



**55th Annual Mid-Pacific  
Water Users' Conference**

**January 25-27, 2023**

**Silver Legacy Resort Casino,  
Reno, NV**

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#### DRAFT SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30am-5:00pm

**REGISTRATION**

8:00am

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30am-12:00pm

**CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL SESSION**

Welcome Address

*Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (retired)*

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

*Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton*

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Address

*Ernest Conant, Regional Director, California-Great Basin*

Bureau of Reclamation Regional Leadership Discussion, Deputy Regional Director Highlights and Area Office Q&A

*Panel Presentation Moderated by Kevin Kasberg, CVPWA*

The CVP View from Ground Zero: Water Authority and District Managers Weigh In

*Panel Presentation Moderated by Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance*

*Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority*

*Federico Barajas, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority*

*Jeffrey Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority*

*Chris White, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors*

12:15pm-2:00pm

**LUNCHEON and PROGRAM**

Klamath Project Report

*Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association*

The Great Food (Security) Giveaway

*Dan Keppen, Family Farm Alliance*

*Mike Wade, California Farm Water Coalition*

5:30pm-7:30pm

**EXHIBITOR RECEPTION & SLOTS TOURNAMENT**

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30am-5:00pm

**REGISTRATION**

8:00am-9:10am

**BREAKFAST and PROGRAM**

Cachuma Project Report

*Chris Dahlstrom, Santa Ynez River WCD ID #1 (retired)*

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

*Congressman Cliff Bentz (INVITED)*

9:20am-12:15pm

**GENERAL SESSION**

The ESA at Fifty: What Would President Nixon Think?  
*Panel Presentation Moderated by Paul Simmons, Klamath Water Users Association*  
*Paul Souza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*  
*Meredith Nikkel, Downey Brand LLP*  
*David Mooney, Bay-Delta Office, Bureau of Reclamation*

Dammed if We Do; Damned if We Don't: A New Era of California Water Storage Projects  
*Panel Presentation Moderated by Jeffrey Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority*  
*Introduction by Antonio Villaraigosa, Former Los Angeles Mayor and Assembly Speaker*  
*Jerry Brown, Sites Reservoir JPA*  
*Taryn Ravazzini, Los Vaqueros Reservoir JPA*  
*Adam Scheuber, Del Puerto Water District*  
*Pablo Arroyave, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority*  
*Richard Welsh, Bureau of Reclamation*

12:15pm-1:30pm

**LUNCHEON and PROGRAM**

Regional Director's Water Conservation Award  
*Ernest Conant, Bureau of Reclamation*

Newlands Project Report  
*Ben Shawcroft, Truckee-Carson Irrigation District*

The Red Wave that Wasn't: Looking Ahead to the Divided 118<sup>th</sup> Congress  
*Dennis Cardoza, Foley & Lardner LLP*  
*William Ball, Foley & Lardner LLP*  
*Lane Dickson, The Ferguson Group*

1:45pm-3:30pm

**MOVIE SCREENING: "California's Watershed Healing"**

*Introduction by James Thebaut, Founder, The Chronicles Group*  
*View the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/721597803>*

3:30pm-4:30pm

**USBR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Cybersecurity for SCADA, New Flow Measurement Options, and Modernizing an Old Turnout**

*Dr. Stuart Styles of Cal Poly ITRC will moderate a workshop open to all interested parties. There will be three additional participants that will discuss their involvement with the USBR Technical Services program. Speakers Kyle Feist – Senior Engineer with the ITRC, Sierra Layous – Senior Engineer with ITRC and Jay Thomas with Chico State. The workshop will have handouts and provide critical information on new technologies/services that are available to districts.*

6:00pm-9:00pm

**Dinner and Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

8:30am-11:30am

**BREAKFAST and PROGRAM**

Bowling and Slot Tournament Awards

Meet the Cal Poly Scholarship Students

Recapping Water Year 2022  
*Kristin White, Bureau of Reclamation*  
*Dave Mooney, Bureau of Reclamation*

2023 Water Supply Outlook  
*Bureau of Reclamation*

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Water Conservation Team and Technical Assistance

~Silver Room~

Join Reclamation staff for water conservation planning, grant program information, and technical assistance during the Water Users Conference. Individual meetings are available on January 25th and January 26th from 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm – 4:30 pm. Contact Anna Sutton at [asutton@usbr.gov](mailto:asutton@usbr.gov) for an appointment.

Dr. Stuart Styles of Cal Poly Irrigation and Training Research Center will also be available for assistance (by appointment only). Contact [sstyles@calpoly.edu](mailto:sstyles@calpoly.edu) for an appointment.

### Grant Program Information

- WaterSMART Program
- Ag Water Use Efficiency Program
- CALFED Program

### Planning Assistance

- 2023 Conservation and Efficiency Standard Criteria
- Water Management Plans
- Annual Update Reporting

# 2023 MID-PACIFIC WATER USERS' CONFERENCE PRE REGISTRATION

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION** includes admittance to all Conference sessions, Exhibitor Reception, Wednesday lunch, Thursday breakfast, Thursday lunch and Friday breakfast. Separate tickets must be purchased for participation in the Thursday Evening Dinner & Bowling Event.

**SPOUSES OR GUESTS** of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives need not pay a registration fee; however, spouses or guests who wish to participate in any meal sessions or the Thursday bowling event must purchase tickets to those events. Exhibitor reception is complimentary to spouses/guests.

**THURSDAY DINNER AND BOWLING AT THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM.** Ticket price includes dinner, hosted bar, and bowling. Bowling balls and shoes will be provided. Prizes awarded for best team score and best poker hand. Random drawings throughout the evening. Not a bowler? No problem, come for the food, drink and to cheer on your favorite team!

**COMPANY INFORMATION:**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ <b>CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS</b> <i>Full registration is required for water district or company representatives.</i>	Full Pre-Registration <i>(by Jan. 13)</i> \$345		Full Registration <i>(after Jan. 13)</i> \$385		Thursday Dinner & Bowling \$85	Total Each Rep
	Wed Lunch	Thurs Breakfast	Thurs Lunch	Thursday Dinner & Bowling		
1. _____ Company Representative						\$
2. _____ Company Representative						\$
3. _____ Company Representative						\$
◆ <b>SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATIONS</b> <i>Available only to spouses and guests of paid registrants who are not water district or company representatives</i>	Wed Lunch	Thurs Breakfast	Thurs Lunch	Thursday Dinner & Bowling	Fri Breakfast	Ttl Each Spouse/Guest
	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$85	\$45	
1. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
2. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
3. _____ Spouse/Guest						\$
◆ <b>SCHOLARSHIP DONATION (voluntary) — Please indicate amount of donation</b> <i>The Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference Scholarships are awarded annually to students pursuing fields of study offered by the BRAE (BioResource and Agricultural Engineering) and ITRC (Irrigation Training and Research Center) departments at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Since 2010, scholarships totaling over \$51,000 have been awarded.</i>						\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ALL ITEMS</b>						\$

◆ **PAYMENT METHOD:**

Check payable to "Water Users Conference"

Credit Card: \_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_ Discover

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Return form to: Water Users Conference, 1521 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or fax (916)446-1063

You can also email your registration form to [jane@agamsi.com](mailto:jane@agamsi.com)

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancel by January 13 for full refund. NO refunds for cancellations after January 13th.

**QUESTIONS?** Call Jane at (916)206-7186



**MOVIE SCREENING:  
"CALIFORNIA'S WATERSHED HEALING"  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26  
1:45pm**

Jim Thebaut, founder of The Chronicles Group, Inc., will introduce the film — "California's Watershed Healing" — in an exclusive screening on Thursday afternoon.

"California's Watershed Healing documentary was created to present the threat of climate change, wildfires, and inaction by public agencies which is causing threats to California's food and water security, the economy of the state, and the national security of the United States" states Thebaut.

**VIEW THE MOVIE TRAILER: <https://vimeo.com/721597803>**

