

Wells 2015 Conference

MARCH 5-6, 2015

Water Education for Latino Leaders

Knowledge, Leadership, and Unity.



Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel

888 Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, California 92262

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY ONE - THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Day Tour of the Salton Sea & Small Trailer Park Water Systems

Participants will learn about the Salton Sea and small community challenges from a perspective that relates to similar challenges around California

Evening Welcome & Networking Reception

Official Opening of the Conference

DAY TWO - FRIDAY, MARCH 6

BREAKFAST SESSION

Setting the Stage for the Day's Event

SESSION ONE

Who's in Charge of Water

The Governance of Water in California

Participants will learn who makes decisions about water on a local, regional, state level and why it came to be and who needs to be at the table on key water issues.

SESSION TWO

Infrastructure 101

Participants will learn what different types of infrastructure accomplish and how they address the water/health nexus, water/energy nexus and water/environment nexus

Mini-debate: Are the infrastructure demands related to California's new water quality standards helping or hindering disadvantaged and small communities?

LUNCH SESSION

Participants will be provided with a high-level view of drivers in current state water policy.

SESSION THREE

Addressing Local Water Priorities and Finding the Money

Assist local leaders in understanding the planning process for local projects with insight provided by funding experts from key public and private grant and loan officials addressing the Water Bond and other funding sources.

WRAP UP & CONCLUSION