

Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, January 27, 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) 217-6000. 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.

Spotlight on the State Legislative Water Package (1st in a series for 2010)

“How the State Water Legislation Package Came Together” and “Upcoming Federal Actions in the Delta”

Speakers:

Cynthia Koehler, Environmental Defense

Keith Coolidge, Chief Deputy Director, Resources Agency, Bay-Delta Program

Steve Arakawa, Manager of Bay-Delta Program Initiatives, MWD

Meeting Topics:

- **How the State Water Legislative Package Came Together** – Cynthia Koehler of Environmental Defense was in the middle of the legislative skirmishes as the water package came together last fall. She will share her insights about the politics and policy behind the package that include five bills regarding: appointment of a board to provide guidance on the Delta; \$11.5 B bond measure; new groundwater monitoring efforts; higher fines for illegal water diversion, and mandated 20% water use reductions in urban areas by 2020.
- **Upcoming Federal Actions in the Delta** – The Obama Administration has released a coordinated interim action plan to address the water crisis in California. It is intended to strengthen the federal government's role, promote smarter water supply and use, help ensure healthy ecosystems and improve water quality, and provide drought relief services. Keith Coolidge will present details of the plan and how it fits within a joint state/federal plan due for release January 31st.
- **What the State Legislation Means to Southern California** – Steve Arakawa will lead a discussion on how the state legislation and federal plan will be translated into action and what that means for folks at the end of the pipeline.

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