



32ND ANNUAL WATER SYMPOSIUM April 18, 2024

Courtyard by Marriott, Oxnard CA
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM



“Next Move...Being Nimble in an Ever Changing World”



nim·ble (nĭm'bəl)

adj. nim·bler, nim·blest

1. Quick or agile in movement or action; deft.
2. Quick, clever, and acute in devising or understanding.

Water resilience and sustainability are essential goals in these fast-changing, uncertain times. Water leaders and managers need to focus on the art of being nimble if they are to achieve these goals.

8:00 AWA GENERAL WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

AWA President – ANN DEMARTINI, CEO - DeMartini Enterprises LLC

8:10 SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Committee Chairs

SCOTT MECKSTROTH, Deputy Director - Ventura County Public Works Agency

GREG PATTERSON, Partner - Musick, Peeler & Garrett, LLP

8:15 PROGRAM OPENING/ AUDIENCE INTERACTIVE TABLETOP EXERCISE

AWA SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM MODERATOR - DAVE CEPPOS, Director/Managing Sr. Mediator-Sacramento State, Consensus and Collaboration Program – Sacramento State University

8:30 VENTURA COUNTY ECONOMIC FORECAST

MATTHEW FIENUP, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for Economic Research & Forecasting; Associate Professor, Economics, California Lutheran University

9:00 PANEL 1 - PATHWAYS TO AGRICULTURAL VIABILITY

HELEN MCGRATH, Farm Coordinator - Flying M Ranch

EDGAR TERRY, President-TERRY FARMS, INC./Senior Adjunct Professor at California Lutheran University

9:45 BREAK

10:00 PANEL 2 - THE STRATEGIC ROAD TO NIMBLE – A PLANNERS' DISCUSSION

WANDA MOYER, Deputy Public Works Director (Environmental Compliance)
Department of Public Works- City Of Simi Valley/Waterworks District No. 8

DAN HADDOCK, PE, Director of Water Utility Services, Principal Engineer, INTERA Incorporated

GWYN-MOHR TULLY, J.D., Partner, Zanjero Consultants

10:50 MAKING WATER CONSERVATION A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE – AN URBAN UPDATE

TIA FLEMING, Executive Director, External Affairs
CALIFORNIA WATER EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP (CalWEP)

11:25 MORNING SESSION CLOSING

Committee Chair, SCOTT MECKSTROTH

11:30 BREAK / LUNCH SETUP / VENDOR EXHIBITS

12:00 LUNCH

12:30 AWA ANNOUNCEMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS / AWARDS

Committee Chair, SCOTT MECKSTROTH

The Annual John Flynn Water Award -Presented by FCGMA Chair Eugene West

The Annual Richard V. Laubacher Water Award -Presented by UWCD President Sheldon Berger

1:00 CLOSING SPEAKER - NIMBLE COLLABORATION: BRINGING DIVERSE INTERESTS TOGETHER

Symposium Moderator, DAVE CEPPOS

1:20 AWA CLOSING REMARKS / EXHIBITOR DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

Committee Chair, SCOTT MECKSTROTH

1:25 ADJOURN