

## California Department of Water Resources NEWS

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### **Governor's Advisory Drought Panel Will Meet In Sacramento**

The Governor's Advisory Drought Planning Panel will hold its first meeting on August 30 in Sacramento, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 204 of the Sacramento Convention Center.

The panel was mandated by the CALFED Bay-Delta action framework approved by Governor Davis and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt in June 2000.

Headed by Department of Water Resources Director Thomas Hannigan, the drought panel will develop a contingency plan to reduce the impacts of critical water shortages in California.

Building on experience gained from the 1987-92 drought, the plan will identify all available resources, recommend appropriate funding mechanisms, and commit CALFED agencies to facilitate and expedite water transfers within legal requirements. The drought panel is scheduled to submit the plan to the Governor by December 2000.

Panel members are:

Tom Hannigan, (Panel Chair), Director of Water Resources

Don Bransford, Chairman, Northern California Water Association

Brent Hastey, Chairman, Yuba County Board of Supervisors  
and Member of the Board, Yuba County Water Agency

Jane Dolan, Chair, Butte County Board of Supervisors

Greg Zlotnick, Chairman, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Sunne McPeak, President and CEO, Bay Area Water Council

Al Dingle, President, Westlands Water District

Marvin Meyers, Director, San Luis Water District

Fred Starrh, President, Kern County Water Agency

Tom Levy, President, State Water Contractors

Mike Madigan, Director, San Diego County Water Authority

Phil Pace, Chairman, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Rich Atwater, CEO/General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Joel Dickson, VP, New Business Development, American States Water Company

Frances Spivy-Weber, Executive Director, Mono Lake Committee

Barry Nelson, Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources Defense Council

Jerry Meral, Executive Director, Planning and Conservation League

Ex-Officio:

Senator Jim Costa (D-Fresno), Chairman, Agricultural and Water Resources Committee

Assemblyman Mike Machado (D-Linden), Chairman, Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

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