A Comprehensive Conference on SGMA's Next Phase:

Sustainable Groundwater Planning in California

Current legal, technical, business, and regulatory information for preparing GSPs

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About the Conference

This installment in our continuing series on implementation of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) focuses on key current issues for developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). We’ll start with the two primary state agencies reporting on implementation progress from the state’s perspective. We’ll then turn to the first of our substantive panels with a discussion of modeling tools and their role in determining sustainable yields for GSPs.

If your basin is over-subscribed, you’ll be particularly interested in the speakers who will be addressing approaches for augmenting water supplies to avoid or reduce cuts in groundwater production. We’ll round out the first day with a discussion of how GSPs can address effects of groundwater production on surface streams.

The second day focuses on the potential need for production allocations and the interplay between SGMA and groundwater allocations. We’ll conclude with the current best thinking on SGA/GSP finance.

We encourage you to take a careful look at the topics and speaker credentials—they are people you’ll want to get to know. Plan to stay for the reception at the end of the first day, where you can speak one-on-one with our conference faculty.

We hope you will join us for this very timely and informative conference.

~ Program Co-Chairs: Eric N. Robinson, Esq. of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard and Wendy Y. Wang, Esq. of Best Best & Krieger
8:30  Groundwater Production Allocations: An Option for GSAs

Use of groundwater production allocations in groundwater sustainability plans

Daniel M. Dooley, Principal
New Current Water & Land ~ Sacramento, CA

As some GSAs adopt and implement groundwater production allocation programs, how can they manage the tension between allocations, production rampdowns, and water right claims by competing pumpers?

Russell M. McGlothlin, Esq.
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck ~ Santa Barbara, CA

10:00  Break

10:15  GSA Outreach and GSP Development: Working with Tribal Governments as Sovereign Nations

Federally reserved water rights; consultation requirements; effective consultation; reasons why Tribes may be reluctant to participate in a GSA or share pumping and aquifer management data; confidentiality; practical tips for addressing those concerns

Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor
California Department of Water Resources ~ Sacramento, CA

John Covington, Reservation Services Administrator
Morongo Band of Mission Indians ~ Banning, CA

Holly A. Roberson, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

4:00  Evaluations and Adjourn

1:15  SGMA and Groundwater Adjudications

Given that pumpers will look at an allocation in light of what they would expect to get in an adjudication, and that an adjudication must figure out safe yields and can’t slow down SGMA implementation, what are the pros and cons of doing an adjudication?

Wendy Y. Wang, Esq., Program Co-Chair
David R. E. Aladjem, Esq.
Downey Brand ~ Sacramento, CA
Scott K. Kuney, Esq.
Young Wooldridge ~ Bakersfield, CA

2:45  Break

3:00  GSA/GSP Finance 101: What GSP Developers and Stakeholders Need to Know About Revenue Constraints and Viable Pathways to Pay for GSP Implementation

Propositions 26 and 218 and other constraints: Tips for identifying the optimal funding structures for initial GSP development and GSP implementation activities

Lutfi Kharuf, Esq.
Best Best & Krieger ~ San Diego, CA

San Buenaventura case and its impacts on GSP funding; creative financing hypotheticals for projects

Constantine C. Baranoff, Esq.
Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard ~ Sacramento, CA

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You Will Learn About:
- State agency updates on GSPs and progress towards SGMA implementation
- Modeling tools and their role in creating legally sufficient sustainable yield determinations
- Water transfer options for getting water into the basin
- New developments in augmentation
- Water quality issues
- GSP flexibility to accommodate changes in surface water flow needs
- Production allocations for overdrafted basins
- Working with Tribal governments as sovereign nations
- SGMA and groundwater adjudications
- GSA/GSP finance options and pathways

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