

Meeting Announcement – October 24, 12:00-2:30 pm

The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet on **Wednesday, October 24 from 12:00 – 2:30 pm** at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Located at Union Station – Use of public transit is encouraged!

Lunch will be provided. **Please RSVP** to JoAnn Carrillo, jcarrillo@mwdh2o.com or call (213) 217-6710 by October 22. (Please note any special dietary needs.)

Meeting Topic: Seawater Desalination - Now or Never? Will Drought and Reductions in Imported Water Supply push through Current Desalination Projects?

Seawater desalination has generated controversy for years. What is behind this controversy? Will the court-ordered reduction in State Water Project water from northern California to southern California combined with drought provide the impetus to push projects forward while southern California leads the way with large-scale desal proposals? What projects are underway throughout the State and what funding and subsidies are available? Get up-to-date information from the experts.

Speakers on this topic include:

- **Fawzi Karajeh**, CA Department of Water Resources, Water Recycling and Desalination Branch
- **Joe Geever**, Public Policy Director, Surfrider Foundation
- **Peter MacLaggan**, Sr. Vice-President, Poseidon Resources (invited)
- **Alvin Bautista**, Los Angeles Department of Water Resources

Southern California Water Dialogue Mission Statement: Participants in the Southern California Water Dialogue meet voluntarily to explore water-related issues of vital interest to our region. The Dialogue serves as a clearinghouse and advocate for projects, activities, and processes that will improve the quality and reliability of Southern California's water supply and benefit the California Bay-Delta Authority (Authority). The Dialogue also is an avenue to represent Southern California's interests to the Authority and provide information about the Authority to our region.

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