

The Assistant Secretary for Water and Science

Anne Castle

Invites you to the:

Kickoff Workshop for the  
Department of the Interior's

**WaterSMART Program**

(Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow)

February 23 and 24 in Las Vegas, Nevada



Deadline for Workshop Registration – February 12, 2010

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The Kickoff Workshop will introduce the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART Program and will solicit input and ideas from participants on making this new program most effective for all water users. The Kickoff Workshop will focus on the Colorado River Basin to pilot the new WaterSMART Program and is intended to bring together leaders of the water community to discuss this exciting new initiative.

### Attendance

The Kickoff Workshop is intended for senior leaders and policy makers within the Colorado River Basin representing State Agencies, Native American Tribes and Communities, Local Governments, Water User Organizations, Environmental and Conservation Groups, Federal Agencies, and other Stakeholders. Attendance is by invitation only; however, invitees are welcome to send a substitute. There may be additional space available for individuals from your organization. Please complete a registration form for each individual that you wish to attend.

### Time

Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. The Kickoff Workshop will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.

### Location

The Kickoff Workshop will be held at Sunset Station Hotel, 1301 West Sunset Road, Henderson, NV 89014. The hotel is holding a limited block of rooms under the name "WaterSMART" at a room rate of \$60 per night (before taxes). For reservations please call 888-786-7389 or 702-547-7717. Hotel reservations must be made no later than Friday, February 12, 2010, in order to receive the Kickoff Workshop room rate. Additional hotel information can be found at [www.sunsetstation.com](http://www.sunsetstation.com).

### Fee

The fee for this Kickoff Workshop is \$125. The registration fee will be used to defray expenses including light refreshments throughout the workshop and a luncheon on the second day.

### Registration

The registration deadline is Friday, February 12, 2010. Registration will be confirmed no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Credit cards will be billed once registration is confirmed. To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form. Participants who cancel without a substitute will be charged the full registration fee. The hotel is located approximately 15 minutes from the Airport.

### Questions

For more information, please contact Ms. Amber Cunningham at [AZCunningham@usbr.gov](mailto:AZCunningham@usbr.gov) or 702-293-8472.



Preliminary Workshop Agenda:  
WaterSMART Kickoff Workshop

**Sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior  
Sunset Station Hotel, Henderson, NV  
February 23-24, 2010**

**Day 1: Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

- 10:30 a.m.** Registration Opens
- 1:00 p.m.** Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 1:45 p.m.** New Federal Activities – including Science and Engineering to  
Comprehensively Understand and Responsibly Enhance (SECURE) Water  
Act, Cooperative Watershed Program, Basin Studies, and Climate Centers
- 2:30 p.m.** Building Blocks – Existing Tools
- Bureau of Reclamation: Challenge Grant Program and Basin Study Program
  - U.S. Geological Survey: Water Census activities
- 3:30 p.m.** Break
- 4:00 p.m.** Building Blocks – Existing Tools Continued
- Environmental Protection Agency: WaterSense Program
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: National Integrated Drought Information System
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture: Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs
- 5:00 p.m.** Adjourn

**Day 2: Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

- 8:00 a.m.** Review first day's activities and set the stage for Day 2
- 8:15 a.m.** Best Practices Panel
- 9:30 a.m.** Break
- 10:00 a.m.** New Technology and Research Panel
- 11:15 a.m.** Breakout Session to brainstorm tools needed to further Water Conservation in the region. Suggested topics include: Policy, Infrastructure, Operations and Maintenance, Data and Information Management and Sharing, New Water Supply, Education, Other.
- Noon** Lunch (Key Note Speaker to be Determined)
- 1:30 p.m.** Continue Breakout Session
- 2:00 p.m.** Participants Share Results of Breakout Session
- 2:30 p.m.** Closing Remarks: Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary, DOI
- 3:00 p.m.** Adjourn