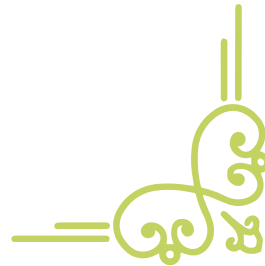
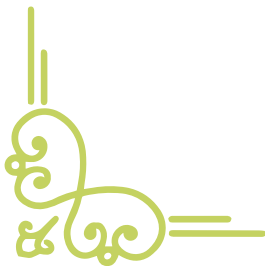


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# Conference Program



## Every Drop, Not Everywhere, and Not All At Once\*

\*Not to be confused with the movie.

### Wednesday, August 23, 2023...

**12:00 p.m. - Registration & Networking**  
*(Bayview Foyer)*

**1:00 p.m. - Welcome to the Conference**

- **Andree Lee** - UWI Board Chair; Vice President, EKI Environment & Water

**1:10 p.m. - Welcome to San Diego**

- **Dr. Greg Quist** - Past UWI Chair; Vice President, Rincon del Diablo Water District

**1:15 p.m. - Opening Keynote**

*How has the management of 'Every drop, not everywhere, not all at once' evolved over three decades? Mr. Hawkins will address changes in the water industry and set the stage for conference discussions about 'every drop, not everywhere, and not all at once'.*

- **George Hawkins** - General Manager, DC Water (ret.); Founder & CEO, Moonshot Missions
- **Dr. Greg Quist** (Moderator) - Past UWI Chair; Vice President, Rincon del Diablo Water District

**2:00 p.m. - Break**

**2:10 p.m. - Compare the Last 30 Years in California Water with the Future – Planning to Use Every Drop**

*Considering the past 30 years in California water, what are some lessons we have learned? What are the things we can't control; what are the things we can control?*

- **Anselmo Collins** - Sr. Assistant General Manager of the Water System, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- **Karla Nemeth** - Director, State of California Department of Water Resources
- **Andree Lee** (Moderator) - UWI Board Chair; Vice President, EKI Environment & Water

**3:00 p.m. - Networking Break**

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**3:15 p.m. - Who Does the Public Trust? What Happens When Trust Is Lost? How Do We Gain Their Trust?**

*Adam Probolsky, president of Probolsky Research (a full-service market and opinion research firm) will provide results from a recent public opinion poll. Adam gauged Southern Californian's trust in their water utility, its management, brand, alliances/partnerships, and price. Steve Erie will discuss the history of water Chinatown old and new. Patsy Tennyson will discuss a situation where the public's trust was earned and the benefits that were achieved.*

- **Adam Probolsky** - President, Probolsky Research
- **Steve Erie** - Political Science Professor, University of California, San Diego and University of Southern California (ret.)
- **Patsy Tennyson** - Sr. Vice President, Katz Communications
- **Dr. Greg Quist** (Moderator) - Past UWI Chair; Vice President, Rincon del Diablo Water District

**4:15 p.m. - Break**

**4:20 p.m. - Keynote: AWWA's View of the Water Industry**

*American Water Works Association (AWWA) CEO will lead us on AWWA's view of the Water Business Journey past, present, and future.*

- **David LaFrance** - CEO, American Water Works Association
- **Rich Nagel** (Moderator) - UWI 2nd Vice Chair; Vice President, Jacobs

**5:30 p.m. - Opening Reception**

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## Thursday, August 24, 2023...

### 7:45 a.m. - Registration, Networking & Breakfast Buffet

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### 8:15 a.m. - Recap from Day 1

- **Jason Phillips** - CEO, Friant Water Authority; UWI Secretary

### 8:30 a.m. - Keynote: Tools to Manage 'Every Drop, Not Everywhere, and Not All At Once' – Monitoring and Predicting Western Water

*Everyone is talking about the weather. We have experienced several drought years, followed by more than 30 atmospheric rivers this year. Dr. Marty Ralph will describe the activities ongoing at the Scripps Center around improving, understanding, and forecasting of extreme weather patterns in the west.*

- **Dr. Marty Ralph** - Scripps Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes
- **Matt Stone** (Moderator) - General Manager, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency; Past UWI Chair

### 9:45 a.m. - Keynote: Colorado River: Where It Stands Today – Overview of Agreement on Managing Every Drop

*The Secretary of the Interior has directed Reclamation to prepare a SEIS to the December 2007 Record of Decision associated with the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, referred to as the 2007 Interim Guidelines. The recently appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Power is the opening keynote speaker on the Colorado River, providing an overview and status of these recent agreements.*

- **Michael Brain** - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Power, U.S. Department of the Interior
- **John Thornton** (Moderator) - UWI Treasurer; Partner, Hunt Thornton Resource Strategies

### 10:15 a.m. - Digging into the Weeds of the Recent Colorado River Agreement – Response Panel

*Our response panelists will provide a detailed "in the weeds" look at how they arrived at the recent two-year River operations plan.*

- **Daniel Bunk** - Office Chief, Boulder Canyon Operations Office
- **Bill Hasencamp** - Manger, Colorado River Resources, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- **John Thornton** (Moderator) - UWI Treasurer; Partner, Hunt Thornton Resource Strategies

### 11:00 a.m. - Break

### 11:15 a.m. - Interest Group Relationships Report Card – Has Collaboration Among Advocacy Groups Been Effective at Meeting Everyone's Goals?

*The relationships between the Agricultural community, the Environmental community and urban water agencies has undergone some ups and downs over the past 30 years. Two panelists will share their experiences with urban water entities, representing the agricultural and environmental interests, and reflect on the successes and failures of past efforts and provide advice for the future.*

- **Environmental: Martha Davis** - Mono Lake Committee Board Member and Former Executive Director; Former Assistant General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)
- **Agriculture: Jason Peltier** - Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Water and Science/DOI; Former Executive Director, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- **Jason Phillips** (Moderator) - UWI Secretary; CEO, Friant Water Authority

### 12:00 p.m. - Lunch & Awards

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## 1:00 p.m. - Shifting Gears: Moving Beyond Failed Approaches

*Strategic planning and implementation experts and high-level guest executives discuss insights from non-water industry environments. They will share their stories of successful collaboration and change management. Water executives will come away inspired and challenged with a broader appreciation for what's possible.*

- **Roger Bush** (Co-Facilitator) - Co-Founder & President, Saxon Hamilton
- **Laura Royster** (Co-Facilitator) - Managing Partner & Vice President, Saxon Hamilton
- **Don Young** - Owner's Representative for Signature Cultural Buildings; President, D.R. Young Associates
- **Jan Hier-King** - Executive Vice President (ret.), Global Financial Systems; Independent Board Member
- **Joseph (Joe) F. Calcara** - Executive Director, Real Estate & Acquisition Modernization, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC)

## 2:45 p.m. - Networking Break

*Sponsored by Mesa Water District  
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## 3:15 p.m. - Facilitated Dialogue: What Are You Planning for the Next 30 Years?

*Paul Brown and Jennifer Persike will engage the audience in a dynamic, facilitated discussion around water agencies' plans to position for the next 30 years. Topics include: project delivery; organizational infrastructure; governance; communications.*

- **Paul Brown** (Facilitator) - President, Paul Redvers Brown
- **Jennifer Persike** (Facilitator, Recorder) - Founder & President, Jennifer Persike & Company

## 5:30 p.m. - Board Chair's Reception - Honoring UWI Founders

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# Conference Program



## Friday, August 25, 2023...

### 7:30 a.m. - Registration, Networking & Breakfast Buffet

*Sponsored by Helix Water District and Los Angeles County Sanitation District  
(Mission Ballroom, Bayview and Sunset Terraces)*

### 8:15 a.m. - Keep on Rollin'

*Ms. Burke will share her views on the water industry, the changes over the last 30 years, UWI, and what the future might look like.*

- **Darcy M. Burke** – Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Member; United States Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee Member; CEO & President of Watermark Associates; Former CA-NV AWWA Executive Director; Former Director of Public Affairs, Municipal Water District of Orange County
- **Andree Lee** (Moderator) - UWI Board Chair; Vice President, EKI Environment & Water

### 9:15 a.m. - Climate Resilience/Resources Bond Update

*Cindy Tuck and Charley Wilson will discuss the key elements of the climate resilience/resources bond contemplated for the ballot next year and what it takes to build a coalition necessary to support its success.*

- **Cindy Tuck** - Deputy Executive Director, Government Relations, Association of California Water Agencies

- **Charles Wilson** - Executive Director, Southern California Water Coalition
- **Dave Pedersen** (Moderator) - UWI 1st Vice Chair; General Manager, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

### 9:45 a.m. - The California Data Collaborative: Empowering Water Agencies with Data and New Insights

*A grassroots effort started by local agencies in 2016, the California Data Collaborative (CaDC) now represents 21 million Californians and has been recently recognized by the United Nation Foundation as the sole financially viable and effective model of data collaboration in the world. This session will address paths toward better planning, information, and improved outcomes by using data and partnering with the California Data Collaborative.*

- **Joone Lopez** - General Manager, Moulton Niguel Water District
- **Lisa Ohlund** (Moderator) - Past UWI Chair; Principal, Ohlund Management and Technical Services

### 10:15 a.m. - Name That Tune - Table Activity

*Interactive activity for the audience, complete with prizes!*

### 11:00 a.m. - Chair of the Board's Prize Drawing

*Conference adjourns.  
Thank you for joining us!*

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# Speaker Biographies



**Mike Brain**

Michael Brain was recently promoted to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior. Michael succeeds Tanya Trujillo who was sworn in as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science on June 25, 2021, and announced her resignation, effective July 17, 2023. Michael will play a key role as Interior continues to implement President Biden's Investing in America agenda. He previously served as the deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. In that role, he oversaw the Reclamation's media relations, internal communications and congressional relations programs to increase awareness and understanding of Reclamation's mission priorities, policies and programs. Before joining Reclamation, he held various positions supporting the U.S. House of Representatives, including counsel for the Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment and as a professional staffer for the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Appropriations. His work in these roles included developing funding bills that support national water policy, agriculture and climate resilience across the United States. He also drafted and implemented annual funding legislation for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers. He earned a Doctor of Law in Urban Planning, Land Use, and Environmental Law from Saint Louis University in 2013 and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government from Boston College in 2006.



**Paul Brown**

Paul Brown is a certified planner, author, and speaker well known for his involvement in a number of nationally significant water resources planning projects heavily emphasizing public stakeholder participation, process facilitation, and multi-objective decision making for clients that include the states of California and Colorado; the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD); the Santa Clara Valley Water District; the Orange County (CA) Sanitation District; and the cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. He was previously Founding Technical Director of CDM Smith's former Neysadurai Centre for Integrated Urban Solutions in Singapore. Paul recently released a book entitled *Too Good to Be True: Scottsdale and Privatization in the 1980s*. He is co-editor (with Vladimir Novotny) of the book *Cities of the Future: Towards Integrated Sustainable Water and Landscape Management*; co-author (with Vladimir Novotny and Jack Ahern) of the textbook *Water Centric Sustainable Communities*; and a contributor to *Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-First Century*. From 2013 through 2014, Paul was a Visiting Professor and Director of Applied Research at the University of South Florida's Patel College of Global Sustainability.



**Daniel Bunk**

Dan Bunk is the Chief of the Boulder Canyon Operations Office (BCOO) which is part of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Region in Boulder City, Nevada. BCOO's primary function is to perform the day-to-day functions of the Secretary of the Interior's role as Water Master for the lower Colorado River. These functions include administering water contracts, approving water orders, scheduling water deliveries, and accounting for water use for the lower Colorado River mainstream, as well as coordinating water deliveries to Mexico. BCOO also helps to determine the annual reservoir operations for Lake Mead and Lake Powell, conducts long-term modeling and planning studies, and maintains a streamgage and telemetry system. Dan has 20 years of experience in water resources in the western United States, including 16 years with his current office in Boulder City.



**Darcy Burke**

Darcy M. Burke was elected to the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District in 2018, and re-elected in 2022, serving Division One. In 2023, she was appointed to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee where she serves on the Water Subcommittee, PFAS Risk Communication Subcommittee, and the Climate Adaptation Subcommittee. Since 2015, she has served as President, Chief Executive Officer of Watermark Associates, a comprehensive business consulting firm. Ms. Burke received her bachelor's degree from Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles, in International Economics & Marketing as well as her master's in business administration with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. She completed her field study in energy and utility management in China.



**Roger Bush**

Roger Bush is President/CEO and co-founder of Saxon-Hamilton, the management consulting firm based in Oakland, CA ([www.saxon-hamilton.com](http://www.saxon-hamilton.com)). Ranked by the San Francisco Business Times in 2021 in the Top 30 largest management consulting companies in the Bay Region, Saxon-Hamilton helps world class clients design and successfully implement workable plans, charting clear, direct paths to their optimal futures while accelerating growth and influence. Roger graduated from U.C. Berkeley in environmental design, spent four years as a U.S. Army military intelligence officer, became licensed as an architect and set up a private practice, doing projects at Ghirardelli Square, Stanford Shopping Center, S.F. International Airport, Stanford Linear Accelerator and residences in Rancho Santa Fe, California.



**Joe F. Calcara**

Mr. Calcara is the Executive Director, Real Estate & Acquisition Modernization for Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command. He serves as senior worldwide technical authority to prove effective, timely, and efficient execution of real estate programs, actions, and initiatives for the Department of the Navy, with focus on innovative business practices and rapid acquisition tools to transform and optimize installation and infrastructure capabilities. Mr. Calcara has over thirty-five years of diverse and increasingly responsible authority in stewarding public infrastructure, facilities engineering, integrated water resources, real estate, and asset management programs, projects, and initiatives with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC), Department of Army, other federal and inter-governmental agencies, non-federal sponsors, and the private sector. Mr. Calcara is a graduate of the University of Hartford, an engineer by training, holding credentials in the Defense Acquisition Workforce, US Senior Executive Service, and other public finance certifications and engineering affiliations.



# Speaker Biographies



**Joe Caves**

Joe Caves is an attorney and registered lobbyist in California specializing in environmental and natural resources law and policy. He served in the California State Legislature for more than a decade as a committee consultant and legislative staff director. Joe has extensive experience negotiating, drafting and lobbying legislation, and working the state budget. In addition, he specializes in developing public funding sources and crafting political strategies to advance environmental and natural resource protection. Joe was the principal author of Propositions 50 and 84, and was also instrumental in the development of Propositions 12, 13 and 40. He has expertise in a wide array of natural resources areas including land use, water policy, land conservation, coastal protection, CEQA, climate change, and forestry. He is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara and of Hastings College of the Law. He is a member of the Environmental Law Section of the California State Bar Association.



**Anselmo Collins**

Anselmo G. Collins is the Senior Assistant General Manager of the Water System for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Mr. Collins leads an organization of more than 2,400 employees and has over 28 years of experience with LADWP. His experience has been both in engineering and managerial capacities involving planning, designing, construction, project management, construction management, procurement, operations, and maintenance. Mr. Collins most previously served as Director of the Water Operations Division where he was responsible for Water System operations and maintenance activities of water transmission and treatment facilities in the Metropolitan-Los Angeles Area, as well as those of the Los Angeles Aqueduct system. Mr. Collins also oversaw the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program and managed Water System's property issues and real estate holdings. Mr. Collins received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University Northridge and a Master of Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University. Mr. Collins is a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California.



**Martha Davis**

Martha Davis retired from her position as Assistant General Manager for Policy Development at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) in 2017. During her 17 year tenure, Ms. Davis led many of the Agency's award-winning planning and green programs including initiatives promoting water efficiency, renewable energy, stormwater capture, green infrastructure, recycled water and climate resiliency. Previously, Ms. Davis served as the Executive Director for Californians and the Land (1998-2000) and for the Mono Lake Committee (1984-1996). Under her leadership, the Mono Lake campaign culminated in an unanimous landmark public trust decision by the State Water Resources Control Board to protect Mono Lake. She currently serves on the boards for the Mono Lake Committee, Community Water Center, and the Rose Foundation Grassroots Fund and on the Steering Committee for the California Water Data Consortium.



**Ane Deister**

Ane Deister was appointed Executive Director of Urban Water Institute in 2017, and has served on the UWI board of directors for almost 30 years. She currently serves as President of the Oakland based Bay Planning Coalition Board of Directors, serves on the Water Education Foundation Board of Directors, is an executive management consultant with HDR and Saxon-Hamilton. She has over 30 year's experience managing water related utilities in California with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, at Metropolitan Water District and as General Manager at El Dorado Irrigation District. After leaving the public sector she has held officer positions in 3 national consulting firms and has assisted several non-profits throughout the state. She holds a Masters degree in Biology and Chemistry from the University of South Florida in Tampa, and a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering and Systems from the University of Florida in Gainesville Florida. She has been married to Keith Deister for 39 years and they have one daughter, Katy who is 28.



**Steve Erie**

Steve Erie is Professor of Political Science at the University of California at San Diego and Director of its Urban Studies and Planning Program (ret). He is the author of four books: *Rainbow's End: Irish-Americans and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985*; *Globalizing L.A.: Trade, Infrastructure, and Regional Development*; *Beyond 'Chinatown': The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California*; and *Paradise Plundered: Fiscal Crisis and Governance Failures in San Diego*. *Rainbow's End* won best urban book awards from the American Political Science Association and the American Sociological Association. *Globalizing L.A.* won book awards from Lambda Alpha International Land Economics Society and the Historical Society of Southern California. Most recently, *Paradise Plundered* won the best urban book award from the American Political Science Association. He also has written numerous journal articles and book chapters. His current book project is *Mulholland's Gift: The Politics and Policymaking of L.A.'s Department of Water and Power*. Professor Erie is actively involved in public policy debates on issues of infrastructure, economic development, governance, and public finance. He helped write San Diego's new "strong mayor" form of government; served on the governor's infrastructure commission; and advises public officials, business and community leaders in Southern California on the policy challenges facing the region.

# Speaker Biographies



**Bill Hasencamp**

Bill Hasencamp is the manager of Colorado River resources for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, where he develops and manages water supply programs to augment Metropolitan's Colorado River supplies. He has negotiated transfer agreements with irrigation districts, exchange agreements with municipal agencies and funded new water supply projects more than doubling Metropolitan's Colorado River supplies since 2003. In 2007, Hasencamp negotiated and worked with other states to develop the Intentionally Created Surplus Program, which allows Metropolitan to store up to 1.5 million acre-feet of conserved water in Lake Mead at no cost. He is one of California's representatives to the Colorado River Salinity Control Forum, which implements projects to reduce the salinity concentration of Colorado River water at Metropolitan's intake. Prior to joining Metropolitan, Hasencamp was the Operations Planning Manager for Contra Costa Water District in Northern California, where he oversaw the operations for CCWD's new intake and reservoir to provide better water quality for his agency. Prior to that, he was an environmental programs manager at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, where he oversaw the development of environmental restoration programs in the Mono Lake Basin. His hobbies include long distance bicycle touring, which led him on a three-month bicycle ride across the United States.



**George Hawkins**

George Hawkins launched his innovation-focused non-profit enterprise Moonshot Missions after stepping down as CEO of DC Water, where he served for eleven years. George helps agencies identify and adopt strategies to deliver better service and lower cost, with a focus on small and under-resourced communities and water utilities. George transformed DC Water into an innovative enterprise while tripling its investment in clean water. He served for six years on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, which advises the White House. George has served as a Senior Lecturer at Princeton University and an Executive in Residence for American University. Mr. Hawkins also served as Director of the DC Department of the Environment and served as Director of non-profit organizations and held positions with the USEPA and the firm Ropes & Gray. He graduated from Princeton University (Summa Cum Laude) and from Harvard Law School (Cum Laude).



**Jan Hier-King**

Jan Hier-King currently serves as an independent director on two Boards: publicly held Mphasis Limited out of Bangalore, India and privately held Blackhawk Network, a provider of value-added payments. She spent 17 years at Charles Schwab as the Executive Vice President responsible for centralized support services including Schwab Technology Services, Operational Services, and Offshore Services. She held other positions including Chief Information Officer, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, and Head of Electronic Brokerage Technology that developed [schwab.com](http://schwab.com).

Jan has been a special financial correspondent for a Bay Area television network and was awarded the "Forever Influential" title for the Most Influential Women in the Bay Area. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics and attended Post-Graduate studies at Syracuse University, New York, USA.



**David LaFrance**

David LaFrance was appointed Executive Director/CEO of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in March 2010. With 51,000 members, AWWA is the largest organization for water professionals. AWWA has an international scope and is headquartered in Denver. Their core values include protecting public health through safe drinking water, safeguarding the environment, sharing best practices, inspiring innovation, and, importantly, fostering diversity and inclusion. As AWWA leads the water sector, they've done significant work around aging infrastructure. Prior to joining AWWA David previously served as Director of Finance for Denver Water for 12 years, and as a utility rate economist with CH2MHill in Denver and Portland, Ore. David also serves on the board of Water Education Colorado. LaFrance earned an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Colorado, Denver in 1992 and a B.S. in Economics from Lewis and Clark College in Portland in 1986. He lives in Denver with his wife, Justine, and two children, Sierra and Devon.



**Andree Lee**

Andree Johnson Lee is a Vice President and One Water Practice Leader for EKI Environment & Water. She has over sixteen years of public and private sector experience performing and managing water resources projects. Her specialty is facilitating collaborative solutions to complex water management challenges among agencies and stakeholders. She has led regional and countywide water planning and water supply development efforts for public and private sector clients across the western US. Ms. Lee holds a BA in Geography/Environmental Studies from UCLA.

# Speaker Biographies



**Joone Lopez**

Joone Lopez is the General Manager of the Moulton Niguel Water District, which provides water, wastewater and recycled water services to six cities in South Orange County. Before joining Moulton Niguel, she served as the General Manager of Calaveras County Water District located in Northern California. Joone's prior experience includes working for Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company as its Assistant General Manager and serving as the Deputy General Manager of Central Basin Municipal Water District. Joone is a Board Member for California WaterReuse Association, California Water Data Consortium, Southern California Water Coalition, South Orange County Wastewater Authority, WaterNow Alliance, and Association of California Water Agencies. Additionally, she serves on The Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, The Water Environment Federation's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, UC Irvine Water Leadership Board, Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Board, BAYWORK Advisory Committee for its Digital Worker Initiative, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People California/Hawaii Executive Committee, The California State University, Fullerton Center for Real Estate Advisory Board, and The Korean American Coalition Board of Directors. She's also a founding member of The California Data Collaborative. In her personal time, Joone serves as a Board Member for Make-A-Wish Foundation's Orange County & Inland Empire Chapter, Tilly's Life Center, and United Way Orange County Leadership Council to End Homelessness. Preceding her career in the water industry, Joone was a Police Officer for the City of Pasadena, where she received the Silver Medal of Courage for valor under fire. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University of Northridge and a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from University of California San Diego.



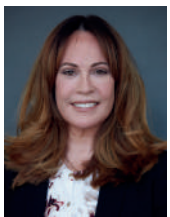
**Rich Nagel**

Rich Nagel recently joined CH2M (now Jacobs) and serves as Vice President in the Los Angeles office. Prior to joining CH2M, Rich has 31 years of experience in public service with water utilities, most recently as General Manager of the West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) from 2006 to 2017. Under his guidance, WBMWD obtained the first permit in California to deliver 100% indirect potable reuse water to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' West Coast Basin Injection Well System. Rich currently serves as a Vice Chair of the California WaterReuse Association and a Vice Chair of the Urban Water Institute.



**Karla Nemeth**

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. Nemeth oversees the Department and its 4,000 employees whose mission it is to manage and protect California's water resources. Nemeth focuses on preparing the Department and state to adapt to more extreme weather as a result of climate change – investing in aging and green infrastructure, better management of groundwater supplies, and various programs to improve local water resilience. Nemeth is committed to ensuring a workplace that reflects the values of diversity, equity and inclusion and one that provides programs and services that meet the needs of California's diverse population. Prior to joining DWR, Nemeth worked at the California Natural Resources Agency as Governor Brown's deputy secretary and senior advisor for water policy since 2014. She was the Bay Delta Conservation Plan project manager from 2009 to 2014. Prior to her work in natural resources management, Nemeth lived, worked and traveled extensively in eastern Europe promoting the development of democratic institutions. In 2010 Nemeth traveled to the Philippines as an election monitor. She is passionate about good government and serving the public. Nemeth received a bachelor's degree in political science and Latin American studies from the University of California at San Diego, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington. Nemeth grew up in San Diego, California where she learned to love baseball, the Pacific Ocean, and the eastern Sierra.



**Lisa Ohlund**

Ms. Ohlund has over thirty-nine years of experience in the wastewater, water and recycled water fields, with more than 23 years in the public sector and 16 years in the private sector. She has worked with over 40 water and wastewater agencies throughout California; including large and small cities and special districts. In December, 2020, she retired as the General Manager of the East Orange County Water District and continues to provide consulting services through Ohlund Management & Technical Services. She is a Board Member and past Chair of the Urban Water Institute.



**Dave Pedersen**

David Pedersen has more than 25 years' experience in water utility management, and is the General Manager of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and Administering Agent for the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority. In this capacity, he serves as the chief executive responsible providing water and sanitation services to approximately 100,000 people. Previously, he served as the Executive Director of Operations for the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) in Orange County California. Dave holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the California State University, Long Beach. He also serves on the Boards of the Association of California Water Agencies, Southern California Water Coalition, Urban Water Institute and WaterReuse California.



# Speaker Biographies



**Jason Peltier**

Jason Peltier brings a lifetime of work on water management and an intimate understanding of Delta issues. Peltier has served as the Executive Director of the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority and the Deputy General Manager of Westlands Water District. Prior to that he served for six years as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior in Washington D.C. as part of the management team responsible for the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey. Peltier was raised on a diversified farm in Kern County, he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Chico State and is a graduate of the California Agricultural program.



**Jennifer Persike**

Jennifer Persike is an innovative strategist and a visionary leader with more than 30 years experience leading and working with California water and energy utilities, statewide associations, non-profits, and corporations. In 2017, Jennifer established Jennifer Persike & Company to help organizations and individuals to lead better and do better. Ms. Persike is past Executive Director of Leadership California, a statewide non-profit dedicated to increasing the representation and influence of diverse women leaders in all sectors across California. As former Deputy Executive Director for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Ms. Persike built a reputation for understanding the issues, people, and challenges in the water arena. Ms. Persike is committed to giving back to the community, serving on numerous boards including the American Red Cross-Gold Country, ACWA Foundation, Water Education Foundation, Association for Women in Water, Energy and the Environment, and Alzheimer's Association. Ms. Persike holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Political Science from Chico State University. She holds a Certification in Facilitation, Mediation and Arbitration from University of California, Davis, a Marshall Goldsmith Stakeholder Centered Coaching Certification, and is completing her certificate in DE&I through Cornell University.



**Jason Phillips**

Jason Phillips joined Friant Water Authority as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in 2016. In this role, he oversees all activity conducted by the authority on behalf of its member agencies and represents the public face of the organization. Prior to Friant Water Authority, Jason worked for 15 years for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. His experience at Reclamation included Deputy Regional Director, Area Manager of the Reclamation's Klamath Basin Area Office, based in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and manager of several complex Programs in the Region including the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation (the federal Temperance Flat study), and the San Luis Drainage Feature Re-evaluation. Before this, he was a project planner for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, on flood control and ecosystem restoration projects. Jason, his wife Melisa, and their three children live in Fresno. Jason received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Portland State University.



**Adam Probolsky**

Adam is well known in Orange County for his work with Probolsky Research, where he serves as President. He has acted as pollster and strategic advisor on hundreds of successful crisis communications and public affairs projects, local, county and statewide initiatives and candidate campaigns as well as citizen outreach and education efforts. Adam is a former journalist and he previously served as a board member and development committee chairman for Jewish Family Service of Orange County, a non-profit organization that serves families in need, and volunteered for nearly eight years with the Orange County Sheriff's Department as a spokesperson. Adam formerly served as a member of the Policy Committee on Energy and the Environment of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Probolsky's research and commentary has been published in numerous media outlets including The New York Times, Riverside Press Enterprise, The Chicago Sun Times, the Orange County Register and Politico and the San Francisco Chronicle. Adam earned his master's degree in data analytics and visualization from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore Maryland, a historic urban college founded in 1826.



**Dr. Greg Quist**

Dr. Greg Quist is the President and co-Founder of Hadronex, Inc. of Escondido, CA, a firm specializing in water and wastewater solutions using advanced integrated systems of sensors, wireless communications and user interfaces. Greg is currently the Vice President of the Board of the Rincon del Diablo Water District, where he has served for 24 years. Greg also served for 12 years as Director of the San Diego County Water Authority. Quist holds 14 patents in the areas of light scattering, rapid identification, environmental monitoring, and wireless systems. Greg received his B.S. in astrophysics from Yale and his Ph.D. in physics from U.C. Santa Barbara. In his free time, he enjoys basketball, tennis, golf, and chasing elusive rainbow trout in the Eastern Sierras.



**Dr. Marty Ralph**

Dr. F. Martin Ralph is the Director of the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E) at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. His research interest includes: precipitation, hydrometeorology, water resources, observation strategies and atmospheric chemistry. His work has led to new and improved diagnostic techniques, applications and information for water managers to balance water supply and flood control in a changing climate. The Center partners with California DWR, Sonoma Water, CNAP, USGS, San Diego Supercomputing Center. Some of the sponsors of their work include: USACE/ERDC, NOAA, SCWA, NASA, USBR, Ca DWR. The Center strives to revolutionize the physical understanding, observations, weather predictions, and climate projections in extreme weather in Western North America. They provide cutting edge water cycle science, technology, and outreach that support effective policies and practices that address the impacts of extreme weather and water events on the environment, people and the economy of Western North America. He holds a B.S. Meteorology, University of Arizona, Tucson; M.S. Atmospheric Sciences, UCLA; Ph.D. Atmospheric Sciences, UCLA.



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**Laura Royster**

Laura Royster is Vice President and Managing Partner of Saxon-Hamilton, the management consulting firm based in Oakland, CA. The firm works across organizational functions, usually under the auspices of the CEO and senior management, to help clients understand what is impeding their progress and bring about specific changes. For over thirty years, Saxon-Hamilton has been helping clients solve their most pressing problems and seize their most promising opportunities. Laura joined the firm's Management Consulting Group in 2015 as a senior consultant and has designed, directed, and delivered a broad range of client engagements, including planning (strategic and succession), implementation, individual and organizational assessments, restructuring, team establishment and process improvement. Her primary focus is on the development of executives, senior managers and their teams, with an emphasis on leadership, resolving challenging operational problems, relationship development, and interpersonal communication. She also provides dynamic facilitation, mediation, and strategic guidance for groups of all sizes to enhance their alignment and productivity. In her role as Managing Partner and Vice President, Laura oversees the firm's operations and develops and maintains long-term, supportive relationships with clients across industries.



**Matt Stone**

Matthew Stone is the General Manager of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) and has managed SCV Water and its predecessor Castaic Lake Water Agency since late 2015. His 37-year career includes a wide range of water industry related experience including water systems, facility and resource planning, water rates, organizational studies, statewide and regional water policy, governmental and public affairs, water quality, water rights, and both retail and wholesale agency functions and management. Prior to joining SCV Water, Mr. Stone served as General Manager with the Rancho California Water District in Temecula, California for seven years and worked with the Municipal Water District of Orange County for fourteen years, including eleven years as Associate General Manager. In addition, Mr. Stone worked as a water resources consultant with RBF and Associates over a ten-year span on numerous projects in various capacities. Mr. Stone serves on the Board of Directors of the State Water Contractors, Inc. He also serves on the Board of the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority, is a member of the LA County Measure W Safe Clean Water Initiative Scoring Committee, is also a past Chairman of the Urban Water Institute and currently serves on the Board and Executive Committee. Mr. Stone holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University, a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Loyola Marymount University, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of La Verne. He is a registered Civil Engineer within the State of California.



**Patsy Tennyson**

Patricia Tennyson, Executive Vice President, Katz and Associates, oversees community and government relations, communication, and public affairs strategies for the firm. She also facilitates community advisory panels, environmental scoping meetings, public meetings and strategic planning workshops. Patsy has provided strategic counsel, facilitated public working committees and workshops, and designed presentations for policy-makers and the community on a variety of technical issues. These issues include water and wastewater, recycled water and potable reuse, airport planning and education, rate increases and environmental issues. With over 30 years' experience in the water industry, Patsy has been served in leadership positions with many professional water associations. She was the former chair of the American Water Works Association's Public Affairs Council, a member of AWWA's Technical and Educational Council, previously a member of the Board of Trustees for WaterReuse California and is also a member of the Water Environment Federation. She has a B.A. in social science, M.S. in public administration and M.S. in library science.



**John Thornton**

John R. Thornton, PE is a partner with Hunt Thornton Resource Strategies. He has over 50 years of experience in the development and management of water resource projects ranging in scope and magnitude. He has over 43 years of experience and is recognized as an expert in groundwater development and management projects; feasibility studies and master plans; CEQA/NEPA; and management of complex groundwater modeling projects leading to management plans and conjunctive use plans and water transfers. Mr. Thornton is an experienced agricultural engineer serving as chief agricultural engineer for sprawling Irvine Ranch in Orange County, California. He has managed agricultural and crop suitability studies in California, Arizona, and Florida. He has been in responsible charge of irrigation designs for over 500,000 acres of cropland. He is a registered Professional Engineer in five states. He has managed and provided technical studies and expert witness testimony in complex water rights matters in California, Idaho and Colorado. Mr. Thornton is a Founding member of Urban Water Institute and has served as Treasurer over many years.



**Don Young**

Don Young is founder and principal of D. R. Young Associates, a consulting practice offering professional services in real estate development, corporate and institutional real estate and project management. His expertise includes project organization and control, direction of the entitlement and approval process as well as design and construction management. Clients have included E\*Trade Financial, The Gap, Apple, Google, Adobe Systems, Symantec and LinkedIn. Institutional projects have included the redevelopment of the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and the Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Wilsey Center for Opera and currently the New Hospital at Parnassus Heights for the University of California, San Francisco. Prior to establishing D. R. Young Associates, Mr. Young was the Director of Corporate Real Estate and Development for Silicon Graphics, Inc. where he was responsible for the development of the company's major facilities world-wide. Before joining Silicon Graphics, Mr. Young spent eight years at Citicorp / Citibank in a variety of capacities ranging from real estate to electronic banking.



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