

**Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative Quarterly Meeting –
Extreme Flooding in the Capital Region
Thursday, March 3rd – 12:00pm – 3:00pm
West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 W Capitol Avenue**

12:00 Brown Bag Lunch – CRC and Member Updates and Networking

12:45 Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Woods, Local Government Commission (LGC)

Larry Greene, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD)

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, City of West Sacramento

1:00 Keynote Address: The State of Flood Response Legislation and Activities in California

Senator Lois Wolk, California State Senator, District 3

1:30 Existing Conditions Update: El Niño and its Impacts

Dr. Michael Anderson, Department of Water Resources

1:55 Networking Break

2:05 Flood Preparedness: How Ready Are We?

Moderator: Tom Gohring, Water Forum

George Booth, County of Sacramento

Tim O'Halloran, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Brian Keating, Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Dr. Michael Anderson, Department of Water Resources

2:55 Closing Remarks

Jenny Woods, LGC

*Kathleen Ave, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Chair of the Capital Region
Climate Readiness Collaborative*

3:00 Adjourn

Speaker Bios

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon became the first mayor directly elected by West Sacramento voters in November 2004. He is currently serving his fourth elected term as mayor. Voters first elected Mr. Cabaldon to the City Council in 1996.

Mayor Cabaldon's work on transportation, land use, air quality and climate change, housing, and economic development is regarded as a model for effective collaborative action. The Sacramento Bee says that "under his leadership, the City has become one of the municipal stars of the region."

Mayor Cabaldon was chair of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' groundbreaking Blueprint for the Future project. He also chaired the region's Partnership for Prosperity, and has served on a variety of transportation and air quality agency boards. He worked on state water and habitat issues for more than a decade, as a member of the state's Delta Protection Commission, as well as the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

As mayor, Mr. Cabaldon has represented the City as a member of the Sacramento-Yolo Port District Commission and the River City Regional Stadium Financing Authority. His local and regional leadership on school facilities and programs, along with his efforts to advance universal preschool, have established him as a visionary leader for education.

Senator Lois Wolk

State Senator Lois Wolk represents the Third Senate District and serves as the Senate Majority Whip. Senator Wolk spearheaded the development of The Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, and is a leader in state water policy. She chairs of the Senate Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and also chairs the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation.

Senator Wolk represents the Third Senate District, which includes all or part of four of the five counties in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. She also represents Sonoma and Napa Counties.

During her many years of public service at the state and local level, Wolk has worked extensively on water policy issues including water management, the crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, flood management, and climate change. Over her 13 years serving in the State Legislature—including six in the State Assembly and 7 in the State Senate—Wolk has authored more than 100 new laws. Notably, Wolk led efforts in 2007 to craft a package of laws to strengthen flood

protection in California's Central Valley and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region, authoring two bills in the package.

Wolk also serves on the Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources, and is a liaison advisor to the Delta Conservancy Board.

Dr. Michael Anderson

Michael Anderson works for the California Department of Water Resources and is currently serving as State Climatologist for California. Michael began working in the Department of Water Resources Division of Flood Management (DWR-DFM) Forecasting Section in July 2005. He came to DWR after extensive graduate and post-graduate work at U.C. Davis in the area of hydroclimate system modeling and monitoring. He received his Ph.D. in 1998 and M.S. in 1993 in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UC Davis. He received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in 1991.

Tom Gohring

Tom Gohring has been Executive Director of the Sacramento Water Forum since 2007. The Water Forum is a diverse group of business and agricultural leaders, citizens groups, environmentalists, water managers, and local governments in Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties. This group of community leaders and water experts has agreed to a comprehensive suite of water management and ecosystem restoration actions that are dedicated to protecting the lower American River and providing reliable water supplies for the Sacramento Region.

Tom has spent three decades working on water resources and civil engineering projects, often specializing in collaborative solutions. Before joining the Water Forum, he led several interdisciplinary water management projects under the employ of local, state, and federal agencies and consulting firms. He has an M.S. in Engineering from U.C. Davis and a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is a licensed Civil Engineer.

George Booth

George Booth is a licensed civil engineer and certified floodplain manager. He is the senior engineer over the Drainage Development and Floodplain Management Section of the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources. His team is responsible for assuring that drainage, grading, and floodplain management standards are properly applied to new development. George has also served as the project manager for the Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan and its updates, since 2004. FEMA recognizes Sacramento County under the FEMA Community Rating System as second best in the state and among the top 10 in the nation. Additionally, George sits on the Board of Directors of the Floodplain Management Association.

Tim O'Halloran

Tim O'Halloran is a water resources manager with a background as an agricultural engineer, receiving his degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He currently serves as general manager of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which manages water supplies for a significant part of Yolo County. He has been an active participant in various water committees and organizations, including serving as president of the California Irrigation Institute (2006-08).

Brian Keating

Brian Keating is a registered professional Civil Engineer with the State of California with over 29 years of civil, environmental and water resource engineering experience. Brian is the District Manager for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. His past experience with multi-objective regional floodcontrol and environmental restoration projects includes work on the Miners Ravine off-Channel Detention Basin project, the Antelope Creek Flood Control project and the Napa River Floodplain Restoration project.