

## ***Snow Appointed Director of Cal Water Resources Department***

On Feb. 24, 2004, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Lester Snow as director of the California Department of Water Resources.

Snow has over 25 years of experience in public water resource management. Since 2001 he has been a principal at Saracino-Kirby-Snow, the water resource planning and management division of Schlumberger Water Services, where he also served as North American business development manager. Prior to that, he was the mid-Pacific regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. From 1995 to 1999 he served as the executive director of the CALFED Bay-Delta program, and prior to that spent seven years as general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority. Snow's experience also includes six years with the Arizona Department of Water Resources, including four years as the Tucson area director.

Snow earned a master's degree in water resources administration from the University of Arizona, and a bachelor's degree in earth sciences from Pennsylvania State University.

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## ***Silva Named to Cal Water Resources Control Board, Baggett Named Chair***

In February, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger re-appointed Peter S. Silva to the State Water Resources Control Board. Silva was originally appointed to the board in 2000 and currently serves as vice-chair. From 1997 to 2000, he served as general manager of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Silva was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the Board of Directors of the commission in 1994. He was deputy director of the Public Water Utility of the San Diego Water Department from 1992 to 1997 and

assistant deputy director for the San Diego Clean Water Program from 1987 to 1992.

Governor Schwarzenegger also selected current State Water Resources Control Board member Arthur Baggett Jr. as chairman of the board. Before joining the board in 1999, Baggett was an attorney specializing in water, environmental, business, and family law.

The State Water Resources Control Board is responsible for preserving, enhancing, and restoring the quality of California's water resources. The agency is housed in the California Environmental Protection Agency and has a budget of approximately \$505 million and 1,475 employees.

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## ***Duran Appointed New USIBWC Commissioner***

On Feb. 18, 2004, Arturo Duran was sworn in as the new commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). He was appointed to the position by President George W. Bush, and succeeded Carlos M. Ramirez, who resigned late last year for health reasons. In his new post, Duran serves as agency head of the USIBWC, directing activities in twelve offices. The agency is responsible for applying U.S.-Mexico boundary and water treaties and for settling differences that arise.

From 2000 to 2003, Duran served as general manager of the Lower Valley Water District in Clint, Texas, where he oversaw all district operations related to water, wastewater, solid waste, parks and recreation, and flood control services. He also worked as a manager and environmental coordinator with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). While at EPA, he coordinated the development and implementation of U.S. and Mexico border infrastructure and environmental programs.

The IBWC operates and maintains flood control levees, international storage reservoirs, diversion dams, wastewater

treatment plants, and boundary monuments at various locations on the U.S.-Mexico border. In addition to its headquarters in El Paso, Texas, the USIBWC has offices in San Diego, California; Nogales and Yuma, Arizona; Las Cruces, New Mexico; El Paso/American Dam, Ft. Hancock, Presidio, Del Rio/Amistad Dam, Falcon Heights/Falcon Dam, and Mercedes in Texas; and Washington, D.C. It receives foreign policy guidance from the U.S. Department of State.

Visit [www.ibwc.state.gov](http://www.ibwc.state.gov).

## ***Wust Named New Santa Fe County Hydrologist***

Stephen L. Wust, Ph.D., has been appointed county hydrologist for Santa Fe County, New Mexico. Prior to this appointment, Wust spent more than 12 years with the New Mexico Environment Department, holding positions in the Superfund Program, the Drinking Water Program, the Surface Water Quality Bureau, and as project manager for a special mine remediation project. He also teaches at the College of Santa Fe, and has contributed human health risk assessment analyses for various agencies.

In his new position, Wust is involved in all matters related to water, from evaluating geohydrologic reports required for development permits to advising on water source acquisition and testing. He also participates on regional water planning councils and gives presentations to professional and public groups.

Santa Fe County has been taking an active role in long-term planning for growth and water management, combining development of new sources with implementation of conservation methods. The county maintains its own water and wastewater systems, while coordinating with the city of Santa Fe, other area water systems, and private well owners.

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## Laiho Joins Hydrosphere's Boulder Office

Douglas R. Laiho, P.E., recently joined the staff of Hydrosphere Resource Consultants Inc., a water resources engineering firm in Boulder, Colorado. He brings to the company more than 30 years of experience in hydrology, river restoration, flood plain analysis, urban drainage, small and medium dam design, irrigation diversion, and irrigation systems design. Hydrosphere recently celebrated its 20th anniversary of providing a broad range of consulting services related to water and natural resources.

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## EIP Associates Welcomes Moynier

EIP Associates, based in California, has announced the appointment of John E. Moynier as senior water resources manager of its Water Resources Group. Moynier will manage water resources, planning, and regulatory compliance

projects for EIP's clients throughout California, bringing more than 13 years of water resources, planning, and environmental analysis experience to the company. He most recently served as administrative services manager at the Mammoth Community Water District in Mammoth Lakes, California, where he managed numerous district services including geographic information systems, environmental and water resource planning and analysis, conservation, public relations, and governmental affairs. Recognized as an expert on California's High Sierra, Moynier has authored eight books on outdoor recreation and produced the local avalanche forecast for the eastern Sierra. He will be based at EIP's Sacramento office.

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## Rhinerson to Chair U.S. Desalination Coalition Board

The San Diego Water Authority (SDWA) announced that the U.S. Desalination Coalition elected Bernie Rhinerson

chairman of the board at its 2004 annual board meeting in February. Rhinerson, who had served as the interim board chair of the coalition, also serves as chairman of the board of the SDWA.

Water agencies and utilities from Southern California, Florida, and Texas formed the coalition to advocate for an increased federal role in seawater and groundwater desalination. Each of the partner water agencies and utilities is obliged to provide a safe, reliable water supply to their service areas. With increasing demands on current water supplies, this task requires exploring alternative water supplies to avoid a future water crisis.

As SDWA board chairman, Rhinerson has led that agency's efforts to develop seawater desalination as a significant component of San Diego County's future water supply portfolio. SDWA envisions seawater desalination will provide up to 15 percent of the region's water by 2020.

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