## What's Happening at CalWEP Sarah Foley & Tia Lebherz

*Fall Plenary September 24, 2019 | U.C. Davis* 

## Your New CalWEP Co-Executive Directors

#### Which bullet point is NOT true?



#### Sarah Foley, Operations

- Sarah grew up in King City, CA
- Sarah was detained in Mexico by federal agents
- Sarah designed the "Food grows where water flows" signs along i5



#### Tia Lebherz, External Affairs

- Tia grew up in Detroit, MI
- Tia has lost two homes to fires
- Tia once organized a 10,000 person protest against climate change



#### **CalWEP Member Report**



### Welcome New & Returning Members!







- City of Vallejo
- Bottom Line Utility Solutions
- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
- InPipe Energy
- Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Water Efficient Gardens
- Rachio
- Synergy Companies
- Resource Innovations
- Tom Ash H20
- SoCal Gas Company
- Aquatrax
- Peter Williams Solutions LLC
- International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
- Santa Ana Watershed Protection Agency (SAWPA)

# IT'S TIME FOR BOARD ELECTIONS!



#### CalWEP Out in the World

August 22-23 – U.C. Davis California Water Data Summit

September 17-20 – Austin, TX U.S. Water Alliance, One Water Summit

September 24, 2019 – U.C. Davis CalWEP Fall Plenary

October 1-4, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV Water Smart Innovations

October 7, 2019 – Sweetwater Authority SDCWA Member Meeting

November 5-8, 2019 – Yosemite, CA Localizing California's Water Conference

December 3-6, 2019 – San Diego, CA ACWA Fall Conference

December 11, 2019 – Santa Barbara, CA CalWEP Winter Plenary







# COMMITTEE UPDATES



#### **Research Committee**

- Working with AWE on EM&V scope
- Member research upload

#### Program Committee

- Developing task force topic areas
- Lots of interest in dipper well programs





## CALWEP FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION JOINT TASK FORCE



- 1. Support CalWEP members implementation of new regulations from SB 606/ AB 1668 by developing helpful research and programming identified by the JTF.
  - JTF will also assist in identifying potential funding opportunities to assist in the development of new tools.
- 2. Provide resource hub to share information from the variety of subcommittees and work groups that exist through DWR and ACWA.
  - Committee members participating in other groups will be asked to share updates periodically.

# CAPITOL REPORT: ADVOCACY

#### **External Affairs**

#### **Capitol Report: Advocacy**



#### **Taxing Water Rebates**

- SB 533 is now a two-year bill but with limited scope focused on turf replacement rebates.
  - Working closely with Metropolitan Water District and WaterNow Alliance
- AWE is working on national advocacy to pass similar legislation in DC
  - AWE sent a letter of support, CalWEP circulated it for sign on support

Stay tuned for updates!



### **Capitol Report: Advocacy**



#### Water Resilient Portfolio

- CalWEP has been participating in several efforts to provide input including an ad hoc group and supporting Friends of the River.
  - 40 members joined online call to provide input directly to FOR.
- CalWEP recommendations are largely focused on increased and sustained funding for water agencies for implementation of framework.



# PROGRAM UPDATES

### U.C. Davis – Energy Demand Management System



UCD CWEE is developing software technology to help water utilities manage energy loads differently

- Funding from the California Energy Commission
- CalWEP to be a subcontractor under CWEE's contract
- CalWEP and AWE to provide outreach and support services to CWEE
  - Design and run a support program and user group
  - Plan and staff two workshops





## Bay Area Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper Trainings

- CalWEP is working with 10 Bay Area Agencies
- First Train the Trainer completed August 6-8, sponsored by Solano County Water Agency
  - 23 attendees
  - 92% pass rate for those taking QWEL exam







### Watershed Approach to Landscaping Pilot Project – Tulare County

#### CalWEP has kicked off our project in Tulare County

**Phase 1:** Community organizing, materials adaptation, train the trainer **Phase 2:** Public Demonstration Garden – funded by Cal Water Services **Phase 3:** Second Training and project expansion/ongoing landscape transformations!



#### **Project Partners:**

The Water Efficiency Trust





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green gardens group

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## **DWR Direct Action Contract Updates**

#### **AMI Interoperability Guidelines**

Lead by Don Schlenger, nationally recognized AMI consultant.

- Template RFP has been issued!
- Manual of AMI practices coming very soon
- Targeted technical assistance underway and provided to participating utilities
- Final Project Webinar: November 21





## **DWR Direct Action Contract Updates**

# Sustainable landscaping multi-benefit decision-making framework

- Project support to the Pacific Institute
- Curating an Online resource library of *quantitative* and *qualitative* multi-benefits of sustainable landscaping.
- Developing cut-sheets for select benefits (i.e. energy savings, social benefits, etc.)
- Presenting findings at WSI in October



Moving Toward a Multi-Benefit Approach for Water Management

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## **DWR Direct Action Contract Updates**

## Dedicated meter CII accounts Guidance document

Focused on best practice management of landscapes w/ dedicated irrigation meters, including those that implemented recommendations from the BMP Handbook No. 5 for large landscapes, or similar.

- Issued survey to all water agencies members
- Completed 11 phone interviews
- Compiling findings into a report coming out end of the year,
- Intended to help with Framework compliance!









## Save the Date! CalWEP Winter Plenary December 11, 2019 – Santa Barbara, CA

#### CalWEP is looking for 2020 Hosts!



Tentative Plenary Dates: March 2020 September 2020 December 2020

Peer to Peer 2020 Northern California Location TBD Tentative Date: May 19-20

Contact Sarah if you'd like to host!

