

Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 ~ 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters,
700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6710. Please RSVP to JoAnn Carrillo @ jcarrillo@mwdh2o.com.
Parking is available at Metropolitan's employee garage, accessible at the rear of the building for those who RSVP. Parking validation will not be provided for valet parking.

Please note: Lunch is not provided for this meeting. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch or buy your lunch at the cafeteria located on the first floor of the building and bring it to the meeting.

Meeting Topic:

Can the Colorado River Meet Future Water Needs of the American Southwest?

As hot gets hotter and dry gets drier, some view the Colorado River as "Ground Zero" for climate change in the United States. Join key Lower Basin state and federal decision-makers as they discuss local, regional, and bi-national actions under consideration. In addition to increased conservation and water recycling, the states are considering new agricultural to urban water transfers, desalination in Mexico, cloud seeding, and removing salt cedar to name a few.

Terry Fulp, Bureau of Reclamation, will speak on the potential impacts of climate change to the Colorado River. He also will share the goals of Reclamation's comprehensive Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study to meet the Basin's current and future supply/demand imbalance. Bruce Moore, Southern Nevada Water Authority, will discuss the consequences of a further drop in the Lake Mead water level on pumping and the environmental and legal challenges to its plans to pump water from northeast Nevada. He will share Nevada's views on a proposed desalination plant in Mexico to meet Las Vegas' future need. Chuck Cullom, Central Arizona Project, will address Arizona's plans to reduce vulnerability to a sustained drought and the threat of shortages. He will also address the operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant and collaboration with environmental groups in Mexico. Bill Hasencamp, MWD, will weigh in on how Southern California has adapted to living with less Colorado River water and efforts to refill the Colorado River Aqueduct. He will also discuss efforts to develop a bi-national water management agreement with Mexico and how the recent earthquakes have changed the landscape of the negotiations.

Speakers:

Terry Fulp, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Chuck Cullom, Central Arizona Project
Bruce Moore, Southern Nevada Water Authority
Bill Hasencamp, MWD

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