

INNOVATIVE WATER TRANSFERS WORKSHOP III

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Monday, December 12, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. • Tuesday, December 13, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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Background:

This workshop will bring together approximately 50 people from across the Western states to discuss the most promising strategies to promote smart and innovative water transfers in the West. Ideas generated in this workshop will be used to formulate a final report to be presented to the Western Governors in 2012.

Outcomes:

- Specific recommendations on three key panel topics for report to governors.
- Development of a case study in the Lower Colorado River.
- Guidance/recommendations for project execution.

Monday, December 12

12:00-12:30	Welcome and Introductions JASON KING, <i>State Engineer, Nevada Water Resources</i> TOM ISEMAN, WGA, and TONY WILLARDSON, WSWC
12:30-1:45	Panel I: Transfers and the Bureau of Reclamation <i>This panel will look at transfers within and from Bureau of Reclamation projects, and how partners have collaborated with the Bureau to accomplish water transfers.</i> Moderator: BOB JOHNSON, <i>Water Consult</i> BONNIE COLBY, <i>University of Arizona</i> RICHARD STEVENSON, <i>Bureau of Reclamation</i> JESUS REYES, <i>El Paso County Water Improvement District #1</i> TOM GLOVER, <i>Westlands Water District</i>
1:45-2:15	Break-Out Discussion
2:15-2:45	Reporting and Group Discussion
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-3:45	Presentation: Tribes and Water Transfers HERB BECKER, <i>Attorney, Jicarilla Apache Nation</i>
3:45-4:00	Presentation: Colorado River Basin Study – Options and Strategies CARLY JERLA, <i>US Bureau of Reclamation – Lower Colorado Region</i>
4:00-5:00	Project Discussion: Work Plan, Timeline, and Preliminary Results WGA and WSWC STAFF
5:00	Adjourn and Reception at Trevi Italian Restaurant

Tuesday, December 13

7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:30 **Panel II: Infrastructure and Water Transfers**

In many cases, water transfers will require the use of new or existing infrastructure.

What are the best strategies for on-farm or regional infrastructure to facilitate transfers?

Moderator: JEANINE JONES, *California Department of Water Resources*

DAN BIRCH, *Colorado River Water Conservation District*

MICHAEL L. KING, *Imperial Irrigation District*

TIM HENLEY, *Arizona Water Banking Authority*

9:30-10:00 Break-Out Discussion

10:00-10:30 Reporting and Group Discussion Break

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 **Case Study Presentation: Palo Verde Irrigation District
& Metropolitan Water District Long-Term Water Transfer**

ED SMITH, *Palo Verde Irrigation District*

JAY ABBS, *Palo Verde Valley Community Improvement Fund*

BILL HASENCAMP, *Metropolitan Water District of Southern California*

12:00-1:30 Lunch and Keynote

JASON KING, *State Engineer, Nevada Water Resources*

1:30-2:00 Presentation: Water Markets in Australia

BRAD UDALL, *Western Water Assessment*

2:00-3:00 **Panel III: The Role of the Private Sector in Water Transfers**

This panel will focus on the growing role of the private sector – including private water providers, investment funds, and energy companies in water transfers – and how private investment can be integrated into water transfer policy.

Moderator: ESTEVAN R. LÓPEZ, *New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission*

ROD SMITH, *Stratecon, Inc.*

MIKE SCHLEHUBER, *Greenstone Resource Partners*

TOM HICKS, *Resource Renewal Institute*

3:00-3:30 Break-Out Discussion

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-4:30 Reporting and Group Discussion

4:30-5:00 Wrap-Up and Adjourn