

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 am Edison Complex	Policy Development Committee Meeting
10:00 – 11:30 am Wilder Complex	Public Affairs Committee Meeting
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Stuart	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings
11:00 am – 6:00 pm Viceroy	Registration
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	State Executives Luncheon / Lunch on Own
1:00 – 1:30 pm Regent/Empress	Keynote Welcome: Jeffrey Kightlinger General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
1:30 – 2:30 pm Regent/Empress	Western Water Roundtable The Trump Administration agenda hinges on what happens in the 2018 midterms. Hear from industry leaders about their priorities for the remainder of the 115 th Congress and what issues they believe will be important at the start of the new Congress. Moderator: Ian Lyle, Executive Vice President, NWRA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tommy Holmes, Legislative Director, American Water Works Association – Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance – Don Barnett, Executive Director, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum
2:30 – 3:30 pm Regent/Empress	Overcoming Political Odds: The Saga of the Proposed California Water Tax For two years, local California water agencies have struggled against legislative proposals to tax drinking water to raise funds to solve statewide, social welfare problems. All of these proposals have been turned back thanks to sound strategy, team work, and long hours. This is the story of that saga as told by the chief ACWA strategist that led the effort against the tax and the public relations firm that helped target the right messages in the right places. Moderator: Brent Hastey, President, ACWA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations, ACWA – Scott Rose, Runyon Saltzman, Inc.
3:30 – 4:00 pm Viceroy	Networking Break
4:00 – 5:00 pm Regent	Arizona Meeting

4:00 – 5:00 pm Edison J	California Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Spreckels A	Colorado Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Spreckels B	Idaho Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Wilder H	Montana Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Edison K	Nebraska Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Wilder E	Nevada Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Wilder F	New Mexico Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Wilder G	North Dakota Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm York	Oregon Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Edison I	Texas Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Spreckels C&D	Utah Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 pm Empress	Washington Meeting
5:30 – 6:30 pm Crown Room	Welcome Happy Hour

Thursday, November 8, 2018

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Stuart	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings
7:00 am – 4:00 pm Viceroy	Registration
7:30 – 8:30 am Edison Complex	Women in Water: Networking Coffee All women members are invited to participate.
8:30 – 9:00 am Regent/Empress	Keynote: Commissioner Brenda Burman U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

9:00 – 10:00 am Regent/Empress	Who Says You Can't Build Storage Anymore? In July, 2017, the California Water Commission allocated \$2.7 billion from General Obligation Bonds to eight surface and groundwater storage projects in California. These projects represent a total investment of over \$10 billion in new storage with total new storage capacity of 4.3 MAF. This panel provides an overview of the process to allocate these funds and an up-close look at a large new surface storage reservoir in the Sacramento Valley and an ag-urban groundwater storage project in Kern County that stand to benefit from these bond funds. Moderator: Dave Bolland, Director of State Regulatory Relations, ACWA Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Armando Quintero, Chair, California Water Commission– Jim Watson, Executive Director, Sites Joint Powers Authority– Eric Averett, General Manager, Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District
10:00 – 10:30 am Viceroy	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:30 am Regent/Empress	Army Corps of Engineers Permitting Reform Discussion Moderator: Kevin Ward, General Manager, The Trinity River Authority of Texas Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Thomas Kula, Executive Director, North Texas Municipal Water District– Mark Pifher, Board Member, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Regent/Empress	Reorganizing the Department of Interior The Honorable David Bernhardt Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior
12:45 – 2:15 pm Crown	Awards Luncheon
2:30 – 3:30 pm Regent/Empress	Emergency Planning and Response The panelist will share lessons learned and best practices in preparing and responding to natural disasters and emergencies. Moderator: Steven Stockton, former Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Scott Harris, COO, Gulf Coast Authority– Andrew Colosimo, Government Affairs Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities
3:30 – 4:00 pm Viceroy	Networking Break

4:00 – 5:30 pm
Regent/Empress

Inside Washington

Moderator: Christine Arbogast, Federal Affairs Committee Chair, NWRA

Panelists:

- The Honorable Doc Hastings, former Congressman (R, WA-4)
- The Honorable Dennis Cardoza, former Congressman (D, CA-18)
- Bob Szabo, Partner, Van Ness Feldman LLP
- Ryan Serote, Senior Manager Federal Affairs, Salt River Project

5:30 – 6:30 pm
Crown

President's Reception

Friday, November 9, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 am
Upper Grande
Hall Foyer

Registration

7:00 – 8:00 am
Regent/Empress

Post-Elections and 116th Congress Strategy Session

Join members of the NWRA Federal Affairs team to discuss the policy implications of the elections and the Congressional lame-duck session.

7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Stuart

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Meetings

8:00 – 8:30 am
Regent/Empress

Keynote: The Honorable Paul Gosar (R, AZ-4)

Chairman, Congressional Western Caucus

8:30 – 10:00 am
Regent/Empress

The West on Fire – Searching for Integrated Wildfire Solutions

Recent mega-fires across the Western States are a constant reminder that we are facing a forest crisis. This panel will provide an overview of the recent wildfires and will explore possible integrated approaches to confront a problem that crosses state lines.

Moderator: Tom Myrum, Executive Director, Washington State Water Resources Association

Panelists:

- Doug Kemper, Executive Director, Colorado Water Congress
- Bruce Hallin, Director of Water Supply, Salt River Project
- Andy Fecko, Director of Resource Development, Placer County Water Agency

10:00 – 11:00 am
Regent/Empress

Irrigation Caucus Meeting

Guest Speaker: Melanie Brooks, Chief Executive, MHVwater

At 140,000 acres, MVHwater is New Zealand's largest irrigation scheme (district).

10:00 – 11:00 am Spreckles Complex	Municipal Caucus Meeting Guest Speaker: Matt Stone, General Manager, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
10:00 – 11:00 am Wilder EF	Groundwater Caucus Meeting Guest Speaker: John Woodling, Executive Director, Regional Water Authority
11:00 am Viceroy	NWRA Board Meeting
11:00 am Wilder GH	Great Plains Regional Forums
11:00 am Wilder EF	Army Corps of Engineers Regional Forums
11:00 am Edison J	Pacific Northwest Regional Forums
11:00 am Edison I	Mid-Pacific Regional Forums
11:00 am Spreckels	Upper Colorado: Regional Forums
11:00 am Regent/Empress	Lower Colorado Regional Forums