



2022 Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference “Those in the Arena”

**Wednesday
February 23, 2022**

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Internal Meetings

**Thursday
February 24, 2022** **SILVER LEGACY GRANDE EXPOSITION HALL (LOWER LEVEL)**

7:00 a.m. Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Welcome / Opening Comments
Patrick O’Toole, President, Family Farm Alliance

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Keynote Address
Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior

8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Reclamation Roundtable — featuring representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner’s Office and all 5 Regional Directors
Moderated by Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance

- *Camille Touton, Commissioner*
- *David Palumbo, Deputy Commissioner*
- *Jennifer Carrington, Columbia Basin-Pacific Northwest Region*
- *Ernest Conant, California Great Basin Region*
- *Brent Esplin, Missouri Basin-Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas Gulf Region*
- *David Arend, Lower Colorado Basin Region*
- *Wayne Pullan, Upper Colorado Basin Region*
- *Christopher Beardsley, Director, Policy and Programs*

9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. The Report from Glasgow—The Farmers’ Perspective of the COP26 Climate Forum
Moderated by Ernie Shea, President, Solutions from the Land

- *AG Kawamura, Co-Chair, Solutions from the Land*
- *Patrick O’Toole, President, Family Farm Alliance and SfL Board Member*
- *Lois Wright Morton, Board Member, Solutions from the Land*
- *Fred Yoder, Co-Chair, Solutions from the Land*

11:10 a.m. to Noon Western Water Innovators—Case Studies of Voluntary Efforts to Conserve Water and Improve Water Quality
Moderated by Joe Whitworth, President, The Freshwater Trust

- *Mark Deutschman, International Water Institute*
- *Malcolm McGeary, Director of Natural Resources, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden*
- *Julie O’Shea, Executive Director, Farmers Conservation Alliance*

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Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon Featuring Keynote Speaker

Robert Bonnie, USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Programs

1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Look at D.C. from the Hill

Moderated by Mark Limbaugh, The Ferguson Group

- *Brian Clifford, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee*
- *Kiel Weaver, House Natural Resources Committee*
- *Matt Muirraqui, House Natural Resources Committee*

2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The Western Water Infrastructure Coalition — The “Behind the Scenes” Story of the Initiative That Brought \$8.3 Billion for Western Water

Moderated by Lane Dickson, The Ferguson Group

- *Erin Huston, Federal Policy Consultant, California Farm Bureau Federation*
- *David Reynolds, Director of Federal Relations, Association of California Water Agencies*
- *Ian Lyle, Executive Vice President, National Water Resources Association*
- *Dennis Nuxoll, Vice President of Federal Government Affairs, Western Growers Association*

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gearing Up for the Biden Administration’s 30 x 30 Initiative

Moderated by Zach Bodhane, Policy Director, Western Landowners Alliance

- *Ron Alvarado, State Conservationist for Oregon, Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- *JJ Goicoechea, Public Lands Council*
- *Eric Holst, Associate Vice President, Working Lands Program, Environmental Defense Fund*
- *Tom Page, Big Creek Ranch, Idaho*

4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitors’ Presentations

5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

2022 Annual Meeting

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Evening Reception - NoVi

Come unwind at NoVi, a private night club located on the Mezzanine Level of the Eldorado, adjacent to the Silver Legacy. Drinks and heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served.

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Friday
February 25, 2022

SILVER LEGACY GRANDE EXPOSITION HALL (LOWER LEVEL)

- 7:00 a.m.** **Registration Desk Open**
- 8:00 a.m.– 9:15 a.m.** **The Biden Administration Water Leadership Team**
Moderated by Rob Manning, Chief of Public Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation
- *Mike Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works*
 - *Tanya Trujillo, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior*
 - *Navis Bermudez, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency*
 - *Gloria Montano Greene, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Production, U.S. Department of Agriculture*
- 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** **Preparing for the 2026 Colorado River Operating Guidelines—The Perspective of Agricultural Interests**
Moderated by J.B. Hamby, Colorado River Board of California
- *Barbara Wyse, Principal and Senior Economist, Highland Economics*
 - *Elston Grubaugh, General Manager, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District*
 - *Patrick O’Toole, Ladder Ranch, Wyoming*
 - *Andy Mueller, General Manager, Colorado River District*
 - *Tina Shields, Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District*
- 10:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.** **The Western Agriculture and Conservation Coalition—Irrigators Team Up with Conservationists to Tackle Pressing Policy Challenges**
Moderated by Jeff Eisenberg, Rockspring Resource Solutions
- *Kaitlynn Glover, Executive Director, Public Lands Council*
 - *Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance*
 - *Ben Thomas, Senior Policy Director, Agriculture, Environmental Defense Fund*
 - *Tim Wigington, Vice President, Finance and Policy, The Freshwater Trust*
 - *Laura Ziemer, Senior Counsel and Water Policy Advisor, Trout Unlimited*
- 11:55 a.m.** **Award Presentation and Closing Comments**
Patrick O’Toole, President, Family Farm Alliance
- Noon** **Adjourn General Session**
- 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** **DERBY DAM FISH SCREEN on the Truckee River**
Tour Bus Departs from the Silver Legacy Valet at 12:30pm. Box lunches will be provided. Pre-registration required. PLEASE NOTE THAT CLOSED TOE SHOES ARE REQUIRED.