

# WESTFAST UPDATE

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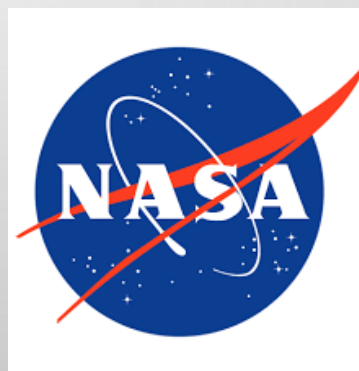
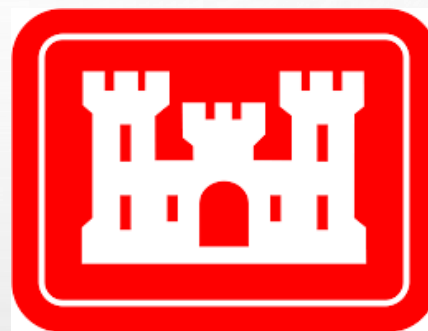
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The Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) is a collaboration between 12 Federal agencies with water management responsibilities in the West. WestFAST was established to support the Western States Water Council (WSWC), and the Western Governors Association (and Western Partners in general) in coordinating Federal efforts regarding water resources.



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RECLAMATION





# MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 21 MEMBERS
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - PATRICK LAMBERT (USGS) – CHAIR
  - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – PAT LAMBERT (USGS), KEVIN WERNER (NOAA), AND ROGER GORKE (EPA)
- WESTFAST LIAISON – DEB LAWLER, BOR



# NEW WESTFAST MEMBERS

- **USFS – MICHAEL EBERLE**, NATIONAL WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM LEAD
- **NRCS – HEATHER HOFMAN**, NATIONAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST
- **BLM – BOB BOYD**, CHIEF, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING BRANCH

***“... promote and facilitate coordination among federal agencies, and between the states and federal agencies and to help plan and implement collaborative efforts.”***



# WESTFAST PRIORITIES

- CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND ENHANCE LINES OF COMMUNICATION, AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROACTIVE COLLABORATION, AND TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS
- OPEN AND INTEGRATED DATA
- DROUGHT RESILIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- FACILITATING WORKPLANS/ACTION PLANS FROM PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM ON WATER IN THE WEST
- ENHANCED COMMUNICATION FROM STATE PARTNERS TO WESTFAST TO WESTFAST AGENCY PRINCIPALS
- WESTFAST GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL

# QUESTIONS

