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**PANEL BIOGRAPHIES**

**KEALI'I BRIGHT, CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY**

Keali'i Bright is the Deputy Secretary for Climate and Energy at the California Natural Resources Agency where he is responsible for agency related climate adaptation, natural and working land carbon management, energy and oil production and Salton Sea programs. Keali'i brings to this position over a decade of experience in state natural resources and environmental policy development. Prior to this appointment, he served the Brown Administration as the Deputy Secretary for Legislative affairs at the Natural Resources Agency which was preceded by his work for the Legislature as the principle consultant on natural resources, environmental protection, energy, transportation and other issues for the Assembly Budget Committee.

**JOSE ANGEL, CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

Mr. Angel is responsible for development and implementation of water quality control policy for the Water Board, and represents his water Board at the Policy level also. He is currently the Lead for the Board's Advisory Team and has also served Lead for the Water Board's Prosecution Team for adjudicatory matter, including enforcement. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from California State University-Fresno. He is also a California Registered Civil Engineer and Hazardous Materials Specialist. He represents the State at the policy level in various committees including the Citizens Congressional Task Force on New River and the Good Neighbor Environmental Board. Since 1997, he has also been involved in dealing with policy to address binational water quality problems. He has been an engineering and water policy guest lecturer at Fresno State and San Diego State University, respectively. He has authored and co-authored numerous reports on water quality and several publications on impacts associated with discharges of wastes. For the last 25 years, his emphasis has been on development and implementation of policy to protect, restore, and enhance water quality.

**KEVIN KELLEY, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Kevin Kelley is a native of Brawley, California and a lifelong resident of the Imperial Valley. A 1984 graduate of the University of Southern California, where he majored in communications arts and sciences, Kelley's background in media consulting, marketing communications and public affairs is wide-ranging and extensive. He is the former editor and publisher of Valley Grower magazine, an agricultural trade publication that was acquired by the Imperial Valley Press in 2003. As a freelance writer, his work has appeared in most major metropolitan newspapers in the West. From 2005-2006, he served as editorial page editor of the Imperial Valley

Press. Recruited to the Imperial Irrigation District in June 2006 to lead IID's public affairs and communications efforts, Kelley was named general manager in May 2011.

**JOHN HERNÁNDEZ, SENIOR ASSEMBLYMEMBER, CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

John Hernández is Director of the Our Roots Multi-Cultural Center, Inc. based in El Centro, California. He is also a member of Colorado River Citizens Forum IBWC US Section 2014-2016. John is a Senior Assembly Member, California Senior Legislature 2015-2018. John is a former member of the IID Energy Consumer Advisory Committee. He serves in the Imperial County Area Agency on Aging. John is an active participant of the Imperial County Environmental Justice Task Force. In addition, John is the current City of Brawley Parks & Recreation Commissioner. John is one of the main supporters of the Imperial County Community Air Monitoring Project. John participates in the Imperial County Asthma CER Project Stakeholder, Advisory Group Brawley Elementary School District, Bond Oversight Committee, and he is the Brawley Veterans Memorial Wall Committee President.

**RICHARD COREY, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

Mr. Corey has 28 years of professional experience in the air pollution field with over 20 years of that experience in a management capacity at ARB. Prior to his appointment as Executive Officer, he served as Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of the Stationary Source Division. Mr. Corey's team of over 1200 professional managers and staff are responsible for a broad range of programs including those concerning fuels, climate, incentives, and air toxics. Some of the key programs that his team is responsible for implementing include the low carbon fuel standard, cap-and-trade regulation, measures and incentives to reduce emissions from a variety of goods movement sources, including port trucking, transport refrigeration units, cargo handling operations, maritime operations, rail-related goods movement, and measures to reduce emissions from stationary and portable diesel engines as well as several strategies to reduce toxic air contaminants from a wide variety of sources. In addition, Mr. Corey oversees the Board's administrative services and information technology operations. Mr. Corey has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Toxicology as well as an MBA from the University of California, Davis.

**LUIS OLMEDO, COMITE CIVICO DEL VALLE**

Luis Olmedo is Executive Director of Comite Civico del Valle, an organization located in Imperial Valley whose mission focuses on addressing environmental health related problems in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys. A community activist who advises local, regional, and state programs on environmental health issues affecting Imperial County and Eastern Coachella Valley, Mr. Olmedo is a member of various state and national networks that focus on environmental policy and regulation. His organization has partnered with academic and research institutions to expand environmental research in Imperial County who published studies on Border Asthma and Allergies, Perchlorate Biomonitoring, and Agricultural Burning. He is currently partnering with San Diego State University and California Department of Public Health on air monitoring and asthma.

**DR. PAUL ENGLISH, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Dr. English is currently Senior Science Advisor for the Environmental Health Investigations Branch at the California Department of Public Health. He is currently Principal Investigator of a NIH grant using a community-based research and citizen science approach to examine air pollution exposures in the Imperial

Valley, CA. He has expertise in research on the health effects of global climate change, and was a consultant on heat preparedness for the Public Health Foundation of India and contributed to a systematic review of health indicators of climate change for the World Health Organization. Dr. English is Principal Investigator of the California Environmental Public Health Tracking Program and has directed multiple research grants from the CDC, U.S. EPA, and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. English received his master's degree in public health and doctorate degree in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley. He has 20 years of experience working in environmental public health for the California Department of Public Health and has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature.

**MATT DESSERT, IMPERIAL COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

Matt Dessert is the Air Pollution Control Officer for the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District. Prior to becoming an IID Director, Dessert worked as an administrative analyst for the County APCD for more than 9 years. Prior to that he was involved in farming and the seed industry for more than a decade. An Imperial County native, Dessert graduated from Central Union High School and attained a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.