

Friday, October 13, 2023 7:30 am 1:30 pm Westin South Coast Plaza

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Today, we find ourselves amidst a critical juncture, grappling with the effects of past drought, aging infrastructure, and policy and regulatory challenges that threaten the availability and sustainability of our water supply. What got us here? And, how can we forge innovative solutions to increase Orange County's water supply for future generations?

Join master of ceremonies Fritz Coleman along with 300+ business professionals, elected officials, academics, and water leaders on October 13, 2023, as the OC Water Summit explores *Finding Reliability*.

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PROGRAM*

7:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am - 8:15 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

- Stephen R. Sheldon, Director, Orange County Water District
- Jeffery M. Thomas, Board Member, Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Fritz Coleman, Master of Ceremonies

8:15 am - 9:15 Drought or Missed Opportunities?

- Moderator: Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management & Technical Services
- Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, CA Department of Natural Resources (*Invited*)
- Darcy Burke, Director, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and President, Watermark and Associates
- Jason Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, Friant Water Authority

9:15 am - 10:00 Are Infrastructure Funds the New Lottery?

- The Honorable J. Luis Correa, Congressman
- The Honorable John Duarte, Congressman

10:00 am - 10:20 Networking Break

10:20 am - 11:15 Is it Fair to Blame Climate Change for Everything?

- Moderator: Fritz Coleman
- John Christy, Director, Earth System Science Center, The University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Rong Fu, PhD, Director of the Joint Institute for Earth System Science and Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles
- Steve Greenhut, R Street Institute

11:15 am - 12:15 What's Our Water Supply Future?

- Moderator: Lisa Ohlund, Principal, Ohlund Management & Technical Services
- Edward Ring, Senior Fellow, California Policy Center, and Author, The Abundance Choice
- Adan Ortega, Chair, Metropolitan Water District
- Glenn Farrel, Executive Director, CalDesal

12:15 pm - 12:30 Closing Remarks pm

- Stephen R. Sheldon, Director, Orange County Water District
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12:30 pm - 1:30 Buffet Lunch and Networking

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World-renowned experts, prominent authors and distinguished speakers will deliver presentations and discuss these topics at the 15th Annual Orange County Water Summit on Friday, October 13 at the Westin South Coast Plaza.

Individual ticket - \$175

- Ticket includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, self-parking, and Summit materials
- Please cancel by September 29, 2023 to receive a refund

