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Gordon Burns, Governor’s Top Groundwater Leader to Speak at Water Summit April 8

Apple Valley, CA— Gordon Burns, Undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency will serve as the keynote speaker at the second annual High Desert Water Summit on April 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victorville. The event is sponsored by the Mojave Water Agency and the Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce. The half-day program will run from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

“Science: The Key to Managing Water in a Changing World,” is the theme of the summit. Governor Jerry Brown’s recent landmark groundwater legislation that will provide a framework for local entities to more effectively manage groundwater resources will be among the program’s topics.

Burns was appointed by Brown in December 2011 and has been heavily involved in water policy. He has been a leader on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the California Water Action Plan, and the transfer of the state’s drinking water programs from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board.

The program also will feature presentations demonstrating the use of sound science in developing Urban Water Management Plans, and the role of science in accurately assessing local water supplies and developing new programs for future growth.

The program includes a full buffet breakfast and costs \$10 per person in addition to a processing fee. To register and pay for the event, click on this [link](#). For more information, contact Gloria Golike at 760-946-7001 or ggolike@mojavewater.org.

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