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Eric Averett is general manager of the Rosedale–Rio Bravo Water Storage District. He has been involved in evaluating and resolving water supply and quality challenges facing Kern County since 1991. He also serves as chair of the Kern River Watershed Coalition, manager of the Kern Groundwater Authority, and board member for the Association of California Water Agencies Region 7. These organizations were formed to help Kern County's water interests address regulatory challenges related to water supply reliability and water quality.

Katarina Buelna Campbell is a licensed professional engineer at Westlands Water District, the largest agricultural water district in the nation. Her experience includes water supply enhancement projects, groundwater, and California's power market. Since 2015, she has led Westlands' Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance activities. She has successfully modified the subbasin's boundary, formed a groundwater sustainability agency, developed a groundwater model, and hosted multiple outreach events. She is currently preparing and leading Westlands' groundwater sustainability plan, and most notably secured a \$2.5 million grant for implementing it.

Vito Chiesa works in a family farming operation. In addition to growing walnuts, almonds, and peaches, the family operates a commercial walnut hulling and drying business. He is currently in his third term as Stanislaus County Supervisor for District 2. Prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors, he served as president of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. He is also chairman of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and serves as a member of the Stanislaus Council of Government. He is a lifelong resident of Hughson, California. He has a BS in agriculture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

David Cory is a farmer and water quality attorney who focuses on agriculturally related water quality issues in the Central Valley. His family has been farming near Dos Palos, California for more than 70 years. He advocates on behalf of growers on many Central Valley water quality programs that impact agriculture, including the irrigated lands program and CV-SALTS. He holds a JD from the McGeorge School of Law and a BA in legal studies from the University of California, Berkeley.

Helen Dahlke is an associate professor in integrated hydrologic sciences at the University of California, Davis. One of her main research efforts focuses on testing the feasibility of using agricultural fields as recharge sites for groundwater banking. Other current research interests include the interaction between surface water and groundwater, water resources management, and applications of DNA nanotechnology in hydrology. She holds a PhD in environmental engineering from Cornell University.

Alvar Escriva-Bou is a research fellow at the PPIC Water Policy Center. His research explores integrated water, energy, and environmental resources management, including systems approaches, simulation and optimization of economic-engineering models, and climate change analysis. Previously, he worked as a civil engineer, managing and developing large infrastructure projects for local and regional governments and consulting firms in Spain. He holds a PhD and MS in water and environmental engineering and a BS in civil engineering from the Polytechnic University of Valencia in Spain, as well as an MS in agricultural and resource economics from the University of California, Davis.

Thomas Esqueda is Fresno State's first-ever associate vice president for water and sustainability. He is responsible for engaging faculty, staff, students, and research facilities in the pursuit of sustainable water resource management solutions for agriculture, urban, environment, and disadvantaged community interests throughout California. Prior to joining Fresno State, he served as the director of public utilities for the City of Fresno and as the environmental services director for Wake County, North Carolina. He has more than 30 years of public- and private-sector experience in all aspects of water system planning, permitting, design, financing, construction, and operations. He holds a BS in civil engineering from San Jose State University.

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Michael Frantz is president of Frantz Wholesale Nursery, LLC. His 600-acre family farm employs more than 250 people and supplies containerized trees and shrubs to the landscape and retail nursery industry. He was elected in 2009 to the board of the Turlock Irrigation District, a publicly owned utility that provides agricultural irrigation water to 150,000 acres of farmland in the Central Valley. He also serves on the boards of the Nursery Growers Association, Dave Wilson Nursery, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, AmericanHort Advocacy Committee, CDFA's Nursery Advisory Board, and Sustainable Conservation. He is a commissioner for the San Joaquin River Tributaries Authority.

Veronica Garibay is the co-founder and co-director of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. Based in Fresno, the Leadership Counsel works alongside the most impacted communities in the San Joaquin and eastern Coachella valleys to advocate for sound policy and eradicate injustice. Areas of focus include land use, natural resources, environmental justice, municipal services, civil rights, and government transparency. Prior to launching the Leadership Counsel, she was the community education and outreach coordinator for the Community Equity Initiative (CEI), a program of California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA). She led CRLA's advocacy efforts in the San Joaquin Valley to ensure equitable land use planning in rural communities, and access to basic services such as safe and affordable drinking water and wastewater service. She holds an MPA from California State University, Fresno, and a BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Sarge Green is currently the interim director of the Center for Irrigation Technology at Fresno State. He has been with the water programs at Fresno State since 2007. Prior to joining Fresno State, he was general manager of Tranquillity Irrigation District in western Fresno County for 18 years, and before that worked for 13 years at the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region.

Robert Harper is currently serving as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Fresno. Prior to his current appointment, he served as dean of the Craig School of Business, and as associate dean and department chair for the department of accountancy. During his term as dean, the school has been reviewed and maintained its accreditation by AACSB International; has established an accelerated bachelor's degree program; and has fostered and maintained important community relations, including service on the boards for the school's Institute for Family Business and Gazarian Real Estate Center. He is a co-author of three editions of *Intermediate Accounting*. He has also published numerous articles in journals such as *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Behavioral Research in Accounting*, *Journal of Information Systems*, and *Journal of Accounting Education*. A professor at Fresno State since 1990, he was previously a faculty member at Louisiana State University for seven years. He holds a DBA, MBA, and BS from Florida State University.

Ellen Hanak is director of the PPIC Water Policy Center and a senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, where she holds the Ellen Hanak Chair in Water Policy. Under her leadership, the center has become a critical source of information and guidance for natural resource management in California. She has authored dozens of reports, articles, and books on water policy, including *Managing California's Water*. Her research is frequently profiled in the national media, and she participates in briefings, conferences, and interviews throughout the nation and around the world. Her other areas of expertise include climate change and infrastructure finance. Previously, she served as research director at PPIC. Before joining PPIC, she held positions with the French agricultural research system, the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and the World Bank. She holds a PhD in economics from the University of Maryland.

Bernard Jimenez is assistant director of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, where he oversees the county's land use, environmental, and water resources planning programs. He has more than 25 years of professional planning experience in both the public and private sector. He represents Fresno County in a number of capacities, including groundwater sustainability agencies within Fresno County, the Upper Kings Basin

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Water Authority Board, the Fresno Council of Government's Policy Advisory Committee, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and the Water Agency Coordination Groups. In 2013, he was awarded the Distinguished County Planning Agency Employee Award from the California County Planning Directors Association in recognition of his many years of public service to the residents of Fresno County. He grew up on a family-owned farm just southwest of the City of Fowler.

Mas Masumoto is a third-generation farmer—he grows organic peaches, nectarines, and raisins on an 80-acre farm south of Fresno. He is also the author of many books, including *Epitaph for a Peach*, *Changing Season*, *Wisdom of the Last Farmer*, *Four Seasons in Five Senses*, and *Harvest Son*. He is currently a columnist for the *Fresno Bee* and the *Sacramento Bee*. He was a Kellogg Foundation Food and Society Policy Fellow from 2006–08. His writing awards include the Commonwealth Club Silver Medal, Julia Child Cookbook Award, and the James Clavell Literacy Award. UC Davis honored him with an Award of Distinction in 2003, and he received the California Central Valley Excellence in Business Award in 2007. He was elected to PPIC's board of directors in 2009 and served as board chair from 2016–18. He also serves on the board of the Central Valley Community Foundation. He previously served on PPIC's Statewide Leadership Council and the James Irvine Foundation board; he also chaired the California Council for the Humanities board. In 2013, President Obama appointed him to the National Council on the Arts.

Soapy Mulholland is president and CEO of Sequoia Riverlands Trust. She has worked on California water policy issues since the 1980s, working through organizations such as the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Graham Osborne Ditch Water Company, and the advisory committees of five sustainable groundwater management agencies in the Kaweah and Tulare watersheds. For 25 years she served as general owner and manager of River Valley Ranch in Springville, California, which her family owned for more than 55 years. Currently she owns and manages McCarthy Creek Ranch in Springville, as well as her family's ranch there. Through her sole proprietorship, Sopac and Associates, she utilized her expertise in real estate entitlements and government and agency land use. She currently serves as vice chair of the PG&E Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council. She has also served as a board member of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as interim president of the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation, and as director of development for the California Agricultural Education Foundation, later serving on their board of directors.

Ric Ortega is the general manager and director of policy and governmental affairs for the Grassland Water District and a member of the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority Board. He oversees the Grassland Resource Conservation District and a groundwater sustainability agency on behalf of the district and the state and federal wildlife refuges. He works closely with water agencies and the NGO conservation community on projects to improve water supplies for wetlands, agriculture, and urban areas. Previously he worked in restoration ecology for the state Department of Transportation and as a biologist for the Department of Fish and Game. He holds an MS in avian science from the University of California, Davis and a BS in animal science, ecology and systematic biology from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Anja Raudabaugh is the chief executive officer of Western United Dairymen (WUD). She came to WUD from the Madera County Farm Bureau, where she was the executive director for four years. Previously, she worked as a project manager for a Fortune 500 company, and as the senior legislative assistant for Congressman Doug Ose, representing California's 3rd District. She also was the marketing director for the California Asparagus Commission, and district representative for State Senator Dick Monteith. She has experience as a project manager and technical adviser handling CEQA and NEPA requirements as they applied to state and federal agencies. She holds an MS in biochemistry from the University of California, Davis and a BS in biology from the University of the Pacific.

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Jon Reiter is the CEO of Maricopa Orchards, a leading almond, pistachio and fresh produce grower. He assumed this role in 2013 after having consulted for the company for a number of years on a variety of farming, banking, water, and solar development matters. Under his leadership, the company has developed a multi-pronged water strategy that includes federal and state surface water, long term surface water contracts, and groundwater banking. Previously, he was a finance attorney for Milbank Tweed where he represented developers, lenders, and investors in the water and renewable energy industries. He is a member of the California State Bar and a California real estate broker. He holds a JD and MBA from the University of Southern California, and a BA in political science and environmental science policy and management from the University of California, Berkeley.

Nathaniel Seavy is an adjunct fellow at the PPIC Water Policy Center and research director for the Pacific Coast and Central Valley Group at Point Blue Conservation Science. His research is focused on the ecology and conservation of floodplain ecosystems, bird migration, understanding and preparing for the ecological effects of climate change, and applying science to conservation decision making and public policy. Over the past two decades he has worked on projects in North America, Central America, Africa, and Hawaii. His research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *Ecological Applications*, *Journal of Wildlife Management*, *Biological Conservation*, and *Conservation Biology*. He holds a PhD and MS in zoology from the University of Florida, Gainesville.