



## Good Afternoon, San Diego County leaders.

I hope you are staying well and finding new ways to celebrate during this holiday season, especially as we enter a critical period for controlling COVID-19 and await the vaccine. In keeping with last week's theme of planning for the future, I'd like to share two pieces of news with you.

**Tomorrow, the San Diego County Water Authority is co-sponsoring the California Water Commission's Southern California public workshop** on water conveyance needs and funding options. The online event is from 2:45 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 10, and you can register by [clicking here](#). Workshop participants are encouraged to share their perspectives on conveyance infrastructure needs and priorities, partnerships, public benefits of conveyance, criteria to assess resilience, preparing for changing hydrology, and financing mechanisms. The commission will use the input to help formulate recommendations on a potential state role in financing climate-resilient conveyance projects.

As water managers, the Water Authority and its member agencies are constantly refining strategies to meet the challenges of the future. **Local and regional water conveyance is one of our most significant tools.** This is why it is important for leaders to come together to advance integrated conveyance and interconnectivity solutions, especially in light of the changing climate so that we can enhance regional water supply resilience for generations to come.

On a related note, the [Washington Post](#) recently featured our partners at **the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego who are doing cutting-edge work to better predict atmospheric rivers** and improve water management. The Water Authority is one of several leading water agencies statewide that are collaborating with Scripps' Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E) to connect cutting-edge science with hands-on water industry experience. The initiative is designed to enhance reservoir operations in light of the changing climate. This work also plays an important role in combating wildfire seasons that now span most of the year in many parts of the state.

I couldn't agree more with lead scientist Marty Ralph, who told the Post, "**There's so much potential for better weather prediction on the West Coast ... to impact decisions that matter.**"

Speaking of decisions that matter, tomorrow at 2 p.m. the Water Authority is holding a **special Board meeting and welcoming State Senator Brian Jones to share his legislative vision and insights**. Please join us online if you can by [clicking on the live stream button when the meeting starts](#). (Note: Senate pro Tem Toni Atkins was scheduled to speak, but she is unable to due to pressing preparations for the new legislative session. We look forward to inviting her back when her schedule allows. In the meantime, my sincerest thanks to Sen. Jones for joining us.)

And finally, in the last weeks of 2020 please consider joining me and many other water agency employees by **supporting the San Diego Food Bank as we continue to combat the economic impacts of the pandemic.**

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