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**Secretary Speaker Series:**

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**California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot**

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**Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth**

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**California State Climatologist Dr. Mike Anderson**

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**Paul Gosselin, Department of Water Resources Deputy Director for the Sustainable Water Management Division**

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**California Water Plan Update 2023:** <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Update-2023>

**State Water Project** - <https://water.ca.gov/swp/>

**Governor Newsom Announces Water Strategy For a Hotter, Drier California**

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/08/11/governor-newsom-announces-water-strategy-for-a-hotter-drier-california/>

**How DWR Research is Improving Forecasting for California's Variable Climate**

<https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2020/June/Variability-and-Forecasting>

**Groundwater: Understanding and Managing this Vital Resource:** <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ff075c25b77e4b1d95ce86a82bf0fe96>

**Water Resources Development Act:** <https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Water-Resources-Development-Act/>

**Governor’s Executive Order on Flood Diversion:**

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/groundwater-recharge/>

**Groundwater Recharge:**

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Groundwater-Recharge

**Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA):** https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management

**Aaron Fukuda, General Manager, Tulare Irrigation District**

<https://tulareid.org/>

Bio:Mr. Fukuda began his career with the Tulare Irrigation District as the District Engineer in May 2006 and transitioned to the General Manager in May 2018. He started his career with the District by overseeing the District's engineering services, including the design and implementation of District projects. As District Engineer, Mr. Fukuda was also involved in securing grant funds and administering grant projects within the District and with partners throughout the hydrologic basin.

As General Manager, Mr. Fukuda oversees the District's day-to-day operations while continuing to promote the conjunctive use operations of the District and its growers. He also coordinates water activities with surrounding jurisdictions, including the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda continues to monitor the myriad of regulations to ensure that the District's functions are following State and Federal regulations.

Mr. Fukuda was recently appointed as the Interim General Manager of the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability (MKGSA) agency on top of his duties as the General Manager of the Tulare Irrigation District. As the Interim General Manager, Mr. Fukuda is responsible for the administration of the MKGSA and the implementation of the MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Mr. Fukuda oversees the day-to-day activities of the MKGSA as the entities strive for groundwater sustainability by 2040.

**Mark Pestrella, Los Angeles County Public Works Director**

[**https://dpw.lacounty.gov/**](https://dpw.lacounty.gov/)

[**https://dpw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/**](https://dpw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/water-resources/)

Bio: Mark Pestrella is the Director of Los Angeles County Public Works. In this capacity, he serves as the County Engineer, the County Road Commissioner, and the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. With an annual budget of more than $2.7 billion and a workforce of 4,000 employees, Los Angeles County Public Works is the largest municipal public works agency in the United States, providing vital public infrastructure and civic services to more than 10 million people across a 4,000-square-mile service area. Public Works’ diverse operations are defined within six core service areas: Water Resources, Transportation, Environmental Services, Construction Management, Developmental Services, and Emergency Management.

**Safe Clean Water Program** - <https://safecleanwaterla.org/>

**State Water Resources Control Board, Deputy Director Erik Ekdahl**

California State Water Resources Control Board: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>

Bio: Erik Ekdahl has served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Rights at the California State Water Resources Control Board since 2017, where he served as Director of the Office of Research Planning and Performance from 2016 to 2017, and as an Engineering Geologist from 2008 to 2016.

**Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (Stormwater Strategy, STORMS):** <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/storms/>

**Groundwater Recharge Temporary Permits -** <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/groundwater_recharge/temporary_permits.html>