

WRCA Board Activities and Leg/Reg Update

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WRCA Board Activities (March 2015)

- Special Workshop Proposal
 - Potable Reuse Communication (Sept 2015)
 - Showcase the model communications plans
 - Introduce WRRF website with Global Map of Potable Reuse Sites, including interviews, FAQs, and project details
- Co-Hosting CWEA-WateReuse-DWR-ReNUWIt
 - California Drought Summit - Re-Inventing Urban Water, Potable Reuse
 - May 11, 2015 in Sacramento

WRCA Conference = SUCCESS

- Highest Attended (500+)
- Greatest Sponsorship (>\$127,000)
- First-ever Student Poster Contest
- Impressive # of Abstracts (108 Abstracts)
 - Papers will not be required for the 2016 conference
- Requesting input on Awards Ceremony
 - Mon. Lunch vs Tues. Morning
- 2016 Conference Location
 - Vineyard Hotel in Santa Rosa March 13-15
 - Co-Chairs = Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa), Barry Dugan (SCWA), Sanjay Reddy (B&V)

WRCA Board Activities (May 2015)

- Potable Reuse Outreach Efforts
 - Media Activity (LA Times, CBS, NY Times, NPR, Scientific America Magazine, others)
 - WRCA interested in setting up a committee of Public Information Officers (PIO) to develop materials with common principals and messaging points for WRCA
 - On-going outreach meetings with CA Legislators, SWRCB members, other interest groups (CBIA others)

WRCA Board Activities (May 2015)

- WRCA- CUWA Operator Certification White Paper Update
 - Multiple organizations involved (WRF, AWWA, CUWA, CWEA, NWRI, others)
 - Potential to work together on a white paper.
 - OCWD operators interviewed at WRF conference
- WRF Conference (May 4-5 – Huntington Beach)
 - Highest attended (255)
 - Most Abstracts (99)

Budget Proposition 1 Update

- Proposition 1 Chapter 9 guidelines
 - WRCA Comment letter to the SWRCB
 - Appropriation Currently @ \$131 million for RW projects
 - Governor's May Revise proposes \$475 million in additional funding with flexibility to use over the next 3 years
 - Budget Conference Committee to decide on funding levels. Committee decision as early as Friday.
 - Guidelines set for June 16 adoption by SWRCB – July funding contracts signing with agencies.
 - Start your applications now to get in line for grant and loan funding (1% loan rate ends in 2015)

CEQA Budget Trailer Bill

- Governor calls for Streamlining CEQA for water projects
 - Trailer Bill (in progress) CEQA Drought Emergency Exemption
 - Proposal would exempt from CEQA the construction of RW facilities and RW pipelines in the rights of ways.
 - WRCA in support: working group proposed revisions to language.
 - OPR also considering other administrative actions to expedite the recycled water process

Other Leg/Reg Updates

- Other Bills
 - AB 1463 (Gatto) Onsite recycled water
 - SB 471 (Pavley) Water-energy GHG
- WRCA Agricultural Working Group Effort
 - Proposed Project: State of irrigated agriculture water reuse, impediments and incentives

THANK YOU

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