

San Bernardino Water Conference
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The 9th Annual San Bernardino Water Conference was attended by Stephen Ferrell, Karl Drew and myself. The conference was held at Cal State San Bernardino University.

The State of the State opening speeches were given by Tim Quinn, Association of California Water Agencies, Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District, Jack Safely, Metropolitan Water District, and Lance Eckhart, Mojave Water Agency. Inland Empire H2O Hero Awards were given during this session.

After the opening remarks, the participants chose to attend one of the two sessions offered, followed by an additional session of choice. During the first session, Karl and I attended "Panel 1A – Ensuring Our Water Independence," while Steve attended "The Balance of Water and Development." For the second session breakout, Karl and I attended "Emergency Regulations and the Drought" and Steve attended "Countywide Vision Water Element Group Update."

The primary themes that I heard throughout the conference was the different construction methods and the role that the age of construction played in water conservation and the various types and methods of landscaping used in water conservation. I felt the information the panels presented gave us a few informative points that could be utilized in the San Bernardino Mountains, although the majority of the discussions pertained to San Bernardino and the high desert areas.