

Fall **Plenary**

September 11, 2025 10 AM - 3 PM

Los Angeles Dept. of Water and **Power Headquarters** 111 N. Hope St. **Auditorium (A-level)**

***Hybrid Event**

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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10:00 AM **Welcome and Host Presentations**

Charles Bohlia, CalWEP Board Chair

Terrence McCarthy, LADWP

10:20 AM **CalWEP News and Happenings**

Tia Fleming, CalWEP

10:40 AM What's Happening at AWE?

Johanna DeCotis Smith, Alliance for Water Efficiency

10:55 AM **Business Spotlight: ShowerStar**

Bernard Embry, ShowerStar

11:10 AM Language Access in Action: CalWEP's New

Multilingual Portal

Julia Mes, CalWEP

This session will explore the development and application of CalWEP's Multilingual Translation Portal, designed to improve equity and engagement in water

conservation.

11:25 AM Water Loss Update: Leak Registry

> Nate Adams, Santa Margarita Water District Micha Knox, Yucaipa Valley Water District Laura Rocha, Moulton Niguel Water District Madeline Wood, City of Santa Barbara Moderator: Sue Mosburg, CA-NV AWWA

This session will provide an overview of California's emerging Leak Registry requirements and showcase how agencies are leveraging GIS and other tools to prepare for compliance. The session will begin with a brief overview of the regulation, followed by agency case studies highlighting innovative GIS approaches to leak data tracking and reporting. A moderated panel and Q&A will follow, offering attendees the opportunity to explore practical strategies and ask questions about implementation.

12:00 PM **Lunch - Provided by Los Angeles Department**

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1:00 PM

Introducing CalWEP's Comprehensive NFT Toolkit

Melissa Matlock, CalWEP Teresa Robertson, Metropolitan Water District Additional Speakers TBA

As California moves toward full implementation of AB 1572, this 90-minute session will focus on the tools, research, and programs CalWEP and our partners are developing to help with the transition away from nonfunctional turf. The session will begin with an update from MWD on recent outreach and market research that helps inform public perception and readiness. CalWEP will then introduce its statewide NFT Outreach Toolkit, featuring sector-specific resources, a centralized statewide website, and internal agency implementation guides.

2:30 PM

Tools for Thriving Landscapes: Developing a Maintenance Application for Turf Transformation Participants

Tia Fleming and Melissa Matlock, CalWEP

Through the support of DWR, CalWEP is developing an innovative new maintenance app designed to support individuals who have completed a landscape transformation. This session will introduce the concept, a free application that will allow users to input their plant selections and receive tailored maintenance plans, reminders, and references to trusted care resources. We will seek insights from attendees to help shape a user-friendly, impactful tool that supports long-term landscape success.