



# Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District

300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555

760.384.5477

FAX 760.384.5499

ekcrd@iwvisp.com

## AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

**MEETING TIME:** Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 1:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** BLM large conference room, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Administrative Assistant of the Board (address above) during her regular hours (Monday-Friday, 8 AM-noon except Federal holidays) following the posting of the agenda. Any supporting documentation that relates to an agenda item for an open session of any regular meeting that is distributed after the agenda is posted and prior to the meeting will also be available for review at the same location. It is recommended that you make an appointment to review the documentation.

### PRESENTATION:

Professor Michael Young and Research Associate Bryce McAteer of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University, present **“Options and Opportunities: Would Transition to an Australian-Style Water Allocation and Management System Be in Indian Wells Valley’s Best Interests?”**

One of the architects of the water-sharing systems now used in Australia, Prof. Mike Young, has been asked to prepare a road map for transition to an Australian style water-sharing system in California. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the path Australia has taken in the past twenty years, and to ask whether or not the Indian Wells Valley might be interested in becoming part of such a process.

If the community is interested, Prof. Young would spend the next few months working with community leaders to develop such a road map. A Blueprint outlining the nature of the system he has in mind is available at <https://nicholasinstitute.duke.edu/water/publications/unbundling-water-rights-blueprint-development-robust-water-allocation-systems-western>

Australian experience suggests that transition to such a system would result in a considerable increase in productivity and could result in a significant reduction in the impact of drought and over-draft on the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Board on any matter that is not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. However, no action may be taken by the Board at this time. [Gov. code 54954.3 (a)]

### PUBLIC COMMENTS and QUESTIONS:

### DIRECTOR COMMENTS and QUESTIONS:

### ADJOURNMENT:

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (GOVERNMENT Code Section 54953.2).

The Board of EKCRCD offices are accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Board may request assistance from the Administrative Assistant, address above, or by calling (760) 384-5477. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats.

Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible.