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Governor's Advisory Drought Panel Will Meet In Fresno

The second meeting of the Governor's Advisory Drought Planning Panel will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 4 at the Doubletree Hotel at 1055 Van Ness Avenue in Fresno.

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

Chaired by Thomas M. Hannigan, Director of the Department of Water Resources, the Drought Planning Panel will develop a contingency plan to reduce the impacts of critical water shortages in California.

Building on experience gained from the 1987-1992 drought, the plan will identify resources to help mitigate dry year impacts and recommend appropriate funding mechanisms.

The Drought Planning Panel is scheduled to submit its plan to the Governor by December 2000.

Information about droughts and the Drought Planning Panel is available on a new Department of Water Resources World Wide Web (WWW) site at <http://watersupplyconditions.water.ca.gov/>

Drought Planning 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

Steve LaMar, Chairman, California Building Industry Association, Water Resources Task Force

Kole Upton, Chairman, Friant Water Users Authority

Ex-Officio:

Senator Jim Costa, Chairman, Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

Senator David G. Kelley, Vice Chairman, Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

Assemblyman Mike Machado, Chairman, Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

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