HIGH DESERT WATER SUMMIT AGENDA

7:30 - 8:00 Registration & Networking

8:00 - 8:15 Welcome and Introductions: Kathy Mac Laren, Board President, Palmdale Water District

8:15 - 8:25 Setting the tone by Mike McNutt, PIO/Water Conservation Director, Palmdale Water District

8:25 - 8:55 **FIRST PRESENTER**: Frances Spivy-Weber, Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board

8:55 - 9:10 Q&A

9:10 - 9:25 BREAK

9:25 - 9:55 **SECOND PRESENTER**: Steve Phillips, Hydrologist, United States Geological Survey

9:55 - 10:10 Q&A

10:10 - 10:15 Assemble the Panel

10:15 - 11:00 **PANEL**: Moderated by Kimberly Maevers, President, GAVEA - Panelists are:

Mayor Jennifer Wood – California City

John Martin — General Manager, Tehachapi Cummings Water District

Dave Rydman — Water Resources Manager, Los Angeles County Waterworks

Christine Rangel — Director of Government Affairs, Building Industry Association

11:00 - 11:15 Q&A of Panel

11:15 - 11:45 LUNCH & Networking

11:45 - 11:50 Introduction of Keynote Speaker

11:55 - 12:30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**: Dr. Ken Baerenklau - Associate Professor of Environmental Economics & Policy in the School of Public Policy at UC Riverside

12:30 - 12:45 Q&A

12:45 - 12:55 Wrap Up and Parting words: Mike McNutt

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Frances Spivy-Weber of Redondo Beach was first appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board in 2007, reappointed and elected Vice-Chair of the Board in 2009, and reappointed by Governor Brown in 2013 to a four-year term. Before being appointed to the Board, she served as the Executive Director of the Mono Lake Committee since 1997.

From 1983 to 1992, Ms. Weber served as the Director of international programs for the National Audubon Society. She previously was a legislative assistant for the Animal Welfare Institute from 1978 to 1982.

Ms. Spivy-Weber is currently serving as Chair of the Water Policy Center Advisory Council with the Public Policy Institute of California; Member, Advisory Board of Syzergy; and Member, Advisory Committee on Recycled Water and Direct Augmentation of Surface Waters and Feasibility of Direct Potable Reuse.

Ms. Spivy-Weber was a member of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and co-chair of its Water Use Efficiency Committee. She also served as co-chair of the Southern California Water Dialogue and convener of the California Urban Water Conservation Council. She has served on many boards, including the Water Education Foundation, California Council of Land Trusts, and Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund.



Steve Phillips has been a Hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, in California, for 30 years. His primary experience and interests involve using simulation models to better understand hydrologic systems and developing tools to help manage these systems.

Most of his career has been spent addressing issues related to irrigated agriculture, artificial recharge, land subsidence, and associated water supply issues in the San Joaquin and Antelope Valleys, California.

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Dr. Baerenklau is an Associate Professor of Environmental Economics & Policy in the School of Public Policy at UC Riverside. He is also a Cooperating Faculty member in the Department of Economics and the Department of Environmental Sciences, and an Affiliated Faculty member in the Water Science & Policy Center, the Center for Conservation Biology, and the Center for Sustainable Suburban Development.

He has served on the editorial boards for Land Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, and Water Economics and Policy. He also served as the Associate Dean for Graduate Academic Affairs for the UC Riverside campus from 2008-2012. Dr. Baerenklau has thirteen years of professional experience working on a variety of environmental policy issues including several related to water quality and water resource management.

Representative projects include: policies for reducing nutrient emissions from animal feeding operations; incentives to promote decentralized storm water capture by urban landowners; optimal long-term use of an aquifer subject to salinization; demand and welfare effects of allocation-based water rates; and other on-going projects related to urban water pricing and conservation incentives.

Dr. Baerenklau holds Bachelors and Master's degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University and a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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Mayor Jennifer Wood of California City has been serving in her current office since December 2014, and has served on City Council from December 2012 to 2014. She currently serves as Chair of the Kern Council of Governments, Chair of the East Kern Economic Alliance, and Board member on the Kern Economic Development Corporation.

The council subcommittees she serves on include Public Works - Engineering, Water, Sewer and Streets; Development - Planning and Community Development; and Administration, Budget and Audit - Financial.

Prior to her retirement from the Air Force Material Command -Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Edwards Air Force Base, she was a Budget Analyst. She is a Veteran of the United States Air Force where she was an Avionics Technician and Maintenance Systems Data Analyst. She served 21 years with the Department of Defense.



John Martin is the General Manager of the Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District where he has served for the past seven years. He has 22 years of public sector management and 18 years of private sector experience. He received his Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Bakersfield and he is a Certified Public Finance Officer.

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Christine Rangel is the Director of Government Affairs at the Building Industry Association (BIA), Los Angeles and Ventura County Chapter. She handles the political affairs in the County of LA, key cities in LA County, Ventura County, Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

Prior to joining BIA-LAV, Christine handled Government Affairs for the National Electrical Contractors Association, New York City Chapter. Christine was given a "2014 Outstanding Woman in the Building & Construction Industry" award by the Women Builders Council.

Christine has a B.A. from Sweet Briar College and a Masters in International Business from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. A California native, her love for the state's water cannot be understated: she is an active long-distance swimmer, water polo player and surfer.



David Rydman is a Civil Engineer for the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts responsible for managing the Districts' water resources and water conservation programs.

He has been with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for 15 years, 12 of those with the Districts. He has also served on the Advisory Team to the Antelope Valley Regional Water Management Group.

Mr. Rydman has a bachelor of science degree from Colorado State University and is a registered civil engineer in California.

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