

## **ALF W. BRANDT**

Alf W. Brandt serves as the California State Assembly's expert on water resource law and policy. In his position as the Principal Consultant for the Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife, he drafts, analyzes, and comments on all legislation relating to water resources, drawing on his long history of experience in California water controversies. The current critical water issues facing the State Legislature include the ecosystem and management crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and flood management and protection. Prior to joining the Assembly staff, Mr. Brandt served at the Department of the Interior and on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. At Interior, he served as counsel and Federal Agency Coordinator for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and tried the just compensation phase of *Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage Dist. v. United States*. He also worked on Nevada water law issues in the Newlands Project, and for the Bureau of Land Management. He earned his J.D. in 1988 from University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall School of Law), his B.A. *Magna cum laude* in 1983 from UCLA, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. He is admitted to the bars of California, the District of Columbia (inactive), and the Court of Federal Claims.

## **JAMES S. BURLING**

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## **GORDON B. BURNS**

Gordon B. Burns received his undergraduate degree from UC Los Angeles in 1998 and his J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1994. Mr. Burns was recently appointed Deputy Solicitor General at the California Department of Justice and represents the State in civil cases before the United States Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the California Supreme Court. He has practiced environmental law for the California Department of Justice with the Attorney General's Land Law Section and flood control law with the Attorney General's Tort and Condemnation Section. Mr. Burns has represented the State in several flood control cases, including a series of flood cases that arose from the 1995 flood on the Arroyo Pasajaro in Fresno County. *See California v. United States*, 271 F.2d 1377 (Fed. Cir. 2001). Prior to joining the Attorney General, he wrote an amicus curiae brief in *Bunch v. Coachella Valley Water Dist.* (1998) 15 Cal.4th 432.

## **PETER M. DETWILER**

Peter M. Detwiler is the staff director for the California State Senate's Committee on Local Government, chaired by State Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego). The Committee reviews bills affecting cities, counties, special districts, and redevelopment; its jurisdiction also includes land use planning and development issues. Mr. Detwiler has helped legislators write major reform bills on land use planning, LAFCOs, redevelopment, and long-term local finance after Propositions 13 and 218. He has been involved in the Legislature's debates over agricultural land conservation and growth management. Before starting with the Committee in 1982, he worked for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the San Diego LAFCO. Outside the Capitol, he teaches a graduate course in California land use policy at California State University, Sacramento. Mr. Detwiler's B.A. in government is from Saint Mary's College of California (1971) and he received his M.A. from the University of Wisconsin's Center for the Study of Public Policy and Administration.

## **KIP LIPPER**

Kip Lipper is an advisor on energy, environmental, and natural resources matters to the California State Senate President Pro Tempore, Don Perata (D-Oakland). He has worked in the California Legislature for 30 years, during which time he was chief of staff for Senator Byron Sher (D-Stanford), staff director to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, and chief consultant to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. During his career he has worked on legislation covering a broad array of environmental issues including the California Clean Air Act, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, the California Beverage Container Recycling Act, and the Integrated Waste Management Act, and has drafted and analyzed legislation on energy regulation, renewable energy, energy conservation, greenhouse gas emissions, energy agency reform, and other issues. Mr. Lipper has also worked on state budget issues affecting energy, environmental, and resources agencies of state government. He has published papers on a range of environmental issues, and has been a guest lecturer on environmental and energy legislation at the Stanford Law School, Boalt Hall (UC Berkeley law school), King Hall (UC Davis law school), Loyola Law School (Los Angeles), and at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and CSU Sacramento.

## **CLYDE MACDONALD**

Clyde Macdonald has worked for the Legislature his entire career, in various capacities. He is a registered civil engineer and earned a B.S. degree in engineering at UC Davis, and an MBA at UC Berkeley. He was chief consultant to the Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee under five chairs. Mr. Macdonald has been an elected director of the American River Flood Control District and was appointed to the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (1995-2006). He was chief consultant to the Assembly Local Government Committee under two chairs. Mr. Macdonald also served as legislative director for Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Fred Keeley. Currently, he serves as chief consultant to Assembly Member John Laird, who is the Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. Mr. Laird is the author of AB 1665, a levee bill that is sponsored by the Department of Water Resources.

## **SCOTT R. MORGAN**

Scott R. Morgan is a Staff Counsel for the California Department of Water Resources. Mr. Morgan received his B.A. from CSU San Francisco and a M.S. degree in Geology from Western Washington University. He worked for in the oil industry from 1981 to 2000, in research and consulting, except for a three year hiatus to attend law school at the University of Houston. Mr. Morgan returned to California in 1999 and commenced working for the Department in 2001. He was assigned to the Reclamation Board in 2003.

### **JEFFREY F. MOUNT**

Jeffrey F. Mount earned his Ph.D. at UC Santa Cruz (1980) and is the Director of the Center for Watershed Sciences at UC Davis where he holds the Roy J. Shlemon Chair in Applied Geosciences. Prof. Mount's expertise is in fluvial geomorphology, sedimentology, stratigraphy and basin analysis. His research emphasis is on the geomorphic response of lowland river systems to changes in land use/land cover and the links between hydrogeomorphology and riverine ecology. Projects in which Prof. Mount is engaged include analysis of geomorphology of floodplains, floodplain response to non-structural flood management measures, development of new floodplain restoration methods, role of hydrologic and sedimentologic residence time in riverine ecosystem health, development of coupled hydrogeomorphic and ecosystem models for environmental monitoring. Prof. Mount is chair of the CALFED Independent Science Board and a former member of the California State Reclamation Board. He is the author of *California Rivers and Streams*, as well as numerous other scholarly publications.

### **DENNIS E. O'CONNOR**

Dennis E. O'Connor is a Principal Consultant to the California Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, and has been with the Senate since January 2003. Before coming to the Committee, Mr. O'Connor spent 10 years at the California Research Bureau (CRB), a non-partisan policy research branch of the California State Library, serving for six of those years as the Assistant Director for the Environment and Natural Resources. Mr. O'Connor is the author of a number of CRB reports, including reports on the governance of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the financing of the State Water Project. Mr. O'Connor did his undergraduate and masters studies in economics at CSU Sacramento.

### **PETER D. RABBON**

Peter D. Rabbon is a practicing civil engineer registered in California, Nevada, and Oregon. Mr. Rabbon received his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of California, Davis. He also is a licensed engineer and building contractor. He has been practicing for almost 30 years and has worked in the private sector, in county government, and in state government. Mr. Rabbon most recently was the General Manager of the state Reclamation Board, a seven member gubernatorial appointed board that has state responsibility for flood control activities throughout the Central Valley, an area that is approximately 450 miles in length and 50 miles wide and has about a 45,000 square mile drainage area. The board was created in 1911 and was one of the first partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood damage reduction projects. In May Mr. Rabbon joined the Corps of Engineers as Program Integrator for their National Flood Risk Management Program Initiative.

### **JANICE M. ROCCO**

Janice M. Rocco has worked for the California State Assembly for the last 7½ years on a wide range of policy and fiscal issues. She graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in English. She served as Chief of Staff to Assembly Member Hannah-Beth Jackson and Senior Consultant to the Legislative Women's Caucus prior to her current position as Legislative Director for Assembly Member Dave Jones. Ms. Rocco has also worked on local, state and federal political campaigns throughout California.

### **THOMAS M. ZUCKERMAN**

Thomas M. Zuckerman retired from the active practice of law in 1988 and participates as a private investor in a number of companies. He serves on the Board of Regents for the University of the Pacific, and the boards of Delta Health Systems, Resort Suites of Scottsdale, Rindge Tract Partners, Thompson-Gelling, and Zipco. He is a member of various committees and subcommittees of the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee. Mr. Zuckerman is considered an expert on California Water Law with special emphasis in the area of the Stockton/Sacramento Delta and related issues. He serves as a consultant to the Central Delta Water Agency. Mr. Zuckerman received a B.A. in American Studies from Amherst College in 1963 and a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1967.