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# Groundwater Regulation and Management in California

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8:00 Registration Opens

8:30 Introduction and Overview

Paeter E. Garcia, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
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Scott A. Morris, Esq., Program Co-Chair  
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

8:45 Introduction to Groundwater: Geohydrology Science and Engineering

The difference between surface and groundwater, including the concept of subsurface flows and the boundary between surface and groundwater, aquifer analysis, groundwater flows, the impacts of groundwater wells, and related topics

Dennis E. Williams, Ph.D., Founder and President  
GEOSCIENCE Support Services, Inc. ~ Claremont, CA

Impact of the drought and the current status of groundwater Basins in California

Maurice Hall, Ph.D., P.E., Senior Hydrologist and Water Resources Engineer, California Water Program  
The Nature Conservancy ~ Sacramento, CA

10:15 Break

10:30 Existing Groundwater Law and What AB 3030 Changes

Groundwater Law 101: Understand the different types of groundwater rights; how water rights priorities allocate groundwater among competing users; how groundwater is currently regulated; how disputes among groundwater users have typically been resolved

Eric N. Robinson, Esq.  
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Where the Act applies; major components; what the goal of "sustainable" groundwater use means; how local Sustainability Agencies will be designated; when plans must be adopted; tools for implementation

Spencer Kenner, Esq., Assistant Chief Counsel  
California Department of Water Resources ~ Sacramento, CA

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:15 Development of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Plans (GSPs)

Possible agencies; Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs); impact on LASCO (Local Agency Formation Commissions); timing requirements; stakeholder participation provisions; notices and hearings; provisions for resolving disputes over formation of the GSA

Richard P. Shanahan, Esq.  
Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, P.C. ~ Sacramento, CA

Local Sustainability Plans: Elements of a plan; sustainable yield determinations; tools (e.g. pumping reductions) and powers (e.g. adjudicated basins) for getting to a safe yield

Iris Priestaf, Ph.D., President  
Todd Groundwater ~ Alameda, CA

Engineering pros and cons of project strategies for achieving sustainable groundwater basins: Surface water storage; recycling water; water transfers; desalinization

Adam Hutchinson, P.G., Recharge Planning Manager  
Orange County Water District ~ Fountain Valley, CA

3:15 Break

3:30 What to Expect in Terms of State Assistance and Involvement

Department of Water Resources (DWR) guidelines and the potential role of the State Water Resources Control Board

David Bolland, Senior Regulatory Advocate  
Association of California Water Agencies ~ Sacramento, CA

DWR technical assistance

Dan McManus, P.G.  
Regional Planning Branch Chief, Northern Region Office  
California Department of Water Resources ~ Red Bluff, CA

5:00 Continue the Exchange of Ideas: Reception for Faculty and Attendees

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California's new Sustainable Groundwater Management Act is perhaps the most significant water law to be passed in the last 100 years. For the first time, California will implement broad reaching regulations over groundwater that will be phased in over the next several years. These new requirements will substantially affect future decisions in the areas of land use, the environment, agriculture and municipal water use, and many other aspects of California life.

Join industry experts, leading attorneys and agency officials for a two-day conference regarding the mechanics and implications of the new Act. Topics include statewide perspectives in groundwater management, legal implications of the new laws, practical approaches and requirements for forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans, the role of state agencies, funding issues, and practical examples of how real life groundwater disputes are resolved today.

This comprehensive conference will provide local government, agricultural, environmental, attorney and consultant interests with a working knowledge of how to plan for the future under the new groundwater legislation.

Program Co-Chairs: Paeter E. Garcia, Esq., Best Best & Krieger LLP and Scott A. Morris, Esq., Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard



8:30 Introduction to Day 2
Paeter E. Garcia, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Scott A. Morris, Esq., Program Co-Chair

8:45 Relationship Between AB 3030 Planning and Other Planning Requirements and Processes
Relationship to land use planning (general plans and other land use decisions) and existing water supply analyses (IRWMPs, UWMPs, WSAs, WVs, CEQA water supply analyses)
Paeter E. Garcia, Esq., Program Co-Chair, Moderator
Brian Boxer, AICP, Senior Vice President and Community Development Practice Leader
Environmental Science Associates ~ Sacramento, CA
Kirby Brill, P.E., General Manager
Mojave Water Agency ~ Apple Valley, CA

10:15 Break

10:30 Financing Issues
Proposition 218: How the courts have interpreted its scope and the requirements that total fees not exceed the cost of service and that individual rates not exceed the cost attributable to the parcel; impact on recovery of administrative costs
Jonathan P. Cristy, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

JPA options and other financial tools

Kenneth L. Dieker, Principal
Del Rio Advisors, LLC ~ Modesto, CA

Impact of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (water bond)

Sandra L. Schubert, Esq.
Somach Simmons & Dunn ~ Sacramento, CA

12:00 Lunch (on your own)



1:15 Resolving Groundwater Disputes: Options When Informal Methods, such as Mediation, Fail
Groundwater adjudications
Eric L. Garner, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger LLP ~ Los Angeles, CA

2:00 Contingency Planning: What if a Plan Fails?
Andrew H. Sawyer, Esq., Assistant Chief Counsel
California EPA, State Water Resources Control Board
Sacramento, CA

2:45 Break

3:00 Case Studies of Issues in the Most Controversial Areas
Coachella Valley
Jim Barrett, P.E., General Manager
Coachella Valley Water District ~ Coachella, CA

Adjudicated areas

Robb Whitaker, P.E., General Manager
Water Replenishment District of Southern California
Lakewood, CA

Areas already managed by a Special Act Agency

Adam Hutchinson, P.G., Recharge Planning Manager
Orange County Water District ~ Fountain Valley, CA

4:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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**Faculty: Groundwater Regulation and Management Conference**

**Paeter E. Garcia**, *Program Co-Chair*, partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP, focuses on water rights, water supply planning, and environmental and natural resources law and represents clients on water law and policy matters, such as surface and groundwater right issues, water transactions and conveyance, and groundwater management and storage arrangements.

**Scott A. Morris**, *Program Co-Chair*, shareholder, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, focuses on natural resources, land use, and water law and represents clients on water rights, water transfers, environmental law, hazardous materials, mining and development permits.

**Jim Barrett**, General Manager, Coachella Valley Water District, who provides potable water, irrigation water, recycled water and sewer services to eight cities. Previously, he was Water Department Director for the City of San Diego.

**David Bolland**, Senior Regulatory Advocate, Association of California Water Agencies, represents the water management and groundwater policy interests of California's public water agencies.

**Brian Boxer**, Senior Vice President and Community Development Practice Leader, Environmental Science Associates, focuses on integrating environmental planning and documentation, community planning, and project development that results in improved projects, informed policy and collaborative decision-making.

**Kirby Brill**, General Manager, Mojave Water Agency, is experienced in water resources management. Previously, he was the Executive Director at San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

**Jonathan P. Cristy**, shareholder, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, represents cities, school districts, water agencies, community services districts, and other public agencies in public finance and primarily serves as bond counsel, disclosure counsel, or agency

counsel to these public entities in connection with their debt financings.

**Kenneth L. Dieker**, Principal, Del Rio Advisors, LLC, is experienced as a municipal finance advisor and has a direct and in-depth knowledge of public agency finance and technical skills.

**Eric L. Garner**, Managing Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP, has litigated cases and negotiated key agreements involving major water bodies across the state, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Mojave River, the Santa Ana River, and the Santa Maria, Chino, Monterey and Antelope Valley groundwater basins.

**Maurice Hall, Ph.D.**, Senior Hydrologist and Water Resources Engineer, California Water Program, The Nature Conservancy, focuses on improving our understanding of the relationship of hydrology with water-dependent ecosystems and the development of integrated water management strategies to restore and protect ecosystems.

**Adam Hutchinson**, Recharge Planning Manager, Orange County Water District, is responsible for testing and evaluating new methods to increase the capacity of the existing recharge system, planning for future expansion of the recharge system, and assisting recharge operations in developing optimization strategies.

**Spencer Kenner** is Assistant Chief Counsel for the California Department of Water Resources.

**Dan McManus**, is Regional Planning Branch Chief, Northern Region Office, California Department of Water Resources, where his primary responsibilities are supervising the groundwater and geology, data collection and management, program coordination, and the land and water use sections.

**Iris Priestaf, Ph.D.**, President, Todd Groundwater, is experienced in groundwater investigations, combining research and teaching at the university level and has

consulted on numerous projects involving groundwater basin characterization, development, planning and management.

**Eric N. Robinson**, shareholder and manager of the natural resources practice group at Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, represents public and private sector clients in the fields of natural resources and environmental law.

**Andrew H. Sawyer** is Assistant Chief Counsel for the California EPA, State Water Resources Control Board.

**Sandra L. Schubert**, Somach Simmons & Dunn, is experienced in water rights, agricultural and land use issues, as well as climate and food safety issues. Previously, she was Undersecretary for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**Richard P. Shanahan**, founding partner, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan, P.C., focuses on municipal and special district law, environmental law, public works project development, public finance, and land use and planning work and is general counsel and city attorney to numerous local government agencies.

**Robb Whitaker**, is General Manager, Water Replenishment District of Southern California, a regional groundwater agency that manages 40% of the total demand for water to nearly four million residents in southern Los Angeles County and is experienced in water distribution infrastructure, water supply forecasting, and groundwater basin management.

**Dennis E. Williams, Ph.D.**, Founder and President, GEOSCIENCE Support Services, Inc., is experienced in groundwater hydrology and has directed geohydrologic investigations domestically and worldwide which includes the design and supervision of over 1,000 deep large-scale municipal water supply wells.

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