



**2022 FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

***“Those in the Arena”***

**Silver Legacy Resort and Casino**

**Reno, Nevada**

**FINAL SCHEDULE**

*February 8, 2022*

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

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

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

7:00 a.m.                      **Registration Desk Open – Exhibition Center, Silver Legacy**

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

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

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*** – Commissioner Camille  
Touton (*via ZOOM*), 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), Jacklynn Gould (Lower Colorado  
Basin Region), Wayne Pullan (Upper Colorado Basin  
Region). Moderated by Dan Keppen (Family Farm Alliance  
Executive Director).

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9:45 to 10:00 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.	<b>The Report from Glasgow – <i>The Farmers’ Perspective of the COP26 Climate Forum</i>.</b> AG Kawamura (Co-Chair, Solutions from the Land), Patrick O’Toole (Family Farm Alliance President and SfL Board Member), Lois Wright Morten (SfL Board Member – <i>via ZOOM</i> ), Fred Yoder (SfL Co-Chair- <i>via ZOOM</i> ). Moderated by Ernie Shea (SfL President).
11:10 a.m. to noon	<b>Western Water Innovators – <i>Case Studies of Voluntary Efforts to Conserve Water and Improve Water Quality</i>.</b> Mark Deutschman (International Water Institute), Malcolm McGeary (Director of Natural Resources, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden), Julie O’Shea (Executive Director, Farmers Conservation Alliance). Moderated by Joe Whitworth (President, The Freshwater Trust).
Noon to 1:15 p.m.	<b>Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker</b> – Robert Bonnie (USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Programs – <i>via ZOOM</i> ).
1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<b><i>A Look at D.C. from the Hill</i></b> - Brian Clifford (Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee - <i>via ZOOM</i> ), Kiel Weaver (House Natural Resources Committee), Matt Muirragui (House Natural Resources Committee - <i>via ZOOM</i> ). Moderated by Mark Limbaugh (The Ferguson Group)
2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	<b>The Western Water Infrastructure Coalition – <i>The “Behind the Scenes” Story of the Initiative That Brought \$8.3 Billion for Western Water</i>.</b> Erin Huston (Federal Policy Consultant, California Farm Bureau), 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). Moderated by Lane Dickson (Family Farm Alliance / The Ferguson Group).

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- 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.     **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.     ***Gearing up for the Biden Administration's 30 x 30 Initiative.***  
Ron Alvarado (State Conservationist for Oregon, Natural Resources Conservation Service), JJ Goicoechea (Public Land Council), Eric Holst (Associate Vice President, Working Lands Program, Environmental Defense Fund), and Tom Page (Big Creek Ranch, Idaho), Panel discussion moderated by Zach Bodane (Executive Director, Western Landowners Alliance).
- 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.     **Exhibitors' Presentations** (5 minutes each)
- 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.     **2022 Annual Meeting**
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.     **Evening Reception – Novi – a private night club located on the Mezzanine level of the Eldorado Resort, adjacent to the Silver Legacy. Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.**

### Friday, February 25, 2022

- 7:00 a.m.                    **Registration Desk Open – Exhibition Center, Silver Legacy**
- 8:00 a.m.– 9:15 a.m.     ***The Biden Administration Water Leadership Team*** –Mike Connor (Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works - *via ZOOM*), Tanya Trujillo (Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of the Interior – *via ZOOM*), Navis Bermudez (Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency – *via ZOOM*), Gloria Montano Greene, Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Production, U.S. Department of Agriculture - *via ZOOM*). Moderated by Rob Manning (Chief of Public Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation).
- 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.     **Break**

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- 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.     **Preparing for the 2026 Colorado River Operating Guidelines – *The Perspective of Agricultural Interests.***  
Travis Greenwalt (Principal and Senior Economist, Highland Economics), Elston Grubaugh (General Manager, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District *via ZOOM*), Patrick O’Toole (Ladder Ranch, Wyoming), Andy Mueller (General Manager, Colorado River District), and Tina Shields (Water Department Manager, Imperial Irrigation District). Moderated by J.B. Hamby (Colorado River Commission of California).
- 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.*** A panel discussion between national agriculture and conservation NGO representatives, including Kaitlynn Glover (Executive Director, Public Lands Council), Dan Keppen (Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance), Ben Thomas (Senior Policy Director for Agriculture, Environmental Defense Fund), Tim Wiginton (Vice President, Finance and Policy, The Freshwater Trust – *via ZOOM*) and Laura Ziemer (Senior Counsel and Water Policy Advisor, Trout Unlimited). Moderated by Jeff Eisenberg (Rockspring Resource Consultants).
- 11:55 a.m.     **Award Presentation and Closing Comments** – Alliance President Patrick O’Toole.
- Noon     **Adjourn General Session**
- 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.     **DERBY DAM FISH SCREEN on the Truckee River – Tour**  
bus departs from the Silver Legacy valet at 12:30 p.m.  
Box lunches will be provided on the tour bus.