

PARTICIPANTS

Heather Dyer is an endangered-species biologist and senior water resources project manager for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. She has been working on the development of the Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) since its inception in 2014. The HCP will protect and enhance habitat for 22 native species; it is in final planning stages for restoration of six tributaries to the Santa Ana River that will enhance approximately five miles of stream habitat for native aquatic species. Prior to working for the water district, she was a biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. She holds an MS in marine and environmental biology from Nicholls State University, an Executive MBA from Claremont Graduate University, and a BS in resource biology from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Ali Forsythe is the environmental planning and permitting manager for the Sites Reservoir Project, a planned off-stream, multi-purpose reservoir in the Sacramento Valley. Sites was one of five projects awarded funds by the California Water Commission for ecosystem water benefits. Prior to joining Sites, she spent more than 10 years with the US Bureau of Reclamation, including seven years as program manager for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. In this role, she led the largest federally led river restoration program in the nation, working to restore and maintain fish populations in the 153 miles of the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Merced River confluence. She led the effort to re-water more than 60 miles of the once-dry San Joaquin River and reconnect the river with the Delta. She also oversaw the effort to reintroduce spring-run Chinook salmon to the river. She holds BS degrees in hydrologic sciences and environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Letitia Grenier co-directs the San Francisco Estuary Institute's Resilient Landscapes Program. Her focus is working with partners to conserve California's living resources by developing landscape-scale, collaborative, science-based visions and solutions. She is science lead for the 2015 State of the Estuary Report and the 2015 update to the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals, heading a team of more than 200 environmental scientists, managers, and regulators to develop science-based recommendations for restoring and maintaining the health of the Bay's tidal wetlands in the face of rising seas and other stressors. She previously worked on investigating bioaccumulation of contaminants in estuarine food webs, the condition of California's wetlands, and other ecological questions about the Bay and Delta. She holds a PhD in conservation biology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jeffrey Mount is a senior fellow at the PPIC Water Policy Center. He is an emeritus professor of earth and planetary sciences and founding director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at the University of California, Davis. A geomorphologist who specializes in the study of rivers, streams, and wetlands, his research focuses on integrated water resource management, flood management, and improving aquatic ecosystem health. He has served on many state and federal boards and commissions that address water resource management issues in the West. He has published more than a hundred articles, books, and other publications, including the seminal book *California Rivers and Streams* (UC Press). He holds a PhD and MS in earth sciences from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Lester Snow was founding director of the Water Foundation, where he continues to provide strategic counsel on programs, projects, and initiatives. His career has focused on innovation, collaboration, and results while working on complex natural resource management matters. In 2016, he was appointed to the board of directors for the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, which oversees various aspects of the dam decommissioning project on the Klamath. Prior to the Water Foundation, he served as secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency. He also directed the California Department of Water Resources. He has also served as executive director of CALFED, regional director for the US Bureau of Reclamation, and general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority. He brings this experience and expertise to the PPIC Water Policy Center Advisory Council. He holds a master's degree in water resources administration from the University of Arizona and a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University, where he majored in earth sciences.