

Meeting Announcement - February 27, 2008, 12 Noon - 2:30pm

The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet on Wednesday, February 27 from noon - 2:30 pm at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Lunch will be provided.

TOPIC: Coming Up Short - New Colorado River Conservation Initiatives and Drought Management

Speaker: Bill Hasencamp, MWD Colorado River Program Manager and **Pete Silva**, MWD Executive Policy Advisor

Bill Hasencamp will discuss the new Colorado River agreements that detail how the Basin States will manage water shortages as the Colorado Reservoirs continue to drop. He will explore the new water conservation initiatives that allow states to develop and store new supplies, which are elements of the agreement.

Most intriguing among the conservation initiatives is the "Drop 2 Project," a reservoir just north of U.S. - Mexico border that will store Colorado River water that otherwise would flow across the border in excess of Mexico's allocation. The Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Central Arizona Project and MWD will pay to construct the reservoir and receive proportional amounts of water from it.

Pete Silva will discuss how the US and Mexico are working together to develop a plan to cope with water shortages and develop bi-national programs to benefit both countries.

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