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Diversity in California Water

Water Leaders Discuss Building a Diverse, Welcoming and Inclusive Water Sector



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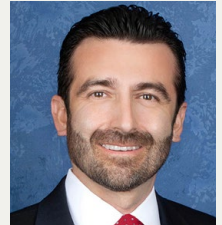
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EVENT INFO

DATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

TIME

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

FREE FOR ALL

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The California water sector is rapidly hiring. How do we reflect California's diversity at all levels of our workforce and foster a more inclusive environment with our co-workers?

Join this panel of water leaders for an in-depth discussion about new workforce development programs, new DEI efforts and a discussion about what can hold back diversity efforts and the champions we need to move these efforts forward.

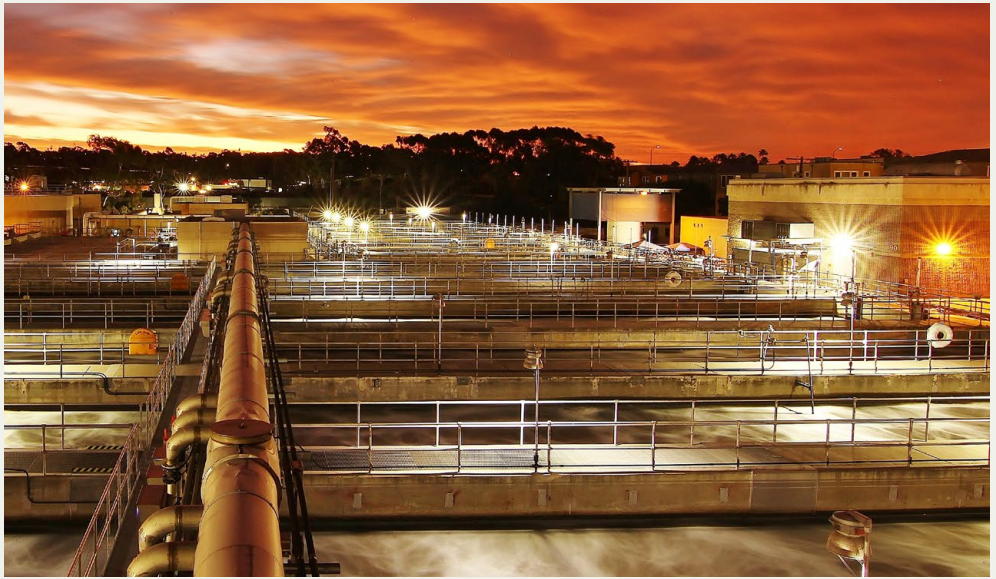
This webinar is free and open to water professionals, leaders, HR professionals and anyone interested in our sector to join this critical discussion. The webinar is part of our series celebrating water professionals for California Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

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ABOUT OUR PANELISTS



Felicia James
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Felicia James is Chair of the CA-NV AWWA Inclusion and Diversity Committee and an Associate Vice President at Carollo Engineers, Inc. She has enjoyed working in support of water and wastewater infrastructure from both the consulting and public agency perspective. After working in Texas, D.C., Maryland, and abroad she is glad to be back in her home state of California



Rick Callender
Valley Water

Rick Callender is the Chief Executive Officer of Valley Water. Appointed CEO by the Board in 2020, Mr. Callender oversees an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water; flood protection; and environmental stewardship of waterways for Santa Clara County's 1.9 million residents. Since 2020 Rick has served as President of the California/Hawaii State Conferences of the NAACP. He served as president of the San Jose-Silicon Valley NAACP 2000-2008.



Joone Lopez
Moulton Niguel
Water District

Joone Lopez is the General Manager of the Moulton Niguel Water District, which provides water, wastewater and recycled water services to six cities in South Orange County. Before joining Moulton Niguel, she served as the General Manager of Calaveras County Water District located in Northern California. Joone's prior experience includes working for Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company as its Assistant General Manager and serving as the Deputy General Manager of Central Basin Municipal Water District.



Jose Martinez
Otay Water District

Jose Martinez is the General Manager of the Otay Water District. He has served in the utility industry for more than 18 years in private and public sectors, managing multimillion-dollar engineering and construction projects. Jose is a U.S. Navy veteran where he served as a Nuclear Submarine Officer. Jose has a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy.



Wade Crowfoot
California's Natural
Resources Secretary

Prior to leading the Natural Resources Agency, Secretary Crowfoot served as chief executive officer of the Water Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropy that builds shared water solutions across the American West. Before that Crowfoot served in Governor Jerry Brown's Administration as deputy cabinet secretary and senior advisor to the Governor. He also previously served as West Coast regional director for the Environmental Defense Fund and a senior environmental advisor to then-San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.



Jasmin Hall
Inland Empire
Water Authority

IEUA President Jasmin Hall also serves as President of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA); Chair of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission; President of the Chino Basin Regional Financing Authority; Director of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority. Director Hall also serves as a representative to the Association of California Water Agencies. President Hall initiated the process that earned Inland Empire Utilities Agency the Special District Leadership Foundation's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

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