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STAFF REPORT

For the Meeting of June 21, 2023

June 15, 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: Felicia Newhouse, Assistant General Manager

Subject: Approve Board Members' Attendance at the CASA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, on August 9-11, 2023

Summary

This purpose of this staff report is to consider authorizing Board members' attendance at the 2023 CASA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, on August 9-11, 2023.

Discussion

On August 9-11, 2023, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) is holding its Annual Conference at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego.

Board members who would like to attend the CASA conference are requested to confirm the exact dates of their hotel stay and advise if they plan to participate in the CSRMA Training Seminar on August 9 at 8:00 a.m. (separate registration required).

Staff is available to make conference registration and hotel reservations as needed. Per the conference hotel, deposits are refundable if notice is received prior to Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Per the conference event, there is no conference registration refund for late cancellations after Monday, July 31, 2023.

The preliminary program for this event is included as "Attachment A". More details may be found at: [Annual Conference \(memberclicks.net\)](http://AnnualConference(memberclicks.net)).

Recommendation

Authorize Board members' attendance at the 2023 CASA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA on August 9-11, 2023.

Attachment(s):

- A. Preliminary Conference Schedule

THE NEW WATER ERA

2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 9-11 | Manchester Grand Hyatt | San Diego, CA

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Attachment A



Preliminary Program

Subject to Change

Wednesday, August 9

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CSRMA Training/Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CASA Board of Directors Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Associates Committee Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Track 1A: Regulatory Hot Topics and Workgroup Updates

- Sarah Deslauriers, CASA
- Greg Kester, CASA
- Jared Voskuhl, CASA

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Track 2A: Optimizing Your Agency's Financing Options

- Dmitry Semenov, Ridgeline Municipal Strategies
- Lora Nichols, Fieldman / Union Sanitary District

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Track 1B: Advanced Treatment in the Decade Ahead

- Mike Falk, HDR
- PureWater San Diego Update

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Track 2B: Wastewater Based Epidemiology: What Comes Next?

- Alex Yu, CA Dept. of Public Health
- Anna Mehrotra, Water Environment Federation
- Naoko Munakata, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Federal Legislative Committee Meeting

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Communications Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CASA Engineering & Research Group Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CSRMA Executive Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, August 10

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CASA Education Foundation Board Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CSRMA Board of Directors Meeting

9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Morning Sessions & Business Meeting**
Vice President Roland Williams, Presiding

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Keynote: Tani Cantil-Sakauye, President, Public Policy Institute of California**

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **A Conversation with Biosolids Experts**
Moderator: Greg Kester, CASA

- Jimmy Slaughter, Beveridge and Diamond
- Ryan Batjiaka, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- David Tobias, US Environmental Protection Agency

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Annual Business Meeting**
Adam Link, CASA, Executive Director

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Networking Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

- 2023 Awards of Excellence Presentation
- CASA Education Foundation 2023 Scholarship Recipients
- Inaugural Michael F. Dillon Service Award
- Remembering Dave Williams

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Networking Break**

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Afternoon Sessions**

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Mitigating System Disruptions**

- Eric Lovering, PE, Lee & Ro
- Jimmy Dang, Oro Loma Sanitary District

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Recruiting New Workers to the Water Sector**

- Maurice Chaney, City of Roseville
- Robert Sainz/Greg Burks, High Road Training Partnership Program

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Statewide Biosolids Meeting

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. LEAD Mentor/Mentee Meetup

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Associates Reception

Friday, August 11

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	State Legislative Committee Meeting
9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Closing Session President Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Presiding
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Federal and State Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Gauger, CASA• Eric Sapirstein, CASA
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Closing Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• San Diego Area Congressional Representative
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Closing Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yana Garcia, Secretary for CalEPA (<i>Invited</i>)
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Closing Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023-2024 Board of Director Elections Results• Passing of the Gavel• President's Closing Remarks
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Attorneys Committee Meeting