

To General Manager Clanin and Board of Directors of the Crestline Village Water District,

On Friday, November 2, I attended the ACWA Region 9 Conference in Palm Desert. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to attend this meeting. The theme of the Conference was 'Ensuring Water Reliability for Our Future'. The majority of the attendees were General Managers or higher at various water agencies. The Conference made me even more aware of how little I know about water district.

We were welcome by Patrick O'Dowd the Vice Chairman of ACWA Region 9 and the General Manager of the Coachella Valley Water District. The first speaker was Stephanie Morris a attorney from Best, Best, and Krieger. Stephanie spoke about Groundwater Past, Present, and Future. SGMA, the Sustainable Groundwater Act is setting a base line for water removal from various water basins. The amount of groundwater is without a doubt based on the impact of our snow pack or lack of snow pack in the future.

Session #2 was led by Paul Jones, the General Manager of the Eastern Municipal Water District. He spoke on water reuse. He reviewed the One Water Approach to the reuse of water. Several areas in San Francisco have begun to build water recycling units within s building. This method of water recycling was begun in New York and have been reasonably successful approach to water recycling.

Session #3 was led by Jeffrey Kightlinger, the General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. He spoke about the State Water Project. Mr. Kightlinger spoke extensively about climate change and the effect on our water supply. The vast majority of the rain within the State of California falls on 14 days, this causes severe test on our water supplies. MWD is receiving more money to be able to purchase additional water for the Southern California region. The MWD is 100% funding the construction of the tunnels in the central California region.

Session #4 was led by the Terry Fulp, the Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation for the Lower Colorado Region. Lake Mead water continues to decrease because of the drought. But through negotiations with the Upper Colorado District more water is being released from Lake Powell into Lake Mead. The belief is that it is very important to get an early snow pack into the mountains to allow Lake Mead to get back to capacity. There is a tremendous need to increase capacity storage programs in California.

The Coachella Valley Water District was recognized for 100 years of quality service to the residents of their region. Tim Quinn was complimented for his time serving as the Executive Director of ACWA. He will be stepping down at the end of November.

Thank you for allowing me to attend the ACWA Region 9 Conference. I enjoyed the opportunity to attend. I hope to continue to learn more about the issues that affect the Crestline Village Water District.

Bob Kinzel

ACWA Region 9 Presents:

Ensuring Water Reliability for Our Future

Date: Friday, November 2, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (check in begins at 8:30 am)

Location: Marriott Shadow Ridge, 9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert, CA 92211

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
Patrick O’Dowd, Vice Chair, ACWA Region 9
- 9:05 a.m. ACWA Update
Brent Hastey, President ACWA
Steve LaMar, Vice President, ACWA
- 9:30 a.m. Groundwater
Stefanie Morris, Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP
- 10:15 a.m. Water Reuse
Paul Jones, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District
- 11:00 a.m. State Water Project
Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Served
- 12:00 p.m. Coachella Valley Water District – 100 Years
- 12:15 p.m. Colorado River
Terrance Fulp, Lower Colorado Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation
- 1:00 p.m. Q&A with all speakers
Moderator:
Tim Quinn, Executive Director, ACWA
- 2:00 p.m. Program Concludes

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