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AGENDA

Thursday, November 5, 2026
9 a.m. -- 1021 O Street, Room 1100

Pay Now or Pay Later:
Understanding the challenges of water financing, what investments are necessary, and exploring policy levers for managing the cost of water in the era of climate uncertainty

Panel 1: How does California pay for water? What does water cost and are we using the right tools to keep water affordable?

- Bradley Franklin, Research Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
- Sonja Petek, Principal Fiscal & Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst's Office
- Kasey Schimke, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs, Department of Water Resources
- Karla Nemeth, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies (remote)

Panel 2: Room for One More: Who Pays for Growth?

- Michael Colantuono, Colantuono, Highsmith, Whatley, PC (remote)
- Matt Zucca, Authority Manager, Silicon Valley Clean Water (remote)
- Christine Compton, Director of Strategic Communications & Advocacy, Irvine Ranch Water District

Panel 3: Innovative policies being implemented in other states

- Texas State Senator Charles Perry, 28th District (remote)
- Speaker Julie McCluskie, Colorado General Assembly, 13th District (remote)

Public Comment