

Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, May 26, 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.

The Water Bond: The Good, The Bad, Etc.

Speakers:

Ron Gastelum, Vice Chair, Public Policy, Board of Directors, LA Area Chamber of Commerce

Debbie Davis, Policy Director, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water

Mike Wade, Executive Director, California Farm Water Coalition (invited)

Meeting Topic:

Another water bond looms around the corner. California's voters will be asked to approve the "Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010" on the upcoming November ballot. This water bond is the biggest bond yet weighing in at \$11.14 billion. Special interests are busily spinning facts and figures in an effort to influence voters.

The Southern California Water Dialogue will peel back the arguments both pro and con and explore at a deeper level the consequences of passing or not passing the bond. Bond supporters cite the need to update infrastructure, fix the Delta, and advance recycled water, conservation, and water quality improvements. Detractors decry the size of the bond, the existence of unspent bond dollars from past initiatives, and the cost of interest payments in a down economy. Come hear the arguments and get your questions answered.

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