SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Ideas, Proposals & Feedback
Monday, March 24, 2014 – 9:00 a.m
Cal/EPA Building, Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Agenda
Times Approximate

9:00 – 9:10 Workshop Overview
   Workshop Moderator: will introduce State Agency Team and very briefly overview the
   Water Action Plan, the five groundwater-related actions in the Plan and the relationship
   of the workshop to the Sustainable Groundwater Management action.

9:10 - 10:00 Sustainable Management Panel
   What is sustainable management? How do we measure success?

   Panelists
   - Tom Gohring, Executive Director, Sacramento Water Forum
   - Grant Davis, General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency
   - John Rossi, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District
   - Dan Wendell, Associate Director, Groundwater, The Nature Conservancy

10:00 - 10:10 Break

10:10 – 11:05 Local Authority Panel
   What tools, authorities, and incentives are available to help local agencies manage
   groundwater sustainably? What more is needed? If relevant, please distinguish those
   authorities needed to implement groundwater management elements such as thresholds,
   monitoring and assessment, governance, funding, and enforcement.

   Panelists
   - Leon Szeptycki, Professor of the Practice, Stanford Woods Institute for the
     Environment & Executive Director, Water in the West
   - Eric Averett, General Manager, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District
   - Solano County Supervisor Linda Seifert, on behalf of the California State Association
     of Counties
11:05 - 11:55  Financing Panel

What are the key financing mechanisms being used today, what are the barriers to funding, and what are potential solutions to those barriers?

Panelists
- Ellen Hanak, Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
- Michael Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District
- Dave Bolland, Senior Regulatory Advocate, Association of California Water Agencies
- Robert Reeb, Executive Director, Valley Ag Water Coalition

11:55 – 12:40  Lunch Break

12:40 - 1:35  State Backstop Panel

How can the state’s role be defined so that it is targeted, effective and complements the goal of sustainable local groundwater management?

Panelists
- Sarge Green, Program Director, California Water Institute
- Dave Bolland, Senior Regulatory Advocate, Association of California Water Agencies
- Art Kidman, General Counsel, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
- Laurel Firestone, Co-Executive Director, Community Water Center
- Frank Mecham, First District Supervisor, San Luis Obispo County

1:35  Public Comment