
**AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
SECOND NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES POLICY DIALOGUE
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The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) - convened Second National Water Resources Policy Dialogue, held February 14-15, 2005 in Tucson, Arizona was of similar format and scope to the first dialogue held 2 years earlier in Washington, DC, but with a greater emphasis on western water issues. The 250 attendees are leaders in the water resources community representing federal, state, tribal, and local governments, NGO's, consultants, academics, and private citizens.

Attendees representing 32 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Australia, participated in a hands-on meeting that included more than 5 hours of small group discussions of three key issues, panel discussions and keynote addresses by water resource leaders. New for the second dialogue were leadership insight sessions, small group meetings where attendees had the opportunity to interact with national leaders in 5 subject areas. During the group discussions, attendees identified sub-issues of concern and voted to determine the most significant sub-issues.

This CD includes either the text or a summary of the presentations of those keynote speakers, panelists, or leadership insight session leaders who furnished AWRA with their notes. Also included are an attendee list and profiles of the attendees, an after action summary, and a "glossy" report produced following the Dialogue and incorporating the results of the discussions. Finally, the CD includes a copy of a letter to President Bush summarizing the water resource challenges identified by the attendees. Similar letters also were sent to Congressional leaders and the nation's Governors.

The success of the Second Dialogue was directly proportional to the efforts of the General Chair and the dedicated water resource professionals representing the sponsoring and co-sponsoring agencies that served on the Steering Committee and other committees. These individuals and organizations are listed in the Final Dialogue Program. AWRA is most appreciative of their service and support. A special thanks to Mark Werley, the photographer for the Dialogue, and to the following individuals, who although not listed in the Program were involved in facilitation or summary report preparation: Jan Rasgus, Len Fleckenstein, Josh Foster, Erika Hieber, Donna Ayres, Mark Anderson, Toni Johnson, Errol Montgomery, David Watt, Sharon Megdal, Kevin Bluhm and Carol Erwin. As with the first dialogue, the thread uniting all involved was and is their concern for our Nation's water resources.

The mission of the American Water Resources Association is advancing multidisciplinary water resources education, management, and research. *AWRA does not advocate specific policy actions, but believes that the results of the Dialogue may constitute a wake-up call to the necessity of addressing the water resources challenges facing the nation.*

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