

California Urban Water Agencies Executive Director to speak at California Water Plan Update 2013 plenary session

Sept. 11, 2012, WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — California Urban Water Agencies Executive Director Cindy Paulson will be among a panel of speakers at the second plenary session of the California Water Plan Update 2013 on Sept. 12–13 in Sacramento.

The panel will address principles and approaches for prioritizing California’s future integrated water management investments and apportioning of costs. Panelists include representatives from the California Water Commission, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Association of California Water Agencies, and others.

CUWA has developed a Public Investment White Paper and Reliable Water Financing Policy Principles to provide a technical basis to inform any new approaches for public financing of water-related projects or programs and to promote a “beneficiary pays” system. Paulson will present CUWA’s perspective and recommendations.

“Water financing is a vital issue for our member organizations,” Paulson said. “CUWA represents 10 major urban water agencies that deliver drinking water to two-thirds of California’s population. I’m looking forward to our discussion and working toward solutions that benefit all stakeholders.”

Published in five-year intervals by the Department of Water Resources, the California Water Plan provides a detailed report on water supply, demand and management in California. The 2013 plan will provide updated strategic water resource management information, including water supply, environmental stewardship, climate change, water storage, water conservation, technology and other topics.

CUWA's policy principles on reliable water financing can be viewed at:

http://www.cuwa.org/pubs/Reliable_Water_Financing_Policy_Principles.pdf

Meeting details and an agenda for the Plenary Session can be accessed at:

<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=sep1212>

About CUWA

Established in 1990, the California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) is a nonprofit corporation of 10 major urban water agencies that are responsible for about two-thirds of California's drinking water supply. As the collective voice for the largest urban water purveyors in California, CUWA provides technical perspective to promote common understanding and consensus solutions among the urban water community. CUWA member agencies include Alameda County Water District, City of San Diego, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Diego County Water Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and Zone 7 Water Agency. For more information, visit: <http://www.cuwa.org/>. To access CUWA's 2012 Annual Report, visit: http://www.cuwa.org/pubs/CUWA2012_AnnualReport.pdf

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