

## Connecting to State Water Forum

Ventura County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Wed. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. to Noon

### Panelists:

Shana Epstein	General Manager, Ventura Water
Susan Mulligan	General Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District
Joshua Haggmark	Water Resources Manager, City of Santa Barbara
Mauricio Guardado, Jr.	General Manager, United Water Conservation District
Steve Wickstrum	General Manager, Casitas Municipal Water District

### Format:

Similar to the Desal Forum held recently at the Government Center, the goal of this forum is to simply try to present accurate information about the facts and issues associated with western Ventura County connecting to the State Water project. This is not designed to be a political exercise that advocates for or against but rather simply informs so we have a better understanding.

Below is the topic and the name of the presenter who will take the lead on presenting information about that topic. The lead will speak for 3-6 minutes and then the other presenters will be invited to offer brief additional thoughts. Given the number of topics, we will limit discussion on each topic to 15 minutes total, with the exception of the technical challenges where we will budget 20 minutes, and water rates will be 10 minutes.

Overall we will attempt to build a list of the advantages and disadvantages as the program moves through the topics.

## Agenda

### Welcome and Introductions

#### **Reliability figures on State water delivery, projections for the future.**

Lead- Susan Mulligan

#### **Technical challenges to constructing the actual connections. What are the various alignment options; what is the range of the sizing of the pipe; are there critical choke points; what are the options for delivery to Lake Casitas; what are the cost estimates for pipeline construction and operation?**

Lead - Susan Mulligan, Shana Epstein and Steve Wickstrum,

#### **What are the environmental challenges associated with connecting to State water?**

Lead- Mauricio Guardado

#### **What are the improved redundancy benefits, including the back-up benefit for Calleguas if their connection is lost?**

Lead- Susan Mulligan

#### **What has Santa Barbara learned from their experiences with State water and what suggestions do they have, including the prospects for connecting with Santa Barbara's State water?**

Lead- Joshua Haggmark

#### **Current Cost and projected future cost of State water from the system.**

Lead- Mauricio Guardado

#### **What are the impacts on water rates from connecting?**

Lead- Shana Epstein

### Closing Remarks