

# 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
- 10:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**  
  
Phil Ward, Chairman, Western States Water Council  
Tom Iseman, Water Program Manager, Western Governors' Association
- 10:30 am **Arizona's Water Future: Infrastructure Financing and Conservation**  
**Moderator:** Sandy Fabritz-Whitney, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources  
  
Melanie Ford, Technical Program Supervisor, Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority  
Brad Hill, Utilities Director, City of Flagstaff  
Dennis Rule, Manager, Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District  
Guy Carpenter, Vice President, Carollo Engineers  
John Felty, Manager, Water Strategy & Sustainability, Salt River Project
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Water Needs for the Sun Corridor – Grady Gammage, Jr.**  
Senior Fellow, Morrison Institute, Arizona State University
- 1:30 pm **Western State Water Resources Infrastructure Projects, Programs & Funding**  
**Moderator:** Phil Ward, Chairman, Western States Water Council  
  
Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology's Office of Columbia River (via phone)  
Brian Patton, Bureau Chief, Idaho Water Resources Board  
Eric Millis, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources  
Adele Basham, Bureau Chief, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Sue Lowry, Interstate Streams Administrator, Wyoming State Engineer's Office
- 3:30 pm Break

**\*attire is business casual**

- 3:45 pm **Western State Water Resources Infrastructure (Continued)**  
**Moderator:** Sue Lowry, Interstate Streams Administrator, Wyoming
- Dave Templeton, Director, South Dakota Division of Technical and Financial Assistance (by phone)  
 Tim Davis, Administrator, Montana Water Resources Division  
 Scott Verhines, New Mexico State Engineer/Blue Ribbon Commission Member  
 Phil Ward, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department
- 5:00 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  
 Steve Gaul, Comprehensive Planning Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources  
 Melanie Callahan, Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board  
 J.D. Strong, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:30 am **Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Financing**  
**Moderator:** J.D. Strong, Executive Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
*Panel Presentation and Discussion*
- Greg Swartz, Senior Vice President, Piper Jaffray, Arizona Public Finance Office  
 Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality  
 Dave Mitamura, Deputy Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board
- 12:00 pm **Lunch - Financing Sustainable Water Infrastructure**  
 Sharlene Leurig, Senior Manager, Insurance Program, CERES
- 1:00 pm **Construction Innovations: Better, Faster & Smarter**  
**Moderator:** Tom Iseman, Water Program Manager, Western Governors' Association
- Chitra Foster, Associate, Southern California Area Manager, CDM Smith  
 Scott Ingvaldstad, Director of Governmental Affairs, CH2M Hill  
 John Awezec, Alternative Delivery Director, Water Business Group, HDR  
 Paul Blanchard, Business Development, Northwest Pipe Company
- 3:00 pm Break

- 3:30 pm **The Importance of Water to our National Economy**  
**Moderator:** Tom Iseman, Western Governors' Association
- Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency  
 Ken Bruder, Head, New Product Development, Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- 4:30 pm Wrap Up for the Day

*Dinner on your own*

**Friday, November 16**

- 8:00 am **Integrated Water Resources Management: Infrastructure Needs and Streamlining Regulatory Requirements**  
**Moderator:** Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council
- Dave Palumbo, Deputy 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  
 Astor Boozer, Regional Conservationist – West, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
 Ellen Gilinsky, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, EPA
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am **Public/Private Sector Roles in Financing/Building Projects**  
**Moderator:** Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council
- Shawn Dralle, Managing Director, RBC Capital Markets  
 Wes Strickland, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP  
 Daniel Ferons, General Manager, Santa Margarita Water District Board  
 David Pitcher, Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
 Bruce Moore, Acting Director of Surface Water Resources, Las Vegas Valley Water District
- 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

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