



# Water Education Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Summit

## Reflecting on Silver Linings in Western Water

The Sawyer Hotel | 500 J St., Sacramento

### AGENDA

9:00 am **Check-In**

9:30 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Nick Gray | *Programs Director, Water Education Foundation*

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*

9:45 **Strengthening California's Water Resilience**

Karla Nemeth | *Director, California Department of Water Resources*

10:15 **NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45 **Embracing Creative Options for Managing Water**

**Moderator:** Nick Gray | *Programs Director, Water Education Foundation*

John Bednarski | *Interim Asst. General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*

Aaron Fukuda | *General Manger, Tulare Irrigation District*

Julie Rentner | *President, River Partners*

Brad Sherwood | *Assistant General Manager, Sonoma Water (invited)*

12:00 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**

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- 1:00 Building Better & More Accessible Data**  
**Moderator:** Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director, Water Education Foundation*  
Heather Bischel | *Associate Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering Department, UC Davis*  
Erik Ek Dahl | *Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights, State Water Resources Control Board*  
Robyn Grimm | *Chief Executive Officer, California Water Data Consortium*  
Steven Springhorn | *Supervising Engineering Geologist, California Department of Water Resources*
- 2:15 Beneath the Flow: The Confluence of Art, Research & Water**  
Amanda Huguen & Jennifer Starkweather | *Visual Artists, Huguen/Starkweather*
- 2:45 NETWORKING BREAK**
- 3:15 Rita Schmidt Sudman Award for Excellence in Water Journalism**
- 3:30 Fostering Inclusive Approaches to Water Decisions**  
**Moderator:** Jennifer Persike | *President/Founder, Jennifer Persike & Company*  
Eva Dominguez | *Assistant Director, Self-Help Enterprises*  
Chelsea Haines | *Regulatory Relations Manager, Association of California Water Agencies*  
Victoria Johnson | *Global Equity Director, HDR*  
Adriana Renteria | *Tribal Liaison, State Water Resources Control Board*
- 4:45 Closing Remarks**
- 5:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION**