



BAYWORK Water Industry Summit
February 27, 2025
Location: Four Points Sheraton, Pleasanton, CA

Summit Goal: *This BAYWORK Summit will equip water/wastewater agency staff with the information they need to identify cybersecurity and climate change threats and implement solutions that reduce or mitigate those threats.*

8:00 - 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome, Summit Overview, Logistics – Robert Scott BAYWORK President (Valley Water)

8:45 – 10:30 Session One: Building Cyber Resilience – Aligning IT and OT

This moderated discussion will include a brief orientation to current threats and several case studies from local and national experts about their practical experience building cyber-resilient water utility operations.

Andrew Ohrt – Moderator (West Yost)

Panelists

- Don Hester (DHS/CISA)
- Bill Johnson (EBMUD)
- Cecil Lawson (Valley Water)
- Raphael Okubo (Contra Costa Water District)

Program

Introductions (5 min.)

Mentimeter survey and Orientation (20 min.)

Agency presentations (70 min.)

Questions for panelists from the audience (15 min.)

10:30 – 11:30 Breakout Discussion One: Cybersecurity Threats

In small groups, participants will discuss the case studies and “work” an assigned scenario to develop a plan/outline to bring back to their agency. Small groups will then share their observations with the larger group.

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 2:15 Session Two: Climate Change – From Reacting to Resilience

This moderated discussion will include a brief orientation to the threat and case studies from local experts about their practical experience addressing climate change threats.

Catherine Curtis – Moderator (San Francisco Public Utilities District)

Panelists

- Eric Dunlavey, Pedro Hernandez (City of San Jose)
- David Glukowski, Sarah Plummer (East Bay Municipal Utility District)
- Anna Roche (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission)
- Sasha Ponomareva, Dale Roberts (Sonoma County Water Agency)
- Sunshine Julian, Kirsten Struve (Valley Water)

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2:15 – 3:15 Breakout Discussion Two: Climate Change Threats

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3:15 – 3:30 Final Observations, Next Steps, and Thank You – Robert Scott, BAYWORK President (Valley Water)