

Water Resources and Policy Initiatives

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Background

In early 2008, Chancellor Charles Reed announced the CSU system would begin a concerted effort by all 23 campuses to collaborate system-wide resources on the subject of Water.

The WRPI was officially launched in July of 2008.

The focus of this effort is to use the significant expertise and resources of the CSU to address a wide range of water challenges facing California.

Vision Statement

Contribute to achieving long-term sustainable water supplies for California through education, research and policy development while balancing the needs of agricultural, environmental and urban concerns

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Conference Committee

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- ❖ Ramesh Kumar, Cal Poly Pomona
- ❖ Stuart Styles, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- ❖ Brad Finney, Humboldt State University
- ❖ David Zoldoske, Fresno State

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House Keeping!

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FRESCA

We Need Everyone to Sign-up for the FRESCA Database – This is an Important Communications Tool!

Presentation to Follow

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Follow up

We plan to send out an email
Monday, June 15th with a
questionnaire about the conference

Please share your comments with us!

Questions?



Thank You!