



The Road to Sustainability: SGMA 10-Year Anniversary Event Agenda

Monday, November 18, 2024

Registration 8:30 a.m., Session 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

California Natural Resources Agency

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and online with advance registration

8:30 a.m. Event Registration

9:00 a.m. Morning Session

Welcome and Keynote Address - Karla Nemeth, Director, California Department of Water Resources and former California Governor, Jerry Brown

Panel #1: Where Did It All Begin? A Pre-SGMA Reflection.

Panelists will reflect on the state of groundwater management prior to 2014, and the collaboration needed to pass SGMA legislation.

- **Moderator:** Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management, Department of Water Resources
- **Panelists:**
 - Roger Dickinson, Former Assemblymember, California State Assembly
 - Lester Snow, Former Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
 - Karen Ross, Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture
 - Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies
 - Felicia Marcus, William C. Landreth Fellow, Stanford University's Water in the West Program

Break

Panel #2: Where Are We Now? Accomplishments of the First 10 Years.

Panelists will highlight the achievements and challenges that have brought their agency or organization to where they are now.

- **Moderator:** Keith Wallace, Assistant Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management, Department of Water Resources
- **Panelists:**
 - Trevor Joseph, Manager of Technical Services, Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Groundwater Authority
 - Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Water Resources
 - Aaron Fukuda, General Manager, Tulare Irrigation District
 - Nataly Escobedo Garcia, Water Policy Coordinator, Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability
 - Katarina Campbell, Director, Westlands Water District

12:25 p.m.

Networking and No-Host Lunch Break

Please note that hosted lunch is not included in this event.

1:45 p.m. Afternoon Session

Secretary's Remarks - [Secretary Wade Crowfoot](#), California Natural Resources Agency

Panel #3: Where Are We Headed? The Road to Sustainability.

After their opening remarks, panelists will share more about their views on SGMA implementation and state intervention.

- **Moderator:** [Nancy Vogel](#), Senior Water Policy Advisor to the Director, Department of Water Resources
- **Panelists:**
 - [Paul Gosselin](#), Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management, Department of Water Resources
 - [Dorene D'Adamo](#), Vice Chair, State Water Resources Control Board
 - [Brian Lockwood](#), General Manager, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
 - [Geoff Vanden Heuvel](#), Director of Regulatory and Economic Affairs, Milk Producers Council
 - [Keali'i Bright](#), Assistant Director, California Department of Conservation
 - [Don Cameron](#), Member of Environmental Farming Act Science Advisory Panel, California Department of Food and Agriculture

Closing Remarks - [Karla Nemeth](#), Director, Department of Water Resources

3:15 p.m.

Poster Session - How the State is Assisting with SGMA Implementation

4:30 p.m.

No-Host Networking Social

Connect with colleagues and peers after the event at a no-host social, held at [Hop Gardens](#), 2904 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

For event-related questions, please email sgmps@water.ca.gov.
For more information on the Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Management Program, please visit:
<https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management>