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Former Los Angeles Department of Water and Power CEO to speak at San Bernardino County Water Conference

H. David Nahai will discuss California's water challenges and possible solutions

ONTARIO, Calif. (July 22, 2011) — The Building Industry Association (BIA) Baldy View Chapter is pleased to announce that H. David Nahai, Partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith and president of David Nahai Consulting Services, will be the morning speaker at the fifth annual San Bernardino County Water Conference. The conference will be held **Friday, August 26 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ontario DoubleTree Hotel.**

“As California’s population grows and changes, so does the state’s water demands,” said Nahai. “I am delighted to participate in this event and address the importance of resolving the expanding need for water.”

The theme of this year’s event is “Collaborating to Meet Water Demands Today, Tomorrow, and the Future.” Through a Q&A format, panelists from private industries, water agencies and county government will outline ways they are dealing with water accessibility challenges.

“The BIA Baldy View Chapter is excited to have a speaker with Mr. Nahai’s expertise,” said Carlos Rodriguez, BIA Baldy View Chapter CEO. “He will bring a fresh perspective to an event filled with experts.”

Nahai is widely recognized as a leading expert on water issues and has an extensive record of success in both the private and public sectors.

Until October, 2009, Nahai served as the CEO and general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the largest municipal utility in the United States. In this capacity, Nahai pioneered many initiatives for the department, including the unprecedented expansion of the utility's renewable energy portfolio; the origination and execution of the City's groundbreaking Water Supply Plan; the attainment of historic reductions in water consumption in the City; the realization of record breaking energy efficiency levels; and the launch and implementation of water and power infrastructure improvement programs.

Prior to this position, Nahai served for more than 10 years on California's Regional Water Quality Control Board, which safeguards the quality of surface, ground and coastal waters in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, an area with more than 11 million residents.

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At the Water Quality Board, Nahai served under three different Governors. He was first appointed by Governor Pete Wilson, and re-appointed by both Governor Gray Davis and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Nahai was elected to an unprecedented four terms as Chairman of the Board in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006. Nahai also serves as Senior Advisor to Clinton Climate Initiative.

Nahai holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in law from the London School of Economics and the University of California at Berkeley, and was a Visiting Scholar at Berkeley.

About the San Bernardino County Water Conference

The conference is being hosted by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman Brad Mitzelfelt and the BIA Baldy View Chapter. To purchase tickets, or inquire about sponsorships, please call Nicole Desmond at (909) 795-7760. Attendance is \$85 per person, which includes a continental breakfast. For more information, please visit www.sbcwater.com

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