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About the Speakers

BARNIE GYANT is the Deputy Regional Forester for Resources for the Pacific Southwest Region USDA Forest Service. He oversees the areas of Program Development and Budget, Ecosystems Management, Ecosystems Planning, Information Management, and Tribal Relations. Gyant was previously the Deputy Director of Ecosystem Management in Region 5 from September 2009 to June 2012. He successfully completed a temporary promotion to Director, Ecosystem Management for four months in 2010 and for five months in 2011. Gyant has an extensive background including work assignments as Forest Supervisor, Deputy Forest Supervisor, District Ranger, Deputy District Ranger, and Resources Program Manager. Early in his career, he was a Fisheries Biologist. Gyant has 20 years experience as a line officer and natural resources manager working on eight different national forests and in four different regions. Gyant earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Biology from East Carolina University. He has a strong background in natural resources and ecological restoration and strong communication and collaboration skills.

DAVID ALADJEM is with the Law Firm of Downey Brand. He regularly serves as counsel for public agencies in connection with complex multiparty water negotiations throughout California. Currently, he represents two municipal water districts in Southern California that have just acquired water rights that would provide a permanent water supply serving between 100,000 and 125,000 people. This effort has included overseeing the preparation of an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act; a contested water right hearing before the California State Water Resources Control Board; and multiparty negotiations with water districts, environmental groups, and state and federal regulatory agencies. Aladjem also recently served as counsel for three statewide and national associations in connection with the successful negotiation of a statewide policy regarding the use of recycled water. For that agreement, he was awarded the 2009 Excellence in Water Leadership



Award from the Association of California Water Agencies. This past year, he was deeply involved in the legislation that culminated in the landmark water conservation legislation that will require 20% water conservation in urban areas of California. Aladjem was named by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments as one of its "Citizens of the Year" in 2005. He attended law school at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, and received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

THOMAS D. CUMPSTON is General Counsel for El Dorado Irrigation District. He joined EID as its first in-house General Counsel on October 1, 2002. Prior to that, he served as Principal Assistant County Counsel for El Dorado County and counsel to the El Dorado County Water Agency. Cumpston joined the County Counsel's office in 1993 after four years with Berliner Cohen law firm in San Jose, including two years as Deputy City Attorney for the garlic capital of the world, Gilroy. He graduated first in his class from King Hall School of Law in Davis in 1989. Cumpston obtained his undergraduate degree, Phi Beta Kappa, from Washington University in St. Louis. He is a California native and a devotee of music, baseball, and backcountry skiing.

ROBERT E. DONLAN, is a partner with the Law Firm of Ellison, Schneider & Harris L.L.P. He specializes in water and natural resources law, with emphasis on surface water and ground-water rights and related matters involving state and federal Endangered Species Acts and fisheries laws, the California Environmental Quality Act, water quality permitting, and other state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements affecting water users and water managers. Donlan is experienced with water transfer and water supply agreements, recycled water use, and also with public agency governance, administration and project finance. He regularly represents public agencies, utilities, large private institutions and private parties before the California courts, the State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other administrative agencies. Donlan also advocates before administrative and legislative bodies on behalf of water users concerning policy matters involving water rights and water management.

ROGER B. MOORE is a partner with Rossman and Moore since 2003. He has practiced land use, water, natural resources, constitutional, environmental and administrative law with the firm since 1992. As a litigator, negotiator, and advisor, Moore is a veteran of major disputes involving the regional and statewide consequences of water projects, water transfers and development decisions. He has expertise in the enforcement of environmental, transportation, energy and nuclear waste laws, and in the interface of water supply, water quality, land use and climate change planning. Moore currently serves on the Executive Committee of the California State Bar's Environmental Law Section. He graduated with highest honors from Swarthmore College and cum laude from Harvard Law School. Before joining the firm, he served as a teaching fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and as a research associate at the University of California's Office of General Counsel and at the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. He clerked for the Honorable Lawrence K. Karlton, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California.