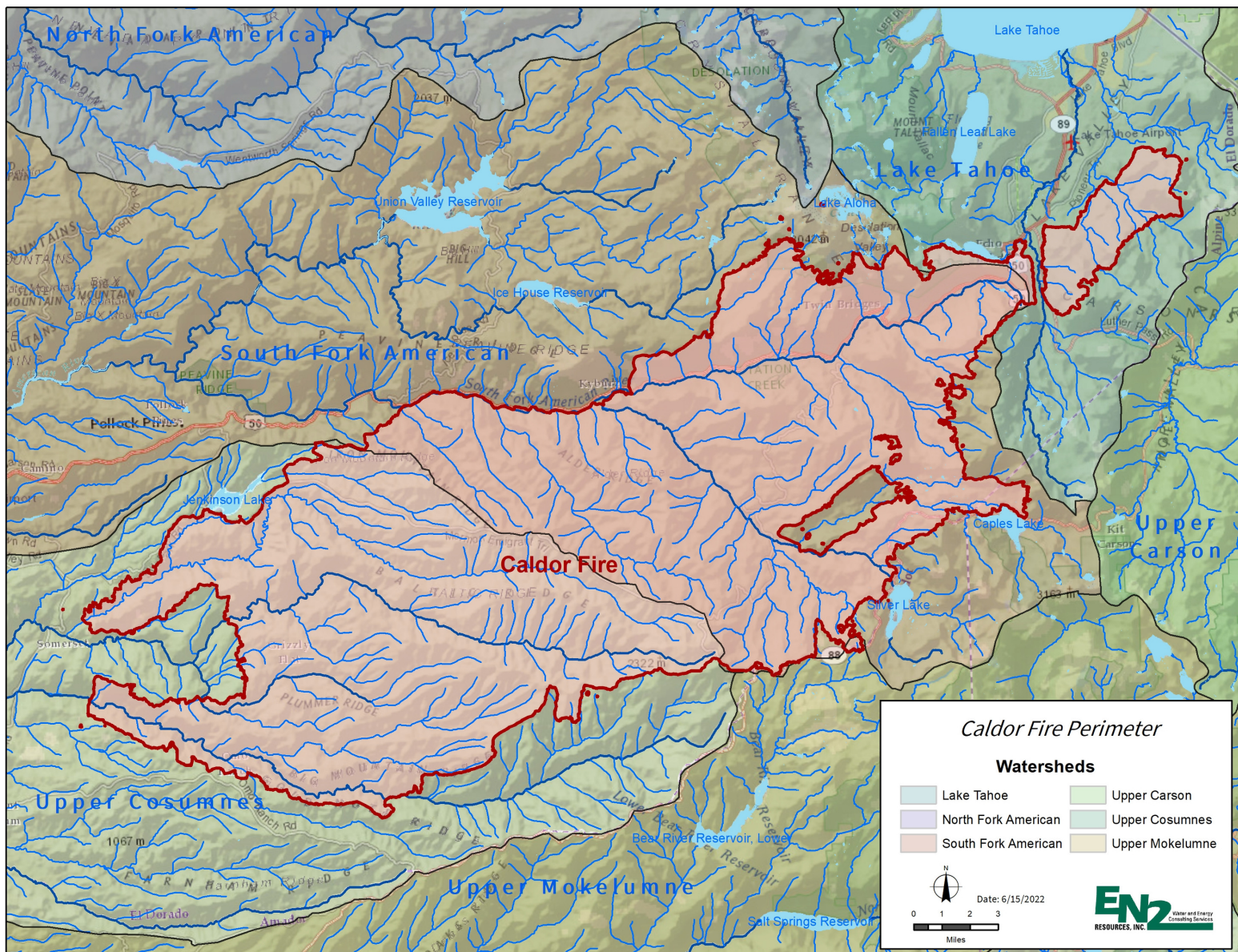


# California - United Water Conference

## Caldor Fire Tour

June 22-24, 2022

El Dorado Hills, CA



# Program Hosts



## Mountain Counties

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**MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (MCWRA)** advocates for the water interests of its 56 members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state's developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, recreation, tourism, and in-stream flows that fuel the engine of our State's economy.

**MESA WATER DISTRICT (MWD)** provides safe, high-quality drinking water to residents and businesses in Costa Mesa, parts of Newport Beach, and areas of unincorporated Orange County. Mesa Water is committed to the highest standards for customer service, water awareness and conservation, reliable water delivery, and financial leadership and transparency. Learn more at [MesaWater.org](http://MesaWater.org).



**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA)** was created on May 27, 2003, to represent the interests of 24 cities and water districts, and two private utilities, in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties that purchase water on a wholesale basis from the San Francisco Regional Water System (SFRWS).

**URBAN WATER INSTITUTE (UWI)** was incorporated as a nonprofit public education organization in the State of California in 1993, with the Mission to provide non-partisan information of timely and pertinent interest to the water resource industry, including public agencies and private firms, with particular emphasis on water economics, management, and resource policies as they affect consumers and the general economy.





# Event Timeline

## **Wednesday 06/22**

5-6PM **Welcome Reception** (Hotel Ballroom)

- Registration and Welcome Packets
- Opening Remarks (Justin Caporusso)

## **Thursday 06/23**

7:30AM **Breakfast** (Hotel Foyer)

8:00AM **Keynote** (Hotel Ballroom)

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency (introduced by Justin Caporusso)

8:20AM **Welcome and Introduction** (Mike Lee)

8:30AM **Water Sustainability: Public and Private Sector Perspectives** (moderated by Tom Francis)

- Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency – Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI)
- Eddie Corwin, Google – Watershed Stewardship Efforts

10:00AM **Depart for Tour**

11:00AM **Tour Stop #1A**

Bumpy Meadows Day Use Area: Caldor Fire Southwest Edge

- Andy Fristensky, Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Watershed Improvement Program
- Carl Certiberi, El Dorado Irrigation District – Caldor footprint within the watershed
- Mark Egbert, El Dorado & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts
- David Wood, Amador – El Dorado County Unit Deputy Chief, CAL FIRE

11:45AM **Tour Stop #1B**

Mormon Emigrant Trail (near Sly Park Dam area)

- Dan Corcoran, El Dorado Irrigation District – Caldor footprint within the watershed
- Andy Fristensky, Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Watershed Improvement Program
- US Forest Service – El Dorado National Forest (INVITED)

### **Lodging & Event Venue**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
4360 Town Center Blvd.  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

### **Wi-Fi**

Network: IHGConnect  
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# Event Timeline

## **Thursday 06/23** (Continued)

12:30PM **Lunch and Panel:** Sly Park Retreat Center

**Prop 1 and California Water Storage** (moderated by Stacy Taylor)

- Jose Solorio, CA Water Commission – Overview
- Ali Forsythe, Environmental Planning and Permitting Manager, Sites Project Authority – Sites Reservoir Project
- Marguerite Patil, Contra Costa Water District – Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project
- Ryan McCarter, Valley Water – Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

2:30PM **Tour Stop #2**

**Sierra Pacific Industries Plantations on Peavine Ridge**

- Rich Wade, Sierra Pacific Industries
- Mark Luster, Sierra Pacific Industries
- US Forest Service – El Dorado National Forest (INVITED)

4:15PM **Arrive at Hotel**

6:00PM **Dinner** (Hotel Ballroom)

6:30PM: **California Climate Resilience** (introduced by Justin Caporusso)

- Dorene D'Adamo, State Water Board

## **Friday 06/24**

8:00AM **Breakfast** (Hotel Foyer)

8:30AM **Water System Resiliency: Recovery and Rebuilding After Fire**  
(moderated by Andree Johnson)

- Kenneth V. Payne, P.E., El Dorado Water Agency
- Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Kevin Phillips, Town of Paradise
- Andy Sells, ACWA JPIA

10:00AM **Closing remarks**



# Speakers



**Ali Forsythe**

*Environmental Planning & Permitting Manager*

SITES PROJECT AUTHORITY

Ali Forsythe is the environmental planning and permitting manager for the Sites Project Authority (Sites), a planned offstream, multi-purpose reservoir in the Sacramento Valley. Prior to joining Sites, Ali spent over 10 years with the Bureau of Reclamation, where she was deputy regional director, overseeing Reclamation's operations in the Klamath and Lahontan Basin Area Offices and supervising technical offices and programs within the region. At Reclamation, Ali also led the San Joaquin River Restoration Program as program manager for seven years. In this role, Ali led the largest federally-led river restoration program in the nation, working to restore and maintain fish populations in the 153 miles of the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Merced River confluence. Ali holds degrees in hydrologic sciences and environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



**Andy Fristensky**

*Field Operations & Grants Division Chief*

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Andy Fristensky is Field Operations and Grants Division Chief for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), a state agency that initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the citizens of California. Since joining the SNC seven years ago, Andy has led a team that has administered over \$100 million in grants to partners throughout the Sierra Nevada region. Andy holds a BS Degree in Natural Resources Planning and interpretation from Humboldt State University.



**Carl Certiberi**

*Senior Park Ranger*

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Carl Certiberi is the Senior Park Ranger, at El Dorado Irrigation District.

# Speakers

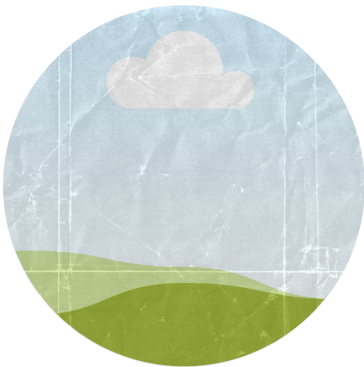


**Dan Corcoran**

*Director of Operations*

EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Dan Corcoran is El Dorado Irrigation District's (EID) Director of Operations. For the past two decades, Dan has advised water and power utilities across California, including supporting district operations since 2004. He has developed an intimate knowledge of EID's water, wastewater, recycled water, hydroelectric generation, and recreation operations during his time as EID's environmental and water resources manager, and carries this forward to his current role that he started in 2018. A native of eastern Sacramento County, Dan holds a degree in wildlife, fish, and conservation biology from the University of California, Davis.



**David Wood**

*Amador-El Dorado Unit  
Deputy Sheriff*

CAL FIRE

David Wood is the Amador – El Dorado County Unit Deputy Chief for CAL FIRE.



**Dorene D'Adamo**

*Vice Chair*

STATE WATER RESOURCES  
CONTROL BOARD

Dorene D'Adamo was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board in 2013 and reappointed by Governor Newsom in 2022. She serves as Vice-Chair and also as the member with experience in the field of water supply and water quality relating to irrigated agriculture. She was a member of the California Air Resources Board from 1999 to 2013 under the Brown, Schwarzenegger, and Davis Administrations, where she was instrumental in the board's air quality and climate change programs and regulations. Ms. D'Adamo served in various capacities for Members of Congress from the San Joaquin Valley over a 20-year period, working primarily on environmental, water, and agricultural legislative policy. Ms. D'Adamo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Davis and a Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

# Speakers



**Eddie Corwin**

*Sustainability Partner*  
GOOGLE

Eddie Corwin is a Sustainability Partner for Google's offices in North and South America. Eddie supports the implementation of sustainable building strategies across a wide variety of buildings and ownership models. In addition to Google's internal programs, Eddie engages the company in external programs such as the California Best Buildings Challenge, the New York City Mayor's Carbon challenge, and green building certifications. Over the past few years, Eddie has focused on corporate water stewardship, including Alliance for Water Stewardship certification at the Mountain View, Los Angeles, and Dublin, Ireland campuses, and implementing Google's corporate water stewardship strategy.



**Grant Davis**

*General Manager*  
SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Grant Davis is responsible for Sonoma Water's core functions of providing drinking water to 600,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties and wastewater management for eight zones and districts throughout Sonoma County. Mr. Davis and his team also maintain nearly 100 miles of streams and detention basins for flood protection and manage a nationally recognized Russian River Watershed Restoration Program for the benefit of three federally listed fish species. Prior to joining Sonoma Water in 2007, Mr. Davis was Executive Director of The Bay Institute, a science-based nonprofit, dedicated to protecting the San Francisco Bay-Delta Watershed and improving water management in California. Mr. Davis has served as Director of the California Department of Water Resources under Governor Brown. He is past President of WaterReuse, California, and is currently a member of the University of California's President's Advisory Commission, for the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Mr. Davis received his Bachelor's Degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Jose Solorio**

*Commissioner*  
CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION

Jose Solorio, of Santa Ana, was raised in a farmworker family in the Central Valley and knows that water nourishes our bodies, preserves our environment, and fuels our economy. He has been a Government Affairs Officer at Moulton Niguel Water District since 2018. In prior roles, Commissioner Solorio was a Santa Ana City Council Member from 2016 to 2020 and from 2000 to 2006, Senior Policy Advisor at Nossaman LLP from 2014 to 2017, and a California State Assemblymember for the 69th District from 2006 to 2012. Solorio earned a Master of Public Policy degree in government and business policy from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree from UC Irvine.



# Speakers



**Kenneth V. Payne, P.E.**

*General Manager*

EL DORADO WATER AGENCY

Kenneth V. Payne, P.E. has served as General Manager of the El Dorado Water Agency since 2015, where his extensive accomplishments include forging partnerships with numerous local, regional, state, and federal entities, to collaborate on projects that support a shared vision of future resource planning and effective water management for the region; securing federal and state funding for water resource-related projects throughout the County and successfully securing water supplies to meet current and future needs of the County. Kenneth has more than 30 years of public and private-sector experience focused on water and its interconnectivity with the economy, environment, and social aspects. Prior to joining EDWA, Kenneth served as the Environmental/Water Resources Director for the City of Folsom for 10 years. Kenneth holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of the Pacific and is a registered civil engineer in California and Guam.



**Kevin Phillips**

*Town Manager*

TOWN OF PARADISE

Kevin Phillips has been the Town Manager of the Town of Paradise since August of 2020. Mr. Phillips is leading the Town through recovery and rebuilding after the devastation from the Camp Fire. Previous to working with the Town, Mr. Phillips spent 13 years with Paradise Irrigation District (PID). During his time at Paradise Irrigation District, he served as the Finance and Accounting Manager, the CFO, and the District Manager. As District Manager, Mr. Phillips led the District through the difficult water restoration period after the Camp Fire. As a Certified Public Accountant, Phillips worked with Matson & Isom Accountancy Corporation (Chico, CA) from 2000 to 2007. He attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting and Finance.



**Marguerite Patil**

*Assistant General Manager*

*Policy & External Affairs*

CONTRA COAST WATER DISTRICT

Marguerite Patil joined the Contra Costa Water District in 2000 and is the Assistant General Manager for Policy and External Affairs for the agency. She has a B.S. in Mechanical/Environmental Engineering from U.C. Santa Barbara. She is a registered civil engineer with over 30 years of experience in project management, planning, design, and construction on a variety of civil, mechanical, and environmental engineering projects. Marguerite has served as Program Manager of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project since the project began in January 2001, including the advisory vote, the environmental analysis and permitting, feasibility study, state & federal funding requests, partnership development, community & stakeholder engagement, and governance formation. She is currently serving as the Interim Administrator of the newly formed Los Vaqueros Reservoir Joint Powers Authority.

# Speakers



**Mark Egbert**

*District Manager*

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE & EL DORADO  
COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICTS

Mark Egbert is the District Manager of the Georgetown Divide and El Dorado County Resource Conservation Districts located in Placerville, California. Mark has been involved in Resource Conservation since 2002 where his accomplishments have earned him recognition from the NRCS, USFS, California Farm Bureau, CAL FIRE, County Supervisors, California State Assembly, California Senate, and a Congressional Achievement Award. His work has focused on stormwater management, watershed management, education, environmental planning, reforestation, forest management, lake reconstruction and restoration, and building collaborative management groups to address complex and multijurisdictional issues.



**Mark Luster**

*Community Relations  
Manager*

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

Mark Luster is Sierra Pacific industries Community Relations Manager and has worked in the forest products industry for over 25 years. Mark represents Sierra Pacific Industries in a 12-county region from Lassen to Mariposa. His responsibilities include government affairs, media relations, and community relations.



**Rich Wade**

*Camino District Manager*

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

Rich Wade has worked as a forester on Sierra Pacific Industries' Camino District since 1995, and has been the District Manager there since 2006. He is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and is a California Registered Professional Forester. Rich has been a member of the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection since 2011.

# Speakers



**Ryan McCarter**

*Dam Safety & Capital  
Delivery Division*

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Ryan McCarter has worked for the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the Dam Safety and Capital Delivery Division for four years. Most of his work has been leading the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (PREP) through planning, environmental studies, and early design. Prior to Valley Water, Ryan spent over 13 years working for consultant firms assisting public agencies to deliver several large civil engineering projects through design and construction. He graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a bachelor's degree in structural engineering and is a licensed California Professional Engineer.



**Wade Crowfoot**

*Secretary*

CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES

Wade Crowfoot became California's Natural Resources Secretary in January 2019, appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom. Secretary Crowfoot oversees an agency of 21,000 employees who protect and manage California's natural environment. This includes stewarding the state's forests and natural lands, rivers & waterways, and coast and ocean, protecting fish and wildlife, and overseeing energy development. As a member of the Governor's cabinet, he advises Governor Newsom on natural resources and environmental issues. His key priorities include building California's resilience to climate change-driven threats, including wildfire, drought, extreme heat, flooding, and sea-level rise. Prior to serving as Secretary, Crowfoot led the Water Foundation, nonprofit philanthropy that builds shared water solutions across the American West. Secretary Crowfoot received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996 and earned a master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics in 2004, graduating with honors.



**Walter "Andy" Sells**

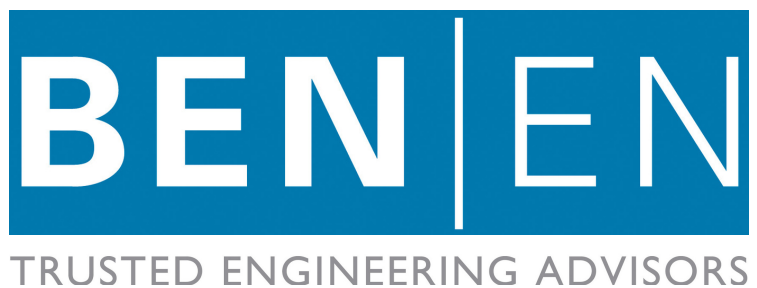
*Chief Executive Officer*

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER AGENCIES JOINT  
POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

Walter "Andy" Sells was promoted to Chief Executive Officer of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority in October 2011. Andy began his career with the ACWA JPIA in 1990. During his nearly 30 years in the risk pooling industry, Andy has managed claims departments that administer and adjust Property/ Casualty and Workers' Compensation claims. As manager of the Risk Management department, he oversaw a department of safety engineers responsible for working with member agencies helping them to reduce and mitigate their exposure to covered and non-covered losses.



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