



**Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Workshop**

**Background**

The Commission is convening this workshop to learn more about current practices and future opportunities for water use efficiency and conservation. The California Water Action Plan calls improved water conservation as an essential strategy for water supply reliability. The recent passage of Proposition 1 will provide new opportunities to integrate and advance water conservation and demand management activities with new investments in projects to improve water storage, water quality, ecosystem benefits, watershed management, flood protection, and integrated regional water management.

This workshop will provide the Commission and the public with the opportunity to learn more about many current water-saving activities throughout the state, best practices, and future opportunities for water use efficiency and conservation. In the morning, speakers will share some successes in the urban and agricultural sectors, and talk about the benefits those improvements will have in their respective regions and industries going forward. In the afternoon, speakers will provide insight on how California can continue to improve water use efficiency through the use of best practices, new technologies, and policy actions that could further promote water use efficiency and conservation.

9:45	<b>Welcome and Workshop Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Byrne, CWC Chair</li> </ul>
9:50	<b>Setting the Stage: What is Conservation?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manucher Alemi, DWR Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management</li> <li>• Diana Brooks, DWR Water Use and Efficiency Program</li> </ul>
10:15-11:00	<b>Panel 1: Successful Water Conservation Initiatives in the Urban and Agricultural Sectors</b>	<p><i>Urban</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency/Windsor Pays</li> <li>• Jason Foster, San Diego County Water Authority</li> <li>• John Woodling, Regional Water Authority</li> </ul>
11:00-11:45		<p><i>Agriculture</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Canessa, Center for Irrigation Technology, Fresno State University</li> <li>• Chris Kapheim, Alta Irrigation District</li> <li>• Chase Hurley, San Luis Canal Company</li> <li>• Alan Sano, Sano Farms</li> </ul>

11:45-12:00	<b>Morning Session Observations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission Members</li></ul>
12:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:15	<b>Panel 2: A Conversation About Water Conservation Opportunities and Limitations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator: Tom Philp, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California</li><li>• Dr. Jay Lund, UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences</li><li>• Claire O'Connor, Natural Resources Defense Council</li><li>• Larry McKenney, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority</li><li>• Peter Yolles, WaterSmartSoftware.com</li><li>• Dr. Jacqueline Peel, University of Melbourne Law School, Visiting Scholar at Stanford University</li></ul>
2:45	<b>Discussion and Public Comments</b>	

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