

**The Association of Women in Water,  
Energy and Environment  
2013 Conference  
Women Shaping Tomorrow  
Conference Program  
November 12 and 13, 2013**

**Tuesday, November 12th**

8:30 am – 10:00 am -- Registration

10:00 am – 10:15 am -- Opening Remarks -- Gwenn O’Hara, AWWEE Board President

10:15 am – 11:45 pm -- **Session 1: Is it still the wild, wild West when it comes to the electric grid?**

Is it possible or desirable for the Western states find a way to coordinate to optimize use of the transmission grid and to ensure optimal use of generating resources across a wide geographic area? With the strong history of independent governance that goes back to pioneer days, will entities and governmental bodies in the West accept a federally-regulated market mechanism to provide this function? What is the future for success of new renewable development throughout the 14 interconnected Western states if coordination is not successful?

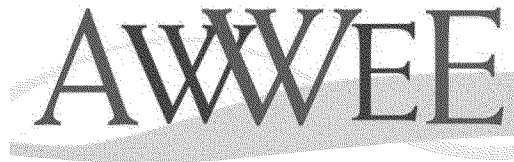
***Speakers: Karen Edson, Vice President of Policy and Client Services, California Independent System Operator; Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Policy Analyst, Western Interstate Energy Board; Amanda Ormond, Managing Director, Western Grid Group***

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm -- Lunch

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm -- **Session 2: Ethical Leadership and Decision-Making: Are you helping to build a culture of business ethics and compliance at your organization?**

Join a national expert in compliance and ethics programs for an interactive discussion designed to help you identify your strengths (and weaknesses) as an ethical leader. Learn about the critical factors that underlie your organization’s culture and how you can enhance the culture of compliance and business ethics at your organization.

***Speaker: Rebecca Walker, Partner, Kaplan & Walker LLP***



3:15 pm – 3:30 pm -- Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm -- **Session 3: You're Not Having Hot Flashes – It's Climate Change!**

What you need to know from the experts about how changes in temperature, precipitation, sea level rise and extreme weather events are affecting us and our environment today. Is this still a conversation about what might happen or are we starting to see real, measurable impacts that can reliably be linked to climate change? What do we take for granted now that may be scarce or impossible to experience in a generation? What should our public agencies and communities be doing to address the impacts?

**Speakers:** *Ann Chan, Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy, California Natural Resources Agency; Elissa Lynn, Climate Change Program Manager, California Department of Water Resources; Dr. Lynda Rudolph, Co-Director, Public Health and Climate Change Program, Public Health Institute; Mary Tyree, Analyst, Scripps Institution of Oceanography*

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm -- Hosted Reception/Dinner

## **Wednesday, November 13th**

7:30 am – 9:00 am -- Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:30 am -- **Session 4: You Are Going to Put Two 40-Foot Tunnels Where?**

Is this really a solution to the everlasting water and environmental issues in the Delta? With the co-equal goals of environmental restoration and water supply reliability, the draft environmental impact report for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan will be released for public comment in October 2013. Hear what this \$24 billion plan is all about and perspectives from public agencies, water users and environmental stakeholders.

**Speakers:** *Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife and Member, California Water Commission; Teresa Engstrom, Assistant Division Chief, Division of Engineering, California Department of Water Resources; Debra Man, Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Sue Ramos, Deputy General Manager--Resources, Westlands Water District*

10:30 am – 10:45 am -- Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm -- **Session 5--Path to Power**

**Speaker:** *Mary Nichols, Chair, California Air Resources Board*

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Closing Remarks