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## **CPUC HOSTS THOUGHT LEADERS SESSION ON NEW SOURCES OF WATER**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 3, 2016 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today announced that its next Thought Leaders Speaker Series will feature a discussion of the costs associated with new sources of water.

In our drought-stricken state, water supplies will remain constrained and the state will need to explore new ways to conserve, recycle, and desalinate water. Thought Leader panelists will discuss these issues at this informative, free discussion that is open to the public.

**WHEN:** February 25, 2016, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

**WHERE:** CPUC Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco; also available in real time and archived via video webcast at: <http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/>.

**WHAT:** A discussion about the costs of new sources of water for Californians as traditional sources have become constrained, including the costs associated with conservation, recycling, and desalination.

**WHO:** **Lester Snow, Executive Director of the Water Foundation and former California Secretary for Natural Resources, will introduce a panel that will include:**

- Metropolitan Water District's Deven Upadhyay, Manager, Water Resource Management Group: Metropolitan is the largest distributor of treated drinking water in the U.S. It engages in every opportunity to save water and to manage the supplies of existing water, including land management and crop rotation programs.
- San Diego Public Utilities Department's Cathleen Pieroni, Program Manager: Pure Water San Diego will utilize advanced treatment technologies to produce purified water from recycled wastewater and introduce the purified water to a drinking-water reservoir for blending before additional treatment at a drinking water treatment facility. San Diego also is receiving water from the new Poseidon desalination plant.



- San Gabriel Valley Water Company’s Dan Arrighi, Water Resources Manager: San Gabriel Valley Water is one of several water purveyors that operate treatment systems for groundwater clean-up and remediation of contaminants in several USEPA San Gabriel Valley Superfund Operable Units. In addition, it is actively involved in purveying recycled water and support an active water conservation program that includes conservation education.
- California-American Water Company’s Eric Sabolsice, Jr., Operations Director, Coastal Division: Cal-American has dismantled a dam on the Carmel River, is upgrading water conservation programs, operates and takes a portion of the output of a desalination plant, and is in the permitting process for a new desalination plant.

The CPUC hosts the Thought Leaders Speaker Series to stimulate thought and discussion of some of the most pressing challenges facing California utility regulators and the private sector industries impacted by state policies. Leading experts from around the world take center stage to offer their expertise and vision in areas such as communications, energy, water, transportation, the environment, green jobs, and more.

Although a quorum of Commissioners may be in attendance, no CPUC action will be taken at this event.

To register for this event (not required, but appreciated) and for more information on Thought Leaders, including archived video webcasts of prior Thought Leaders events, please visit:

[www.cpuc.ca.gov/ThoughtLeaders](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ThoughtLeaders).

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