

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING (BMP) COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan
Silvio Bernardi

David Bunn, Public Member
Don Chapin, Public Member
Dennis Sites, Public Member

TIME: 11:45 am
DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2015
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4860

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker on matters within the jurisdiction of the Agency not listed on this agenda. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make statements on agenda items as the Committee considers them.)
- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2014.**
The Committee will consider approval of the Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
- 4. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT WEBINAR.**
The Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA) is presenting the second in a series of web seminars on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Presenters will include representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Water Resources, the Consensus Building Institute, and the law firm Downey Brand. The title of the webinar is, "First Steps – Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governance, Interested Parties, State Agency Roles."
- 5. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP) COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order @ 11:50 a.m.** by Committee Chair Richard Ortiz.

Members present: Director Richard Ortiz, Director Deidre Sullivan and Director Claude Hoover. Public Member Dennis Sites arrived at 12:05 p.m.

Members absent: Director Silvio Bernardi, Public Member David Bunn and Public Member Don Chapin

A quorum was established

2. **Public Comments**
None

3. **Approve the Minutes of the BMP Committee meetings held on July 9, 2014 and August 13, 2014.**

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Deidre Sullivan and Claude Hoover, the Committee approved the Minutes of the BMP meetings held on July 9, 2014 and August 13, 2014.

4. **Groundwater Sustainability Act**

The Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA) is presented a web seminar on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Presenters included representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency; Association of California Water Agencies; California Department of Food and Agriculture; and the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

5. **Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

4. **Adjournment @ 2:00 pm.**

Submitted by: Alice Henault

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANNING (BMP) COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE:	January 21, 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	
AGENDA TITLE:	GRA Web Seminar - The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act		
	Consent ()	Action ()	Information (X)
SUBMITTED BY:	Robert Johnson	PREPARED BY:	Amy Woodrow
PHONE:	(831) 755-4860	PHONE:	(831) 755-4860
DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:	January 21, 2015		

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

None.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

None.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Groundwater Resources Association of California (GRA) is presenting a web seminar on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which is contained in three bills (AB 1739, SB 1168, and SB 1319) and was signed into law in September 16, 2014.

The SGMA became effective January 1, 2015 and mandates a number of actions by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and has implications for local agencies as well. The SGMA requires local entities establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for governance in high and medium priority groundwater basins, exclusive of adjudicated basins or where a statutorily designated agency has elected to be the GSA. This web seminar will provide information that will assist local agencies in implementing the provisions of the SGMA to establish a GSA. The web seminar will cover the following:

- Governance issues
- The engagement of Interested Parties
- State Agencies and Statutory Responsibilities.

Presenters will include representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Water Resources, the Consensus Building Institute, and the law firm Downey Brand. The title of the webinar is, “First Steps – Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governance, Interested Parties, State Agency Roles.”



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UPCOMING EVENT



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GRACast Web Seminar
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Part 2

First Steps-Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Governance, Interested Parties, State Agency Roles

Speakers:

- Gina Bartlett, Senior Mediator, Consensus Building Institute
- Erik Ekdahl, Senior Engineering Geologist, Groundwater Management Program Manager, State Water Resources Control Board
- Trevor Joseph, Department of Water Resources
- Kevin O'Brien, Attorney/Partner Downey Brand LLP

Moderator:
Carl Hauge

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Pacific Standard Time (San Francisco, GMT-08:00)

This is a free event. Attendance is limited to the first 500 registrations.

Register For This Event

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act), effective January 1, 2015, requires local agencies establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for governance in high and medium priority groundwater basins, exclusive of adjudicated basins or where a statutorily designated agency has elected to be the GSA. This GRACast will provide information that will assist local agencies in implementing the provisions of the Act to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The GRACast will cover the following:

Governance

- Legislative intent
- Explain GSA formation, responsibilities and authorities under SGMA requirements
- Special legislation
- Agencies designated by statute
- Functional equivalent (10 years of sustainable management)
- Time Frame
- Joint Powers Authority-JPA
- Memorandum of understanding-MOU
- Merger of agencies-amend the Water Code
- Adjudication

Engaging Interested Parties

- Beginning dialogues about basin/subbasin boundaries and options for GSA membership among eligible agencies
- Educating the public on the Act and what it means to them
- Establishing and engaging interested parties and stakeholder involvement
- Advisory committees roles and communications
- Schedule for facilitated workshops & timeline for formation of governance

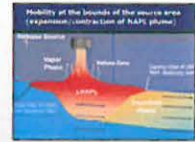
State Agencies and Statutory Responsibilities

- Basin boundaries - high and medium - guidelines for changing boundaries
- Identification of unmanaged areas & counties responsible for those areas
- State responsibilities when counties decline to manage unmanaged areas
- Development of guidelines by 1 June 2016
- Effect on governance, probationary basins



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by Dr. David Huntley

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- Guidelines for Functional Equivalent evaluation

BIOS - SPEAKERS AND MODERATOR



Gina Bartlett is a senior mediator with the Consensus Building Institute. Based in San Francisco, Ms. Bartlett has more than twenty years experience as a facilitator and mediator in consensus building and collaborative planning on public policy issues over a broad range of areas, including water and natural resources, land management, scientific and technical issues, energy, and education. Bartlett's specialty is multi-party negotiation and problem solving in complex, high stakes cases. She often works with tribal, federal, and state governments, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, business, scientists, and other decision makers to negotiate and implement collaborative efforts. Ms. Bartlett designed and facilitated development of the Sonoma Valley and Santa Rosa groundwater management plans. She has mediated a number of complex water resources issues in California, including the Mono Basin and Owens Valley, integrated regional water management, the California Urban Water Conservation Council and California Water Plan. Ms. Bartlett is on the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution roster of senior mediators.



Erik Ekdahl is a Senior Engineering Geologist at the State Water Resources Control Board, and is the Program Manager for the Board's new Groundwater Management Unit. He joined the State Water Board in 2008 as part of the Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program, where he focused on nitrate and groundwater contamination issues and development of GeoTracker GAMA, an on-line groundwater data tool. Most recently, Erik was the Program Manager for the Division of Financial Assistance's Integrated Regional Water Management and Stormwater Grant Programs. Erik is a Licensed Engineering Geologist, with a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Michigan.



Trevor Joseph, PG, CHG. is a supervising engineering geologist with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), has over 18 years of combined experience, 13 years providing environmental and water resources consulting services to private and public sector clients and more than 5 years working on a variety of legislative mandated programs and projects for the State. He is experienced in managing multi-disciplinary teams on geologic, geotechnical, hydrogeologic, hazardous waste investigations and water resource planning and development projects. Mr. Joseph's experience has focused primarily on water resources planning and groundwater development, conducting projects pertaining to conjunctive use planning and implementation (including aquifer storage and recovery), as well as groundwater supply water well drilling, aquifer testing and analysis, groundwater monitoring network design, water quality characterization, well and pump station design, and general groundwater research. Recently, Mr. Joseph has implemented and managed DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant programs, evaluated stream depletion impacts, and advanced groundwater substitution transfer and conjunctive use programs. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from California State University, Sacramento.



Kevin O'Brien, Partner, Downey Brand LLP, assists clients throughout California in water right, water quality, endangered species and environmental matters. His clients include private landowners, water districts, cities, counties, real estate developers, wineries and mining companies. He litigates water cases in state and federal courts and handles major water-related administrative hearings. He also negotiates agreements for the purchase and sale of water rights and contractual entitlements to water. Kevin practices regularly before the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Kevin has a reputation for solving problems. Clients refer to his calm, respectful approach as a proven asset when working with opposing counsel and agency decision-makers. Sacramento Lawyer magazine has described him as a lawyer who "advocates principled positions that reflect the law and are intended to achieve a solution for all the parties, not just his clients." Kevin is a former Managing Partner of Downey Brand.



Carl Hauge retired as Chief Hydrogeologist for the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento. Previously he worked in both the South Central and the North Central Region offices on dam site exploration, groundwater, water management, and well standards. He has worked on numerous groundwater and surface water studies, timber harvest practices, earthquake studies and a study of subsidence in a part of San Joaquin Valley in the 1960s. In addition to the Department of Water Resources, he has worked with Department of Forestry and Fire Control, State Board of Forestry, and the California Geological Survey.

Register Now

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Next GRACast:
Hydraulic Fracturing Series, Part 2
February 11, 2015 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM PST

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