



FORUM ON WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Breakfast Reception

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Keynote Speaker Session

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

This session features keynote remarks from FEMA leadership, Chamber officials, industry stakeholders, and other state and local emergency management and resiliency experts.

- **8:30 AM | Welcome Remarks**
Andrew Huff, Federal Affairs Director, NAMIC
- **8:35 AM | CalChamber Welcome**
Martin Wilson, Executive Vice President, Public Affairs, California Chamber of Commerce
- **8:40 AM | California Remarks**
Assemblymember Jim Wood, California 2nd Assembly District
- **8:50 AM | FEMA Remarks**
Keynote by Carlos Castillo, Deputy Administrator for Resilience (Acting), FEMA
- **9:05 AM | Trends and Opportunities in Resilience**
Keynote by Dr. Daniel Kaniewski, Managing Director, Public Sector Innovation, Marsh & McLennan Companies
- **9:20 AM | IBHS Presentation on Wildfire Hazards and Mitigation Techniques**
Presentation by Roy Wright, President and CEO, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety
- **9:40 AM | State of Infrastructure Resilience in the Western U.S.**
Presentation by Kwame Agyare, Chair, American Society of Civil Engineers, Region 9
- **Closing Remarks**
Pamela Williams, Executive Director, BuildStrong Coalition



DISASTER MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE FORUM SERIES

Panel Discussions

10:00 AM – 12:45 PM

10:00 AM – BRIC Best Practices Discussion

Identifying and Qualifying for FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program

This in-depth conversation hosted by Pamela Williams centers on industry priorities concerning grant submissions, state-led grant/incentive programs, and more.

Featuring:

- H. Camille Crain, BRIC Section Chief, FIMA, FEMA
- Juliette Hayes, Mitigation Division Director, FEMA Region IX

10:30 AM – Lifeline Infrastructure Panel

Case Studies: Lifeline Infrastructure

This panel explores use cases for achieving resilience in critical lifeline infrastructure, including topics like power and water lifelines and beyond.

Panelists:

- Ruben Grijalva, FireChiefs.com, Retired CalFire
- Adán Ortega, California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals)
- Shannon Rodriguez, PE, Water Product Manager, Nighthawk
- Moderator: Pamela Williams, Executive Director, BuildStrong Coalition

11:10 AM – State and Local Mitigation Priorities Panel

Identifying State and Local Mitigation Priorities

This panel features state and local stakeholders and emergency management and resiliency experts. It focuses on identifying and understanding mitigation and resilience goals, including managing different state, local, and regional challenges.

Panelists:

- Ryan Buras, Deputy Director for Recovery Operations, CalOES
- Chief Bob Roper, International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Daniel Efseaff, Park and District Manager, Paradise Recreation and Park District, California Special Districts Association
- Ray Mueller, Director of Technology Applications, IEM
- Moderator: Pamela Williams, Executive Director, BuildStrong Coalition

11:40 AM – Building Science and Safe Homes Panel

Case Studies: Tested Building Science and Safe Homes

This panel explores use cases for achieving residential resilience, including topics like wildfire resilience, seismic resilience, and more.

Panelists:

- Glenn Pomeroy, California Earthquake Authority
- Victoria Stewart, State Legislative Affairs Manager, Farmers Insurance
- Seren Taylor, Senior Legislative Advocate, Personal Insurance Federation of California
- Andrew Huff, Federal Affairs Director, NAMIC
- Moderator: Roy Wright, President and CEO, Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety

12:10 PM – Public-Private Partnerships & Creative Funding Solutions

Exploring Transformational Solutions with Leaders from the Public and Private Sectors

This panel covers the tools needed for federal officials to engage the private sector and explore creative, transformational solutions and funding options for resilience projects.

Panelists:

- James Whitelaw, Chief Marketing Officer, TransRe
- Sarah Newkirk, Director, Coastal Conservation, The Nature Conservancy
- Chris Barkley, West Region Market Sector Leader, National Governments, AECOM
- Moderator: Dr. Daniel Kaniewski, Managing Director, Public Sector Innovation, Marsh & McLennan Companies

Concluding Forum Remarks

12:45 PM

- **12:45 PM – Concluding Remarks**
Introduction by Pamela Williams, Executive Director, BuildStrong Coalition
Concluding Remarks by Jessica Morse, Deputy Secretary, Forest Resources Management, California Natural Resources Agency