



Netherlands Consulate-General, Los Angeles, California

and



present:

Integrated Water and Flood Management: Best Levee and Water Practices from the Dutch Experience

A Seminar featuring

Time, Date and Venue:

Hon. Roderick van Schreven
Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade

**Thursday, May 11, 5:00 pm –
6:45 pm**

and

**A Delegation of 13 Dutch
Water Sector Companies**

The seminar is followed by a
Networking Buffet Dinner, hosted by
the Government of The Netherlands

Note: Hon. Van
Schreven's opening presentation
will be followed by a seminar with
Dutch water sector experts
covering the topics noted below

Venue:

California Chamber of Commerce,
1215 K Street, suite 1400,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional information can be obtained from
the Economic Department of the Netherlands
Consulate General in Los Angeles: Hans van
den Dool at (310) 268-1598 ext. 1022

**Registration: RSVP before May 10, 10:00 a.m. at
LOS-EA@minbuza.nl or 310-268-1598 ext 1029**

With two-thirds of the Netherlands at or below sea-level (some as much as 23 feet below), Dutch water sector companies have built the world's best flood protection system. Dutch companies are innovative, use cutting edge technologies and concepts, and are active in many places across the globe. The Dutch approach to water management incorporates public and private input into policy making. Dutch companies are therefore key factors in devising and then implementing the country's water policy.

The seminar in Sacramento is part of a continuing effort of the Netherlands to assist the United States in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It serves as a follow up on the recent visits of U.S. federal and local officials to the Netherlands, where operating Dutch flood management systems were observed. **The 13 company representatives will discuss how Dutch integrated water policy and technology may improve California's water management system and**

levees. They strive to partner with local companies, local government and State government.

The seminar's goal is to facilitate **maximum knowledge exchange**. A number of **success stories** on how the Dutch managed to keep their feet dry will be presented. Specific attention will be given to **best practices, innovative concepts for integrated water management, flood management and water security**. Finally, there will be ample opportunity to **interact directly** with the Dutch experts to discuss water and flood management.

The Dutch companies presenting at the seminar have world-class expertise in the following areas: **integrated water management; flood control; inspection and monitoring; flood protection planning; environmental aspects of flood control; water quality; risk management approach; and crisis management and reconstruction.**

Program

- 5.00 – 5.30 Registration and welcome
 - 5.30 – 5.40 Welcome, by Hon. Roderick van Schreven, Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade
 - 5.40 – 6.00 Overview of 'The Netherlands: Waterland', by Joost Wentink, Chairman of the Business Delegation
 - 6.00 – 6.45 Networking meeting and workshops: the experts from the companies will present and discuss the following topics:
 - 1. Water management
 - 2. Flood control
 - 3. Inspection and monitoring
 - 4. Flood protection planning
 - 5. Environmental aspects of flood control
 - 6. Water quality
 - 7. Risk management approach
 - 8. Crisis management & reconstruction
 - 6.45 – 7.30 Reception and buffet dinner
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The Dutch companies participating in the delegation are:

- **Alfa Consultancy**
- **[ARCADIS](#)**
- **[DHV](#)**
- **[Dutchdam BV](#)**
- **[Fugro](#)**
- **[GeoDelft](#)**
- **[HKV Consultants](#)**
- **[Interbeton Inc.](#)**
- **L.B.M. BV**
- **[NV NOM](#)**
- **[Royal Haskoning](#)**
- **[Sterk Midden Nederland](#)**
- **[Vexcel Netherlands](#)**

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- The Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, DC
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- The Netherlands Office for Science and Technology, San Mateo
- The Netherlands Water Partnership

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- The California Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento