

INFORMATIONAL & OVERSIGHT HEARING:

**UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 1, CALIFORNIA'S WATER BOND:
THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

**STAKEHOLDER PANEL: SPEAKERS AND AFFILIATION
BY AGENDA ORDER**

BO MAZZETTI, CHAIRMAN, RINCON BAND OF LUISEÑO INDIANS

Bo Mazzetti has served as Tribal Chairman of the Rincon Reservation since 2007, having served previously as Vice Chairman and Council Member. He currently serves as vice chairman of the San Luis Rey Water Indian Water Authority, a consortium of five tribes that have been engaged in political and legal activities for 40 plus years to secure water resources lost through federal granting of tribal water rights to local cities. He is also a founding member and former executive director of the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), and currently serves on its executive committee. Mr. Mazzetti has been a board member on the California Department of Transportation's Native American Advisory Committee since 1998.

Formerly employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern California Agency in Riverside, Mr. Mazzetti served as the first Indian Community Affairs and Citizen Assistance Officer for San Diego County. A businessman, he has owned and operated Mazzetti and Company, a reservation-based general building, engineering and well drilling company since 1979. Mr. Mazzetti graduated from California Polytechnic University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Behavioral Science, and served in the United States Navy, and is a Vietnam veteran.

S. CRAIG TUCKER, PH.D., NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY ADVOCATE, KARUK TRIBE

Craig Tucker is the Natural Resources Policy Advocate for the Karuk Tribe. Since 2004, he has organized efforts by a coalition of Tribes, conservation groups, and fishing organizations to remove the lower four Klamath dams and restore Klamath River fisheries. Mr. Tucker participated directly in the negotiations that produced the Klamath Settlement Agreements, signed in 2010 by over 40 Klamath Basin stakeholders including Tribes, irrigation districts, Tribes, California, Oregon, and federal agencies. Additionally, he has worked collaboratively with partners around the state to reform California's regulations pertaining to small scale gold

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mining, engaged with lawmakers and state agencies as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was passed into law, and advocated for Tribal inclusion in Proposition 1 funding.

Mr. Tucker grew up in South Carolina and fell in love with rivers while kayaking the Chattooga. He received his B.S. in biochemistry from Clemson University in 1993 and he went on to get a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Vanderbilt University in 1999. When not campaigning to remove dams, Mr. Tucker goes rafting with his wife Amy and sons, Carson and Calhoun.

CINDY TUCK, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

Cindy Tuck leads the government relations work in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Prior to joining ACWA, she served as Undersecretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency where she was the senior policy advisor to the Secretary. She has three decades of experience in water and environmental legislation and regulation in California.

Ms. Tuck is a licensed civil engineer and an attorney. She holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and a master of science degree in environmental engineering from the University of Illinois. She also holds a juris doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, and is a member of the State Bar.

DANNY MERKLEY, DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES, CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Danny Merkley joined the California Farm Bureau Federation as director of water resources in 2007. He represents Farm Bureau before the state Legislature and regulatory agencies on policy issues related to water development and water quality.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau, Mr. Merkley was district director for Congressman Dan Lungren from Gold River. He previously worked as agricultural liaison with the State Water Resources Control Board, where he specialized in water quality issues and carried farmers' and ranchers' concerns to the regional and state water boards. Earlier, he served as agricultural commissioner liaison with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

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Mr. Merkley grew up and worked on the family farm in Solano and Yolo counties, is a former member of the Solano County Farm Bureau board of directors and is currently a member of the Yolo County Farm Bureau. He has also been active in a number of other agricultural and community organizations, was a Farm Management major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and is a graduate of the California Agricultural Leadership Program.

LAUREL FIRESTONE, CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & ATTORNEY AT LAW, COMMUNITY WATER CENTER

Laurel Firestone co-founded and co-directs the Community Water Center (CWC). She previously served as the Director of the Rural Poverty Water Project at the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment in Delano, California, under a 2004-06 Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Ms. Firestone was awarded the Gary Bellow Public Service Award by the Harvard Law School in 2013, awarded to one alumnus and one student each year. In 2010, she and her co-executive director, Susana De Anda, were co-awarded the Carla Bard Advocacy Award from Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform (POWER), awarded to one water advocate in California each year. In 2009, she authored the comprehensive Guide to Community Drinking Water Advocacy.

Ms. Firestone also served on the Tulare County Water Commission from 2007-2012, and co-chaired the Governor's Drinking Water Stakeholder Group. She graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and holds a B.A. magna cum laude in Environmental Studies from Brown University.

DOUG OBEGI, SENIOR ATTORNEY, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL WATER PROGRAM

Doug Obegi is a Staff Attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), where he has worked since 2008. For the past several years he has represented NRDC in federal court litigation over protections for endangered species in the Bay-Delta estuary, as well as working on implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, the update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, and regulatory and planning processes regarding improvements in urban and agricultural water efficiency.