

URBAN WATER INSTITUTE NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year From The Urban Water Institute

Turning the pages of the calendar - signaling the end of 2021 and the start of 2022 marks the annual experience of reflection combined with looking forward.

Despite COVID and related challenges, we are joyfully beginning to reconnect in person with one another. Join us in kicking off a spirit of fellowship, goodwill and joy in February 2022 in Palm Springs where we will gather together to share, listen, learn and renew our commitment to all in the water resources profession.

This year's line up brings another stellar cast of experts who will share the latest information to generate thought, and encourage dialogue and inspiration throughout 2022.



February 16-18, 2022: Spring Water Conference



The Urban Water Institute cordially invites you to their Spring Water Conference on February 16-18, 2022 at The Hilton Palm Springs.

The conference will be hosted by sponsoring water agencies, providing keen insight on our conference theme "The Art & Science Of Water."

More information about this conference is available at www.UrbanWater.com.

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California, Western Region, National and International Leaders Featured

The UWI conferences bring together water leaders engaged in current policy dialogues to provide information relevant to water decision makers throughout the west. The conference in Palm Springs will be an in-person event, at our 'regular' venue. Some of the confirmed speakers for the conference are highlighted.



Karla Nemeth was appointed Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on January 10, 2018 and was reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 28, 2019.

DWR operates and maintains the California State Water Project, manages floodwaters, monitors dam safety, conducts habitat restoration, and provides technical assistance and funding for projects for local water needs. Nemeth oversees the Department and its mission to manage and protect California's water resources, working with other agencies in order to benefit the State's people and to protect, restore and enhance the natural and human environments.

Nemeth will provide an up-to-date status of the water resources portfolio for California. She effectively works with both the science and art side of California Water Policy.



Adel Hagekhalil is general manager and chief executive officer for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest wholesale drinking water agency in the country. Metropolitan is a state-established cooperative that delivers water to 26 member public agencies, serving 19 million people across Southern California.

As general manager, Hagekhalil is responsible for leading Metropolitan's daily and long-term operations and planning to provide safe, reliable water to Southern California. He oversees Metropolitan's \$1.9 billion annual budget, 1,800 employees, and extensive system of conveyance, storage, treatment and delivery infrastructure.

Hagekhalil is a registered civil engineer and was appointed in 2018 by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to serve as the executive director and general manager of the city's Bureau of Street Services.

We will hear his reflections on the science and art of water.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Our conference will have many sponsorship opportunities . Each individual sponsorship will include company promoted logos in our program agenda, projection displays, website, registration posters, etc.

Please call UWI to inquire about how you can promote your business and become a sponsor today!

Please call us at 949.679.9676.

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Pat Mulroy has been a leader in the International water community for more than 25 years and currently serves as Senior Fellow for Climate Adaptation and Environmental Policy and Practitioner in Residence for the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.

Between 1989 and 2014 she served as General Manager of both the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Mulroy was a principal architect of the SNWA, helping to guide Southern Nevada through an unprecedented period of growth and one of the worst droughts in the history of the Colorado River.

She was exceptionally active in regional and national water issues, a passion she brings to her current role.

Her success is a testament to her understanding and application of the science and art aspects of water policy.



Jeff Kightlinger, former General Manager of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Kightlinger joined Metropolitan in 1995, serving as deputy general counsel and assistant general counsel before becoming general counsel in 2002. He took the reins as general manager in 2006. Working for Metropolitan has embodied Kightlinger's career for such a long time, his decision to step away was bracing in some respects.

He is known for his gentle straight-talking style evidenced in his comment in response to a question about what's going to happen on the Colorado River:

"It's going to be hard and there's going to be pain. The reality of the Colorado River is that we are struggling."

Jeff is a master at blending art and science with a legal twist in water policy-making.



Brenda Wren Burman, former Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, joined the Central Arizona Project (CAP) in 2021 as the new Executive Strategy Advisor. She is responsible for providing advice and leadership across multiple functional areas to recommend, develop and implement strategic and tactical plans and related policy to ensure that the CAP mission is accomplished.

Brenda has more than 25 years of experience working on Western water and natural resource issues, where she has been committed to finding collaborative solutions to secure reliable water supplies for communities, farms, tribes and the environment.

She previously served as director of water strategy at the Salt River Project, and as Counselor to the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Science. She too has understood and used the science and art aspects to navigate conflict resolution challenges.

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Newsha K. Ajami, Ph.D. San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed nominated Dr. Ajami to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission in December 2020. Dr. Ajami currently serves as the director of Urban Water Policy with Stanford University's Water in the West and a senior research scholar at the Woods Institute for the Environment. Until recently, she also served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board.

She is a hydrologist specializing in sustainable water resource management, water policy, the water-energy-food nexus, and advancing uncertainty assessment techniques impacting hydrological predictions. Her research throughout the years has been interdisciplinary and impact driven, focusing on the improvement of the science-policy-stakeholder interface by incorporating social and economic measures and relevant and effective communication.

She previously served in the California State Senate's Natural Resources and Water Committee where she worked on various water and energy related legislation. Both science and art needed in the sausage making water legislative process.



Mark Pestrella, Director, County of Los Angeles Public Works. Mark has been sharing his vision for integrated infrastructure throughout the country, and for many years throughout the region.

Recently he has expanded beyond the world of construction and maintenance into the human side of the equation. His views around diversity, equity and inclusion are setting the performance bar in the water-related world.

Learn about his innovative strategic partnerships with nonprofits, the engineering community and residents of LA County.

He blends science and art on a daily basis in his leadership and decision-making practice. Many see Mark's approach and style as the way of the future for the water-related profession.

Register For The Urban Water Institute Conference

Join us in Palm Springs to hear timely messages from these and other water leaders to address the most urgent water issues facing our state and region today.

Register for this conference by visiting UrbanWater.com.

The **Early Bird Special** for registration runs through January 15, 2022!





Save the Date!

**URBAN WATER INSTITUTE'S
SPRING WATER CONFERENCE**

**February
16-18, 2022**

**HILTON PALM SPRINGS HOTEL
400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way,
Palm Springs, CA 92262**

*For more information, please contact the Urban Water
Institute at (949) 679-9676 or stacy@urbanwater.com*

Please visit our website www.urbanwater.com



URBAN WATER INSTITUTE SPRING WATER CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 16-18, 2022 | REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
TEL: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees include handouts, breakfasts, luncheon, breaks and receptions.

- \$575 Urban Water Member Registration Fee for Conference February 16-18, 2022
(*Early Bird Special* \$525. Please contact UWI directly at 949-679-9676 for an early registration discount. This special ends on January 15, 2022. Must be a member of the Urban Water Institute with current dues paid in full)
\$675 Non-Member Registration Fee for Conference February 16-18, 2022
\$100 Spouse Registration - Includes breakfasts, luncheon, breaks and receptions. Spouse Name for Nametag:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The Spring Water Conference will be conducted in Palm Springs at The Hilton Palm Springs Hotel located at:
400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

WILL YOU STAY AT THE HILTON PALM SPRINGS?

Please contact the hotel directly to reserve your room, we have a special conference rate of \$172.00. To make your room reservations, call the Hilton Palm Springs Hotel directly at 1-800-445-8667 or 1-760-318-8536 and reference Urban Water Institute. Please note the cut-off date for the group rate is January 18, 2022. Reservations can also be made online at www.hilton.com.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (All Registrations Should Be Made in Advance)

To pay by credit card visit our website www.urbanwater.com. You can register online via PayPal, you may be prompted to create a PayPal account. You may pay with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express. If you prefer to pay by credit card and NOT create a PayPal log in, please fill out the registration form and return to Stacy Davis at stacy@urbanwater.com or fax to (949) 305-9919.

To pay by check, please complete the Registration Form and send it along with a check made payable to:

Urban Water Institute: 24651 Evereve Circle, Suite 1, Lake Forest, CA 92630.

After February 9, 2022 registrations will be accepted at the door on a space available basis, with an additional \$25 administrative fee.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Cancellations must be received in writing by February 5, 2022. Faxes are accepted at (949) 305-9919. Registration fee will be refunded, less a \$50 administrative charge if received by February 5, 2022. Substitutes are accepted. No refunds after February 5, 2022. The Institute reserves the right to substitute announced speakers and assumes no responsibility for personal expenses.

EXHIBITOR & SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

Information on exhibiting and sponsoring may be obtained by calling (949) 679-9676 or can be found on the Urban Water Institute Website www.urbanwater.com.

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

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Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

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