



**Drought Preparation & Response Listening Session**  
September 23, 2019 at 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Coastal Hearing Room  
CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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## **AGENDA**

### **Introduction and Opening Statement by Board Member Maguire**

#### **Panel 1: Urban, Rural, and Agricultural Water Supplies**

*Phoebe Seaton, Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability*

*Jim Peifer, Regional Water Authority*

*Paul A. Sciuto, WaterReuse California*

*David Guy, Northern California Water Association*

**Question 1:** What were the biggest problems that your organization faced in the last drought that impacted your ability to make water management and compliance decisions across urban, rural, and agricultural sectors?

**Question 2:** What investments should we prioritize now that will help the urban, rural, and agricultural sectors have more certain water supply management strategies in the next drought?

*Audience Q & A*

#### **Panel 2: Ecosystem Needs and Environmental Actions**

*Mary Ann King, Trout Unlimited*

*Maurice Hall, Environmental Defense Fund*

*Eric Wesselman, Friends of the River*

**Question 1:** How could the state learn from your organization's experiences and/or success during and after the last drought to increase resilience for the environment in preparation of the next drought?

**Question 2:** How can ecosystem and environmental needs be more directly integrated into long term local water planning and supply strategies? What is needed to foster that integration?

**Question 3:** The executive order specifically calls out climate change and identifies the utilization of natural infrastructure such as forests and floodplains as a principal to embody in the establishment of the resilience portfolio, among other principals. What is

the single biggest take away in your mind, that the Water Resilience Portfolio should consider in addressing the anticipated profound impacts of climate change on water and other resources?

*Audience Q & A*

### **Panel 3: Legal Uncertainties and Planning Challenges**

**Ellen Hanak**, *PPIC Water Policy Center*

**Nell Green Nysten**, *Wheeler Water Institute*

**David Rose**, *State Water Resources Control Board*

**Question 1:** What kinds of regulatory tools or actions would help achieve greater water resilience in times of drought?

**Question 2:** With the state's limited resources, what should we focus on in planning for the next drought?

**Question 3:** What kind of legal framework is needed to administer California's water rights system in times of shortage?

**Question 4:** What could we do to put legal agreements in place prior to an official drought declaration? What are some of the legal constraints associated with that? Other hurdles?

**Question 5:** What are some of the legal uncertainties and barriers we encountered in the last drought?

*Audience Q & A*

### **Wrap Up and Closing Statement by Board Member Maguire**