

## Coping with Drought and Water Scarcity

June 17, 2010

12:00-12:15	Registration and Lunch
12:15-12:25	Opening Remarks— Jim Thebaut, CEO & Executive Producer, Chronicles Group, Inc.
12:25-1:00	Panel 1 –Trends and Projections
1:05-1:40	Panel 2 – Public Policy and Management Strategies
1:45-2:20	Panel 3 – Funding and Resources
2:20-2:30	Final Remarks/Next Steps – Erik Webb and Jim Thebaut

Moderator: Erik Webb – Manager, Government Relations Office, Sandia National Laboratories

### Panel 1 –Trends and Projections

- Katherine Bliss - Director of the Global Water Futures Project and Deputy Director/Senior Fellow of Global Health Policy Center, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- David Winder - Chief Executive Officer, WaterAid America
- Mark Pisano - Senior Fellow, School Policy Planning Development, University of Southern California
- Holly Galavotti - Environmental Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Jerry Delli Priscoli - Senior Advisor, US Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
- Grame Barty – Regional Director Americas, Australian Trade Commission

#### **Key questions:**

- What are the most critical domestic and international issues or trends we face in achieving sustainable water resources management in the face of normal and drought conditions?
- What are the most critical public policy changes that could help to resolve these challenges (technological advances, better governance, improved international organization/collaboration/cooperation, political leadership, mobilization of finances)?

### Panel 2 – Public Policy and Management Strategies

- Kay Brothers - Former Deputy General Manager of Engineering and Operations for the Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Tanya Trujillo – Professional Counsel for the Democratic Majority of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water and Power
- Bob Pietrowsky - Director, Institute for Water Resources
- Malissa Hathaway McKeith - Partner, Chair of Real Estate and Land Use Department, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP

- Mark Bernstein - Managing Director, University of Southern California's Energy Institute

**Key questions:**

- What are the most critical public policies and agency implementation strategies in achieving sustainable water resources management in the face of normal and drought conditions?
- Are there appropriate and successful ways to collaborate, to develop common strategies and to work across all the Federal and local agencies and groups to address both normal and drought conditions?

**Panel 3 – Funding and Resources**

- Tim Brick – Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Steve Gustafson – Vice President, Power/Water Banking Group, CoBank
- Floyd Wicks - Consultant to Private Water Companies, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of American States Utility Services, Inc. and Chaparral City Water Company
- Francesca McCann - Managing Director, Water Consultants International
- David Nahai - Senior Advisor, Clinton Climate Initiative, President of David Nahai Associates, Manager of David Nahai Consulting Services, LLC
- Chris Frahm - Attorney/Legislative Advocate, Government Relations and Natural Resources, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP

**Key questions:**

- What are the financial issues faced in achieving domestic or international sustainable water resources management in the face of normal and drought conditions?
- What are the most critical public policy changes that could help to resolve these issues? Are there similarities or significant differences from what is needed for domestic and international solutions?