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LEADERS IN WATER RESEARCH TO SPEAK AT 2016 CLARKE PRIZE CONFERENCE Focus Is on Innovations in Water Quality Assessment and Sustainable Water Supply Practices

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. – Water quality and resource experts from across the nation are coming to Southern California to talk about the most groundbreaking research and activities in urban water sustainability during the 2016 Clarke Prize Conference, to be held on Friday, November 4, 2016, in Newport Beach, California, by the National Water Research Institute (NWRI).

[Register now](#) to attend this distinguished event, which will include sessions focused on emerging issues in urban water quality, new methods to assess water quality, and addressing challenges to urban water sustainability. An example of confirmed speakers includes:

- **Joan Rose**, Michigan State U., on “*Legionella* and the Revolution in Water Distribution Microbiology”
- **Walter Jakubowski**, WaltJay Consulting, and **Ryan Reinke**, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, on “Antibiotics ... Resistance is Futile: Presence, Impact, and Treatment and Removal of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in Water”
- **Channah Rock**, U. Arizona, on “Advances in Methods to Assess Microbial Water Quality”
- **David Sedlak**, UC Berkeley, on “The Fifth Water Revolution”
- **Pedro Alvarez**, Rice U., on “Nanotechnology-Enabled Water Treatment: A Vision to Enable Decentralized Water Treatment and Reuse”
- **Sybil Sharvelle**, Colorado State U., on “Public Health Guidance on Implementing Decentralized Non-Potable Water Systems”

NWRI also will honor public health microbiologist **Mark Sobsey** as the twenty-third recipient of the NWRI Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize for excellence in water research. Sobsey is the Kenan Distinguished Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will be presented with a medallion and \$50,000 award during the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony and Dinner on November 3, 2016. More information about the conference and dinner, including sponsorship opportunities, can be found at www.clarkeprize.com.

The National Water Research Institute (NWRI) was founded in 1991 by a group of Southern California water agencies in partnership with the Joan Irvine Smith and Athalie R. Clarke Foundation to promote the protection, maintenance, and restoration of water supplies and to protect the freshwater and marine environments through the development of cooperative research work. NWRI's member agencies include Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District, and West Basin Municipal Water District. Please visit www.nwri-usa.org for more information.