

**WESTCAS**  
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*“The Voice of Water  
Quality in the Arid  
West...See How We Roar!”*

**Guest Speaker Biographies**





### **Goldy Herbon, Senior Water Resources Planner, City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department**

Goldy Herbon is a Senior Water Resources Planner at the City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department. She began working for the City in 2011 and works primarily on the San Diego Region's Integrated Regional Water Management Program. Goldy also analyzes state and federal water legislation, tracks historical imported water rate trends, and is interested in water-energy nexus issues.

Prior to working at the City, Goldy worked at the Institute for Energy Efficiency at UC Santa Barbara while pursuing a Master's Degree in water resources management. Goldy also has four years of private consulting experience in stormwater and surface water quality monitoring and water management planning.

Goldy earned her B.A. in Environmental Policy from UC San Diego and an M.S. in Water Resources Management and Energy Efficiency at UC Santa Barbara.

### **Peter MacLaggan, Senior Vice President of California Project Development, Poseidon Water**

Peter MacLaggan is Senior Vice President of Project Development for Poseidon Resources Corporation. In this capacity, he is responsible for development of a large-scale seawater desalination project located in Carlsbad, California. He has over 25 years of public agency and private sector experience in water resources planning and development. Prior to joining Poseidon, he served as Executive Director of the California Water Reuse Association, Director of Water Resources at the San Diego County Water Authority, and an independent water resources consultant.

Mr. MacLaggan holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University and a J. D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. He is a registered civil engineer and a member of the California State Bar.

### **Jennifer McCloskey, Deputy Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation**

Jennifer McCloskey is the Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Region. The Region is responsible for the operation of Reclamation's water and power facilities on the last 688 miles of the Colorado River, from Lee's Ferry in northern Arizona to the Mexican border.

McCloskey's responsibilities include program oversight for water operations, river and infrastructure maintenance, the Multi-Species Conservation Program and financial and human resources. She also collaborates with stakeholders throughout the region and Mexico to resolve conflicts and develop strategies for future water resource management and conservation.

McCloskey's career in water management began with Reclamation in 2005 where she most recently served as the Area Manager for our field office in Yuma, AZ. She managed the delivery of nearly two-thirds of the Lower Colorado Basin apportionment and the U.S. international treaty obligations with Mexico. Prior to that, McCloskey served as Deputy Director of Tax Audit with the Department of Treasury in Washington D.C. Prior to public service she led



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domestic and international projects for private sector agriculture, technology and business services companies in Texas and Florida. She has worked in Asia, Latin America and Europe and credits this international experience and her bilingual abilities for her positive contributions surrounding the Region's Treaty discussions with Mexico.

Ms. McCloskey is a Certified Public Accountant and a Project Management Professional with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Arizona in Tucson and Master of Business Administration from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Arizona.

### **Timothy Quinn, Ph. D., Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies**

As executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Timothy Quinn leads the largest water organization of its kind in the nation. With offices in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., ACWA is a statewide association whose 450 local public water agency members are responsible for about 90% of the water delivered in California.

Quinn, who became ACWA executive director in July 2007, has more than 25 years of experience in California water issues. He has worked on several key policy initiatives, including the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan now under development to protect species and provide regulatory assurance to water users. He also participated in negotiation of the 2002 Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement, the 2000 CALFED Record of Decision, the 1995 Monterey Agreement, the 1994 Bay-Delta Accord, and a number of water transfer agreements.

Prior to joining ACWA, Quinn served as deputy general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and represented the district on numerous statewide issues since 1994. He joined MWD in 1985 as principal economist, and became deputy general manager in 1994. Before coming to MWD, Quinn was a project manager at the Rand Corporation, specializing in research on natural resources and environmental policy issues.

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Colorado in 1974 and his Master's and Doctorate degrees in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1976 and 1983.

### **Maureen A. Stapleton, General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority**

Maureen A. Stapleton is the General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the regional water agency that provides up to 90 percent of all the water used in San Diego County. Since taking over the agency in 1996, Stapleton has led the Water Authority's diversification efforts and successfully developed a comprehensive array of water supply and infrastructure programs designed to diversify and improve the reliability of San Diego County's water supply.

Stapleton oversees a dynamic agency, managing a \$3.1 billion Capital Improvement Program and leading the Water Authority's efforts in the region's water supply reliability through implementation of the Imperial Valley water transfers, the Carlsbad seawater desalination project, advancement of regional water efficiency and conservation programs, and water recycling and reuse.