting*

*5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception*

*7-9 p.m. Dinner Program*

### TICKET PRICES

- Individual: \$200
- Early bird special: \$175  
(by Sept. 1)

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Contact Brendan Huffman

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## WaterSmart Innovator

Electronic Newsletter of the  
WaterSmart Innovations Conference & Expo  
October 6-8, 2010 Las Vegas, Nevada

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### WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition 2010

#### **WSI professional sessions schedule now online.**

A complete schedule of professional and poster sessions is available at the WaterSmart Innovations 2010 Web site, [www.WaterSmartInnovations.com](http://www.WaterSmartInnovations.com).

This year's schedule includes sessions in the following tracks:

- Conservation and Incentive Program Management
- Drought Management Planning
- Alternate Sources
- Rainwater/Greywater/Stormwater Harvesting
- Sustainable Construction and Development
- High Efficiency Fixtures and Appliances
- Code, Policy and Rates
- Landscapes and Outdoor Water Use
- Marketing and Outreach Programs
- Education (youth, adult)
- Water Loss Management

WSI 2010 is slated for October 6-8, 2010 at the South Point Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Registration will open Monday, May 3.** To receive regular updates, sign-up for e-mail alerts at [www.WaterSmartInnovations.com](http://www.WaterSmartInnovations.com).

#### **Hunter Industries offers WaterSmart Scholarships for academics**

Thanks to a generous \$5,000 donation by Hunter Industries, WSI 2010 is pleased to offer 50, \$100 scholarships to help qualifying students and faculty from accredited colleges and universities attend this year's conference.

#### **WSI 2010 registration opens Monday, May 3**

Mark your calendars and stay tuned to [www.WaterSmartInnovations.com](http://www.WaterSmartInnovations.com) for updates.

#### **All a-Twitter over WSI.**

Let us tweet you to regular WSI updates - follow us on Twitter (and Facebook) by clicking on the links at [www.WaterSmartInnovations.com](http://www.WaterSmartInnovations.com).



# ACWA's 2010 CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR WATER PROFESSIONALS



SEPTEMBER 30 ~ OCTOBER 1  
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## CALIFORNIA WATER & BEYOND: IT'S COMPLICATED

All eyes are on California water this year. Implementation of a historic comprehensive water package passed last year, the fate of an \$11.14 billion water bond on the November ballot and significant court decisions are all in play. Get the latest on how these issues, and more, impact the legal and policy framework in which water agencies must operate.

### MCLE CREDIT

ACWA certifies that this activity has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 13 hours, of which 1 hour will apply to ethics credit.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved for ACWA at:

The Argonaut Hotel

495 Jefferson St., San Francisco, CA 94109

1-866-415-0704

[www.argonauthotel.com](http://www.argonauthotel.com)

### SINGLE / DOUBLE RATE: \$200

The cut-off date to receive this special rate is **September 3**. Reservations made after that will be on a space available basis at the prevailing rate. Please identify yourself as attending ACWA's Continuing Legal Education Workshop on September 30 - October 1.



ACWA WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
2010 CLE WORKSHOP PROGRAM  
PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE  
FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK:

Scott L. Shapiro, Chair  
Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer LLP

Daniel Hentschke, Vice Chair  
San Diego County Water Authority

Paul M. Bartkiewicz  
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Ellison, Schneider & Harris, LLP

James Ganulin  
Baker, Manock & Jensen

Janet K. Goldsmith  
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ACWA Legal Affairs Committee Liaison

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# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION FOR WATER LAW PROFESSIONALS

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2010

THE ARGONAUT HOTEL

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

7:15 - 7:55 A.M. REGISTRATION, SIGN-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:55 - 8 A.M. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

8 - 9:30 A.M. 1.5 HRS. GENERAL CREDIT

### “PROTECTION OF WATER: FEDERAL CIRCUIT’S TAKINGS AND CONTRACT CASES”

The panelists will discuss the Federal Circuit court’s decisions in the Casitas and Stockton East cases, where the court held that the federal government was not entitled to reduce the water rights of California water districts without payment of compensation. Program attendees will be educated on the remedies available to water districts’ undertakings and contract principles, when the government reduces the district’s water rights, pursuant to the requirements of the Endangered Species Act or other federal statutes.

9:30 - 10:30 A.M. 1 HR. GENERAL CREDIT

### “2010 LEGISLATIVE YEAR IN REVIEW”

The speakers will provide an overview and update on the bills that ACWA followed and advocated on during the course of the legislative session.

10:30 - 10:45 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. - NOON 1.25 HRS. GENERAL CREDIT

### “STATE WAGE AND HOUR LAWS DON’T APPLY TO WATER DISTRICTS... RIGHT?”

Daily overtime. Misclassifications. Meal and rest periods. For the lawyers who prosecute wage and hour class actions in California, business is booming. In a 2009 case handled by this session’s presenters, a California Court of Appeal held that state overtime and meal period requirements do not apply to the public sector. At the conclusion of this program, you’ll be able to intelligently advise your agency when it faces wage and hour claims based on California law.

NOON - 1:45 P.M.

LUNCHEON  
1.25 HRS. GENERAL CREDIT

### “ARE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ON THE RISE?”

This presentation will provide an overview of governmental entity criminal liability under federal and state law as applicable to public water agencies, drawing on specific cases for illustrative examples. Understanding the nature and scope of governmental entity criminal liability is essential both for avoiding entity indictment and defending a criminal case.

1:45 - 2:45 P.M. 1 HR. GENERAL CREDIT

### “SUMMARY OF APPELLATE CASES”

This program unveils ACWA’s 2009/10 summary of important appellate decisions. The speakers will provide an overview and update on some of the appellate cases of importance to ACWA and its member agencies on water and other matters.

2:45 - 3:45 P.M. 1 HR. GENERAL CREDIT

### “CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES AND WATER AGENCIES: LIABILITY FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE... AND THE INEVITABLE?”

A wildfire in the Chino Hills area of Orange County quickly spread into surrounding developed areas, including residential and commercial areas served by the Yorba Linda Water District. The resulting “Freeway Complex Fire” ultimately consumed more than 30,000 acres. This presentation will first address the design and function of the water system, then look at the performance of the water system and review the legal aftermath of the first ever assertion of inverse condemnation liability against a water service provider in the context of an urban conflagration.

3:45 - 4 P.M. BREAK

4 - 5 P.M. 1 HR. GENERAL CREDIT

### “COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRAPS FOR WATER AGENCIES”

The panel will address concerns on the competitive bidding and construction issues that await water projects and provide information on how to avoid these potential problems. Participants will be more aware of the current issues in bidding and construction phases for water projects.

5:30 - 7 P.M. STROLLING RECEPTION AT MARITIME MUSEUM (ADJ. TO HOTEL)

Reception is cosponsored by  
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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010

7:45 - 8 A.M. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8 - 9 A.M. 1 HR. ETHICS CREDIT

### “ETHICS AND THE SAVVY LAWYER”

The speakers will present various scenarios to assist attendees in understanding the ethical dynamics of operating in the legal profession for public entities.

9 - 10:30 A.M. 1.5 HRS. GENERAL CREDIT

### “NORTH COAST INSTREAM FLOW POLICY: A MODEL FOR THE REST OF CALIFORNIA?”

The panel will discuss the new paradigm that has emerged for protecting instream resources, and what it portends for future regulation of California’s water resources. The panel will review the history, process and implementation of the new policy, and the uncertainties it poses.

10:30 - 10:45 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. 1.5 HRS. GENERAL CREDIT

### “THE CHANGING FACE OF WATER RIGHTS REGULATION”

This panel will focus on new or evolving regulatory regimes affecting water rights and use. Topics to be addressed include TMDLs, regulating water diversions and regulating water quality through diversion restrictions, and the Department of Fish and Game’s regulation of water diversions under Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements.

12:15 - 1:45 P.M. LUNCHEON  
1 HR. GENERAL CREDIT

### “TOP 10 POINTERS ON CONDUCTING AN EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATION”

This is a helpful introductory and refresher course for those who conduct or oversee investigations. The presenters will answer ten common questions concerning administrative investigations such as: “Can I conduct video surveillance?”; “When does a witness have a right to representation?”; and “What can I tell the people involved about the outcome of the investigation?”

TOTAL HOURS (DAY 1 & 2): 13 HRS.  
(OF WHICH 1 HR. IS ETHICS CREDIT)



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**YOUR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:** Continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, lunch on the day(s) that you are registered, and a reception on Thursday evening. **A CD with all of the presentations is also included.**

**SUBSTITUTION/REFUNDS:** If you can't attend and would like to send a substitute, just contact us. If you need to cancel, refund requests may be made by phone, but must be confirmed in writing to the ACWA office by 4:30 p.m. (PST), September 10. A \$50 handling fee will be charged on all registration refunds. **No refunds will be granted after September 10.**

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<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Sept. 30 (11)			
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