



APRIL 10, 2024 • SACRAMENTO



AGENDA

Registration

12:30 - 1:00 PM

Meeting Rooms 9, 10 & 11 • SAFE Credit Union
Convention Center, Sacramento

Welcome Remarks/ACWA Update

1:00 - 1:15 PM

Speakers:

Ernie Avila, ACWA Vice President

Lauren Layne, Chair, ACWA State Legislative Committee

Cristel Tufenkjian, Chair, Outreach Task Force

Groundwater: SGMA Implementation and Legislative Action

1:15 - 2:30 PM

In 2014, the state legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), establishing a statewide framework to help protect groundwater resources over time. Ten years later, the hard work of implementing SGMA is well underway. Additionally, in recent years, many bills have been introduced related to SGMA and groundwater management. This program will feature experts from across California discussing critical issues surrounding implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and legislative priorities related to groundwater management.

Moderator:

Lauren Layne, Chair, ACWA State Legislative Committee

Panelists:

Pablo Garza, Chief Consultant, Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee

Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources

Kristin Sicke, General Manager, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Break

2:30 - 2:45 PM

Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life

2:45 - 4:00 PM

In 2018 the Legislature passed a package of bills implementing former Governor's Brown's vision for "Making Conservation a California Way of Life." The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is in the final stages of implementing this legislative framework following several years of studies and engagement with interested parties. The Legislative Analyst's Office and Public Policy Institute of California, however, have both raised significant questions about some of the policy decisions the State Water Board has made in its proposed regulations. And the Legislature is considering several bills that could amend the existing legislative framework raising the possibility that the framework could be changed just as the regulatory package is being adopted. This program will include a discussion of the current proposed regulations and how any legislative action may impact that ongoing work.

Moderator:

Julia Bishop Hall, Legislative Relations Manager, ACWA

Panelists:

Chelsea Haines, Regulatory Relations Manager, ACWA

Eric Oppenheimer, Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board

Sonja Petek, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, California Legislative Analyst's Office

Fireside Chat with Senator Ashby

4:05 - 4:50 PM

Moderator:

Kris Anderson, Sr. Legislative Advocate, ACWA

Guest of Honor:

Senator Angelique Ashby (D-Sacramento, Senate District 8)

Networking Reception

(must be a registered attendee to attend reception)

5:00 - 7:00 PM

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