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Delta Water Summit

Satellite Student Union, Fresno State

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ISSUE

The Delta Pumping Restrictions, the Biological Opinions, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and the Alternative Delta Conveyance Project represent the most significant and important water issues and conversations that California has had since the 1982 peripheral canal proposal. Yet, if you asked the average Californian if they know anything much about any of these various items the answer is typically “Not much or not at all”. This is particularly true in Southern California and the Silicon Valley who ironically rely tremendously on their water supplies coming from the Delta.

Even in the Central Valley, ground zero for water supply shortages and economic impacts(due to the Delta Pumping restrictions), chances are that most have felt or heard of the Delta problems but really do not understand much about the details.

**Free parking is available but only in Fresno State’s green and yellow designated areas.*

SUMMIT

The summit will bring high level policy, technical and legislative representatives from both the State of California and the Federal government along with key water agencies to present, discuss and answer questions through a series of panels moderated by well-known media figures. The target audience will be the general public principally but invites will go out to all elected officials and legislators. Fifty percent of panel discussions will be Q&A with the audience.

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by CSUF President Joseph Castro.
- 9:10 a.m. Governor Brown (Invited) on his Water Supply Vision for California.
- 9:30 a.m. KMPH Video Overview of the Delta issues and the BDCP. (Intro by Rich Rodriguez)
- 9:35 a.m. Panel discussion, lead by Fresno Bee Moderator Bill McEwen, regarding water agencies roles, challenges and expectations with the BDCP. **Q&A by the audience;**
- ❖ Ara Azhderian, Water Policy Administrator, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
 - ❖ Joan Maher, Deputy Operating Officer for Water Supply, Santa Clara Valley Water District
 - ❖ Ron Jacobsma, General Manager, Friant Water Authority
 - ❖ Jim Beck, General Manager, Kern County Water Agency
 - ❖ Tom Birmingham, General Manager, Westlands Water District
 - ❖ Chris Acree, Executive Director, Revive the San Joaquin
 - ❖ John Coleman, Vice President, Association of California Water Agencies
- 10:30 a.m. Panel discussion, lead by Univision Moderator Reina Cardenas, regarding State and Federal Administration roles and actions associated with the BDCP and any short term relief. **Q&A by the audience;**
- ❖ Michael Connor, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (*Invited*)
 - ❖ John Laird, Secretary, Natural Resources Agency (*Invited*)
 - ❖ Gloria Gray, Delta Stewardship Council
 - ❖ Sunne McPeak, Delta Vision Foundation
- 11:25 p.m. Panel discussion, lead by KMPH Moderator Rich Rodriguez, regarding current legislative efforts by them or colleagues to assist either the short term relief or long term solution. **Q&A by the audience;**
- ❖ Congressman Jim Costa
 - ❖ Congressman David G. Valadao
 - ❖ Senator Jean Fuller
 - ❖ Assembly Member Henry Perea
 - ❖ Assemblymember Jim Patterson
 - ❖ Assemblymember Rudy Salas
 - ❖ Assemblymember Jim Fraizer (*Invited*)
- 12:20 p.m. Close with Assembly Member Henry T. Perea, California Latino Water Coalition Central Valley Co-Chairman.

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