

Water 101 Workshop

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Course Description:

A daylong course on California water basics & hot topics, with an optional second-day Groundwater Tour

8:30 a.m. Registration: Coffee and Pastries

9:00 a.m. Introduction and Course Outline

Jennifer Bowles, Executive Director, Water Education Foundation

9:10 a.m. California's Natural Water Endowment

Byron Buck, Water Resources Consultant, Westervelt Ecological Services

Water Geography, History and Hydrology Surface Water - Major Delivery Systems

- > The Gold Rush
- State Water Project
- Central Valley Project
- Bay Area
- Southern California

Wild & Scenic Rivers

Groundwater

Flood Management

Alternative Supplies

- Ocean Desalination
- Water Recycling
- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Capture
- Water Transfers

Discussion – Questions & Answers

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Summary of California Water Rights Systems

Jennifer Harder, Associate Professor, McGeorge School of Law

- Riparian Rights
- Appropriative Rights
- Reasonable and Beneficial Use
- Public Trust Law and Cases
- > Tribal Water Rights
- Groundwater Rights

Discussion – Questions & Answers

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Current Issues in California Water Management

Jay Lund, Director of the Center for Watershed Sciences and Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Davis

- Actions and consequences leading to today's Delta issues
 - Water quality standards for rivers flowing into the Delta
 - Tunnel proposal
- Ecosystem Management
- System Infrastructure
- Disadvantaged Communities
 - o Water tax?
- Climate Change, Drought/El Niño/La Niña
- Salton Sea

Discussion – Questions & Answers

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. The Water Education Foundation

Jennifer Bowles, Executive Director, Water Education Foundation

- Resources for continued learning
- Western Water news & other free publications

1:45 p.m. Groundwater: The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

Kevin O'Brien *Partner, Downey Brand LLP*

- Groundwater as a Resource
- SGMA Overview
- What's ahead for SGMA

Discussion – Questions & Answers

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Legal and Institutional Management Framework

Holly Roberson, Attorney, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard

Water Management Institutions

- California Department of Water Resources/State Water Project
- State Water Resources Control Board/Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- Bureau of Reclamation/Central Valley Project
- > Fish and Wildlife Resource Agencies
- Delta Stewardship Council
- California Water Commission
- Delta Conservancy
- Regional and Local Water Districts
- CPUC-regulated Water Districts

Summary of Governing Laws

- Clean Water Act
- > Safe Drinking Water Act
- Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act
- Endangered Species Acts State and Federal
- Environmental Review Laws State and Federal
- Delta Reform Act

Discussion – Questions & Answers

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Understanding and Working with the State Legislature

Dennis O'Connor, Principal Consultant for the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

- The real-life process of passing landmark legislation How you can participate
- Current and future water issues in the California Legislature
- Legislative priorities

Discussion – Questions & Answers

5:00 p.m. Adjourn & Distribution of Certificates of Class Completion





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