



The 2014 AWRA Summer Specialty Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) provides researchers, practitioners and academicians a forum to discuss the latest refinements in IWRM concepts, and to assess the efficacy of utilizing IWRM principles in water resources planning and management activities.

### Why This Conference is Important

Growing demand for adequate supplies of fresh water requires that our water resources be managed as efficiently as possible to ensure the sustainability of both societal and natural systems. IWRM holds promise as an approach to better manage this critical resource, and while it has not yet become the standard of practice, growing numbers of organizations are adopting IWRM principles as the approach that will be used to address their water resource challenges. Building on the dialogue that was initiated in the inaugural IWRM conference held in Snowbird, Utah in 2011, [\*Integrated Water Resources Management: The Emperor's New Clothes or Indispensable Process?\*](#), this conference will provide an opportunity to learn about advancements in the practice of IWRM, the tools that have recently been developed to aid in implementing IWRM, and to discuss how well IWRM has worked (or not worked) in addressing water resource challenges.

### Conference Held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino Resort, Reno, NV, June 30th - July 2nd 2014

The 2014 AWRA Summer Specialty Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management will meet in Reno, NV. Known as the Biggest Little City in the World, Reno is located at the base of the Sierra Nevada and is within an hour's drive of both Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake. Reno is an outdoor recreational mecca, near to thousands of biking and hiking trails, over 50 golf courses, lakes that are perfect for fishing, sailboarding, and boating, and the entire length of the Truckee River, which runs right through the center of Reno's downtown, which features a whitewater kayak park. Reno is served by Reno-Tahoe International Airport, located minutes from downtown, and has over 300 days of sunshine per year.

#### Call for Special Sessions and Workshops

As part of the general Call for Abstracts we are pleased to announce an open Call for Special Sessions and Workshops. The deadline for proposing a special session or workshop is December 30th, 2013. The Conference Chair (John Tracy; [tracy@uidaho.edu](mailto:tracy@uidaho.edu)) and Technical Chair (Michael Campana; [Michael.Campana@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Michael.Campana@oregonstate.edu)) will evaluate all proposals and provide responses by January 10th, 2014. Proposers will be responsible for recruiting speakers and populating their sessions or workshops. Proposals should contain: a brief description of the session or workshop and its importance; prospective speakers and topics; and the names, affiliations and email addresses of the proposers. Email proposals to the Conference Chair and Technical Chair.

#### [Call for Abstracts](#)

Below is a list of the Call for Abstracts Topics and Sub-topics. The deadline for submitting an abstract is February 18th, 2014. All presenters will be responsible for paying conference registration fees.

So join us in Reno for IWRM! We look forward to receiving your abstracts and proposals and creating a terrific conference experience for everyone.

**Theory and Practice of IWRM Case Studies in IWRM    Tools for Implementing IWRM**

- Defining IWRM
- Integration of Economics
- Valuing Natural Systems
- The Science of Integration
- Aligning Policies to Aid IWRM
- IWRM and Resilience
- Tribal Perspectives
- Cross-Boundary IWRM Negotiations
- Monitoring of IWRM Programs
- Branding IWRM
- Water Quality
- Flood and Drought Management
- Federal-State-Local efforts
- Efficacy of IWRM
- Climate Change & Adaptation
- Developing Regions
- IWRM and WaSH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)
- IWRM and Groundwater
- Education & Outreach
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- ASR - Real or Paper Water?
- Irrigation Evolution
- Collaborative Processes
- Collaborative Modeling
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Integrated Surface-Groundwater Modeling
- Hydro-Economic Modeling
- Agent Based Modeling Approaches
- Managing Media Relations for IWRM

## Special Sessions

[\(view session descriptions\)](#)

- S1: WASH - IWRM Nexus
- S2: Environmental Justice
- S3: Co-Equal Goals
- S4: Stormwater Management & IWRM
- S5: USACE and IWM/IFM
- S6: IWRM Institutional Setting
- S7: Financing IWRM
- S8: State Water Plans
- S9: Climate Change, Population & Other Planning Wildcards
- S10: Drought and Interstate Planning
- S11: Science and IWRM
- S12: Overview of California State IWRM Programs and Plans
- S13: American River Basin
- S14: IWRM - Creating A Voice for Everyone
- S15: IWRM & California Mountain Counties
- S16: Public and Stakeholder Input Workshop

