A Comprehensive Conference on the Next Phase for Sustainable Groundwater Planning in California

Important practical legal, technical, business and regulatory information for preparing GSPs

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This installment in our series on implementation of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) focuses on developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). We’ll start with a brief overview of the next steps and then do a deep dive into the legal and technical details for plan development.

There is a combination of legal and technical issues for all aspects of plan development. We interweave both throughout the program. Our speakers will go beyond identifying challenges to outlining the possible solutions and offering tips for picking the best solution for specific situations. You’ll end up with information and tools that you can put to work as soon as you return to the office.

We encourage you to take a careful look at the topics and speaker credentials. We think you’ll find the former to be very relevant to the issues that people involved with developing GSPs will need to resolve and the latter to be very well qualified to offer advice.

Our last panel addresses the critical issue of financing options for cost recovery under Propositions 26 and 218. We hope you will join us for this very timely and informative conference.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Scott A. Morris, Esq. of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard and Deborah A. Wordham, Esq. of Best Best & Krieger LLP
8:30 Governance (cont'd)
Practical aspects of working out governance issues among GSAs and their constituents
Marcelle E. DuPraw, Ph.D.,
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9:00 Stakeholder Outreach Processes for GSP Development
Applying theory to practice: Legal and practical perspectives on identifying constituents and key stakeholders; due process issues
Jeremy N. Jungreis, Esq.
Rutan & Tucker LLP ~ Costa Mesa, CA
Dave Ceppos, Associate Director & SGMA Program Manager
Center for Collaborative Policy ~ Sacramento, CA

10:00 Break

10:15 Working with Tribes as Sovereigns as Opposed to Stakeholders
Legal parameters, including requirements for Tribal consultation
Holly Anne Roberson, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA
Nicole Kuenzi, Esq., Staff Counsel
State Water Resources Control Board ~ Sacramento, CA
Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor
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12:15 Lunch (on your own)

1:30 Financing Options and Strategies for GSP Development
Initial plan development: Perspectives on whether it is possible, or desirable to try to structure initial planning to avoid falling under Proposition 218; anticipating rate setting issues under Propositions 26 and 218
Constantine C. Baranoff, Esq.
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3:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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