



MEDIA ALERT

WHAT: Orange County Water Summit: Liquid Motion

The U.S. is feeling the impact of California's record-breaking drought. What is the "Golden State's" water future? How can we keep this robust economy thriving?

In California, drought will occur three out of every 10 years and without proper planning and investment in water infrastructure and policy, the state's \$1.9 trillion economy can come to a standstill, having devastating ripple effects on U.S. and global markets.

Join us for the 8th Annual Orange County Water Summit to learn first-hand about weather predictions, economic impacts and sustainable solutions being implemented across the globe like ocean desalination. Nearly 400 diverse stakeholders will be present to hear water, engineering, policy and business experts, debate and discuss plans to secure California's, and the nation's, future.

WHO: Hosted by the Orange County Water District, the Municipal Water District of Orange County and the Disneyland Resort, a dynamic program has been planned with experts such as:

- **Robert Silva**
Mayor, City of Mendota (one of the cities hardest hit by the drought)
- **Stephen Arakawa**
Manager of the Bay-Delta Initiatives Program, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- **Janice Stillman**
Editor, Old Farmer's Almanac
- **Joel Perler**
Assistant Business Development Manager, Port of Long Beach
- **Tom Pankratz**
Editor, Water Desalination Report, Global Water Intelligence
- **Bob Yamada**
Water Resources Manager, San Diego County Water Authority
- **Sean Bothwell**
Staff Attorney, California Coastkeeper Alliance

**You may view the complete [program here](#).*

WHEN: 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 15, 2015

WHERE: Grand Californian Hotel at Disneyland Resort, 1600 S. Disneyland Drive, Anaheim

MEDIA: Media representatives wishing to cover the O.C. Water Summit, please RSVP to Gina Ayala at (714) 378-3323, cell (818) 388-7838 or gayala@ocwd.com. Interview requests may be made in advance or on the day of the event. Photo opportunities are available throughout the conference's duration.