



CALIFORNIA
WATER EFFICIENCY
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Spring Plenary

March 18, 2026
10 AM - 3 PM

Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Ave.,
Irvine, CA 92618

IN-PERSON ONLY

PLENARY HOSTED BY:



Irvine Ranch
Water District

PROGRAM

- 10:00 AM Welcome and Host Presentations**
Charles Bohlig, CalWEP Board Chair
Amy McNulty, Irvine Ranch Water District
- 10:20 AM CalWEP News and Happenings**
Tia Fleming, CalWEP
- 10:40 AM What's Happening at AWE?**
Amanda Christophe, Alliance for Water Efficiency
- 10:55 AM Business Spotlight: Old Castle Infrastructure**
Focus: Water Loss Pilot Program with IRWD
Keaton Clay, Water Asset Consultant
- 11:10 AM CII AI Pilot Program: From Classification to Action**
Maureen Erbeznik, Maureen Erbeznik & Associates (MEA)
This session demystifies AI-based CII classification and helps agencies move from data analysis to practical action. We'll address the most common technical and operational questions agencies have about AI classification, then ground the concepts through a short, interactive "classification game" using anonymized real-world agency data. The session will focus on clarifying what counts as a BMP (including actions agencies may already be doing), how to interpret classification results, and how to prioritize CII accounts to target outreach, efficiency programs, and conservation investments more effectively.
- 12:00 PM Lunch - Provided by Irvine Ranch Water District**
- 1:00 PM Don't Panic: How Courts are Looking at Water Rates**
Mary Ann Dickinson, Dickinson & Associates
Sanjay Gaur, Water Resources Economics
This session offers a practical overview of recent court decisions affecting water rate-setting in California and what they mean for local agencies. Speakers will clarify common misconceptions, highlight where courts are focusing their scrutiny, and share practical takeaways for documenting costs and building defensible, transparent rate structures.
- 1:25 PM Building the CII Outreach Playbook: Lessons from Agencies and What's Next**
Melody Seesangrit, Irvine Ranch Water District
Charles Bohlig, East Bay Municipal Utilities District
Allan Pascual, Irvine Ranch Water District
Ryan McManus, Riverside Public Utilities
This 90-minute session will provide an overview of effective CII outreach, highlight real-world case studies from leading agencies, and feature a moderated panel discussion on implementation challenges and lessons learned, concluding with a preview of CalWEP's upcoming CII Outreach Best Practices Guidebook.
- 2:55 PM Wrap-up and Closing**