

## 7TH ANNUAL *IRRIGATION LEADER* OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by *Irrigation Leader* Magazine  
Phoenix, Arizona  
January 23–24, 2019

***IRRIGATION LEADER* magazine** is sponsoring the 7th Annual *Irrigation Leader* Operations, and Management Training Workshop. This year's theme is "Constant Improvement Through Training."

Regular attendees will note the addition of *Training* in our workshop title. This indicates our increased emphasis on training and assisting irrigation districts and water agencies foster cultures of safety and constant improvement. As in past years, our workshop is designed to provide an opportunity for general managers and directors of irrigation districts and water agencies to discuss ideas and exchange information on a variety of district operations and management-related issues, to build out-of-state working relationships, and to learn from their peers. The issues and topics have been selected by general managers and board directors and pertain directly to the management and improvement of irrigation districts and water agencies.

### WEDNESDAY, January 23

- 8:00 a.m. Manager Communications Training
- 9:00 a.m. Conflict Resolution and Avoiding Litigation
- 10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Improving Manager and Board Communications
- 11:30 a.m. Protecting the Board Through Defined Roles and Manager Contracts
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Sponsored Lunch Presentation, "New Zealand Irrigation Schemes vs American Irrigation Districts"
- 1:30 p.m. Creative Hiring, Training, and Employee Retention Programs
- 3:00 p.m. **Ice Cream Sundae Break**
- 3:30 p.m. Budget Models
- 4:00 p.m. Panic Buttons, Emergency Protocols, and Working With First Responders
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception: Australia and New Zealand Cultural Differences**

### THURSDAY, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. Managing Stress
- 9:00 a.m. Safety Training Programs
- 10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Unique Manager Compensation Agreements and Forum Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. Sponsored Lunch Presentation, "The Tribine, Revolutionary Combine Design"
- 1:30 p.m. Australia Irrigation Education Tour Observations
- 2:30 p.m. *Irrigation Leader* Magazine's International Exchange Program for Irrigation District Employees, Managers, and Farmers
- 3:00 p.m. **Networking Break**
- 3:30 p.m. Shark Tank Technology Presentations
- 4:30 p.m. Open Forum
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception: Chile Irrigation Education Tour (February 23-28, 2019) Door Prizes Sponsored by *Irrigation Leader* Magazine**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** You can register for the *Irrigation Leader* Operations and Management Workshop at [www.waterstrategies.com](http://www.waterstrategies.com). Please complete and submit the online form as soon as possible, as space will be limited. Should you have a particular topic you would like discussed during the Open Forum at the meeting, or have any other ideas for the workshop, please add that information to the registration form in the space provided. Updates to the agenda will be provided as registrations are received.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** We have reserved a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Phoenix Airport Hotel, located at 4300 East Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85034. The rate is \$149.00 per night plus tax of 12.57%. Your reservation includes a complimentary **full express breakfast**, complimentary 24-hour airport shuttle service, complimentary wireless Internet service, and complimentary valet parking for registered guests with in-and-out privileges.

To utilize the complimentary airport shuttle, call the hotel at (602) 273-7778 once you have claimed your baggage.

To make or confirm your reservations at the pre-arranged *Irrigation Leader* workshop rate, please go [online HERE](#) or call (855) 729-6011 and identify yourself as being with the *Irrigation Leader* group no later than Saturday, January 12, 2019.

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Kris Polly at (703) 517-3962 or [Kris.Polly@waterstrategies.com](mailto:Kris.Polly@waterstrategies.com).

*Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix.*