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*
- *TBD, Santa Clara Valley Water District*
- *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