

The Future of the Colorado River - Panel Discussion and Networking Breakfast

When **September 05, 2025**
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location **UCSD Park & Market, 1100 Market Street, San Diego**



REGISTRATION

In-Person

Friday, September 5, 2025 | 9am-11am

Downtown San Diego
UC San Diego Park & Market
1100 Market St, San Diego

Seven states, two countries, one river. Hear from regional leaders as they discuss critical issues around the future of the Colorado River:

- 💧 Finding consensus among the seven basin states for Colorado River allocation as management guidelines are set to expire in 2026.
- 💧 Challenges due to shrinking supplies from a changing climate.
- 💧 Water transfer opportunities and partnerships for the San Diego region.
- 💧 Addressing affordability and financial challenges.

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Panelists

Carl Nettleton (*Moderator*) **President**, Nettleton Strategies

Sally Spener **Foreign Affairs Officer**, International Boundary and Water Commission

Dan Denham **General Manager**, San Diego County Water Authority

Tina Shields **Water Department Manager**, Imperial Irrigation District

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About this Program

The current management guidelines for the Colorado River expire in 2026. The seven Colorado River Basin states, various tribal nations, and Mexico are working to find consensus on how to allocate the river's water in the future. It's a particularly challenging task in the face of growing demand, shrinking supplies and a changing climate -- and it's of critical importance for our region. About 60% of San Diego County's water supply comes from the Colorado River, largely through a conservation-and-transfer agreement with the Imperial Irrigation District, which holds priority water rights on the river. Join us to hear from leaders as they discuss those issues and others critical to

the future of the Colorado River. Q&A will follow the moderated panel discussion.

[Free to the public](#) Pre-registration required. For info on UCSD Park & Market Event suggested parking click [here](#).

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