



Addressing Current and Future Groundwater Management Challenges

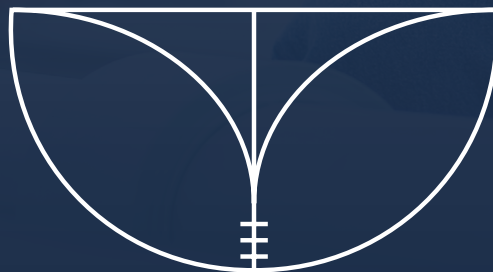


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SGMA IMPLEMENTATION Summit & Workshop

JUNE 7 & 8, 2023 SACRAMENTO

GSA SUMMIT 2.0



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This is YOUR Summit – come prepared to get the most out of it!

On June 7th & 8th 2023, don't miss this opportunity to share and mingle with other SGMA practitioners!

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2023 SGMA Implementation Summit & Workshop

June 7-8, 2023

Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, Sacramento

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DAY 1 – JUNE 7, 2023

7:30-8:30am – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00am – Summit Welcome/Overview

RT Van Valer/GRA President and John Woodling ACWA Groundwater Committee Chair

Lisa Porta and Adam Hutchinson, GRA Summit co-chairs

Trevor Joseph and Soren Nelson, ACWA Summit co-chairs

9:00-9:15am – Keynote: Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director of Sustainable Groundwater Management, CA Department of Water Resources (Invited)

SGMA Regulatory Updates and Implementation Progress

9:15-10:45am – Panel 1 - SGMA Implementation: How to keep all the balls in the air while staying the course on reaching sustainability (Strategic Planning and Next Steps For Successful 5-year Assessment)

Moderator: Lisa Porta, Montgomery & Associates

SGMA implementation is now a reality for all high and medium priority basins throughout California. As GSP's have been submitted and these plans need to be put into practice, many GSAs face challenges with next steps as they need to clear hurdles on funding, permitting and implementing projects and management actions. How do you get from planning to implementation? GSP 5-yr assessment and strategic implementation plans will be the focus of this panel. This session will take a look at a few key challenges, such as:

- Turning a plan into an actionable strategic roadmap – insights from a Special Act District with several decades of experience managing groundwater to reach long-term sustainability

- GSP 5-yr Assessments, What to expect and how to get there – DWR GSP review section leads will provide input on: What is DWR expecting? Key recommendations on how to showcase that GSAs are making adequate progress.
- A review of common recommendations from DWR on revisions for 5-yr assessments.
- How do you plan for a 5-year assessment, from a GSA perspective?
- Example 5-year assessment work on an approved Alternative GSP

This session will include ample opportunity for audience Q&A

10:45–11:00am – Networking Break (lots of indoor and outdoor space to mingle, catch up and check out exhibitors)

11:00-12:30pm - Panel 2 – Considerations for Demand Management: Creative Approaches to Complement Supply Augmentation

Moderator: Adam Hutchinson, Orange County Water District

Different approaches to demand management are starting to be implemented and lessons can be learned from early implementers. From groundwater allocation programs to changes in land use and creative use of different sources of water, various approaches to manage demand, from a pumping perspective versus land use perspective, will be discussed on this panel.

Panelists:

- **Keali'i' Bright, CA Department of Conservation** – overview and tips to participate in the land repurposing program
- **James Fisher, Mid-Kaweah GSA** - Lessons learned on demand management and local farmer responses to implementation of water allocations
- **TBD** – DWR LandFlex Program approach
- **Rebecca Smith, Downey Brand** - Water rights/land use rights approaches to demand management

12:30-1:00pm - Lunch break and networking (grab a delicious meal and catch up with friends)

1:00-2:00pm – Expert Roundtables – Explore Key Topics in a Discussion with Experts and Fellow Implementors

Intimate conversations with experts and fellow SGMA implementors! For this interactive session, attendees will sign up for small group facilitated discussions around a particular topic. Topic experts will give a brief overview of the topic and then facilitate a group discussion. There is enough time allocated to rotate to a different table once; so you can explore two different topics intimately!

Preliminary topics (subject to change) include:

1. Drought planning, management, and mitigation, and how it relates to SGMA planning
2. Climate adaptation in GSPs for the current hotter, drier climate
3. Demand management/reduction – additional discussion
4. Inter-connected surface water and depletions, technical and policy considerations
5. Funding opportunities for capital projects and in-kind services
6. Well permitting – approaches to meeting Executive Order requirements
7. Basinwide well registrations and data – success stories
8. Best use of data and tools for management decisions
9. Water markets and allocations: is it right for you?
10. Streamlined and integrated permitting approaches across multiple regulatory entities
11. Stakeholder outreach, engagement, and inclusion

2:00-2:15pm – Networking Break

2:15-3:45pm – Open Discussion and Reverse Panel with State Agencies

Moderator: Trevor Joseph, Regional Water Authority

This panel will feature enhanced audience involvement. First, attendees will be able to ask questions on pressing SGMA and project permitting issues, and in the second part, the panel will be reversed with agency representatives asking questions of the audience so you can provide your input to state agencies on support you need to be successful in implementing SGMA. Come talk and listen to:

- **Natalie Stork, SGMA Program Manager** – State Water Resources Control Board
- **Sam Boland-Brien, Division of Water Rights** - State Water Resources Control Board (Invited)
- **TBD – DWR SGMO**
- **TBD – Department of Fish and Wildlife**
- **TBD – Department of Food and Agriculture**

3:45-4:45pm – Wrap up of Day 1, Preview of Day 2, and Conflict Resolution Keynote Speaker

International Transboundary Water Conflicts and Resolutions
Examples from Around the World
Léna Salamé - International Conflict Management and Mediation Expert


4:45-7:00pm – Reception and Networking by Geography

This reception will provide an opportunity for attendees to network with others that work within their geography to explore key issues related to their area more in-depth, and foster regional collaboration. Clearly marked tables with posters will provide initial food for thought for regional discussions. You can also mingle about and check out what each geography is discussing or if you can learn something from other regions.

Geographies represented:

- Sacramento Valley
- San Joaquin Valley (incl. Tulare)
- Greater Bay Area
- Central Coast
- Southern California (incl. inland desert area)
- North Coast or Sierras

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8:30-9:00am – Workshop Welcome/Overview

Jean Fried, Water UCI, Workshop Organizer
Lisa Porta and Adam Hutchinson, GRA Summit co-chairs

9:00-10:30am- Session 1 – What are Common Conflicts Encountered within SGMA?

Moderator: TBD

Panel discussing the various conflicts encountered during SGMA planning and implementation - with a debrief on differences and commonalities, summarize lessons learned, and Q&A.

10:30-10:45am – Networking Break

10:45-12:15pm - Session 2 – Role Play in Conflict Resolution Approaches

Moderator: Léna Salamé - International Conflict Management and Mediation Expert

This session will provide an assessment of potential conflicts, techniques of management and resolution of conflicts. This will include a brief presentation and role-play. For the role play, attendees will be divided into groups that break out into different rooms for an effective role play simulation. We encourage all attendees to participate in this role play as you will gain a new understanding of potential conflicts and this will give you a fresh look at how to think about solutions that may be appropriate to your area. You will leave with effective tools to support your management of potential conflicts.

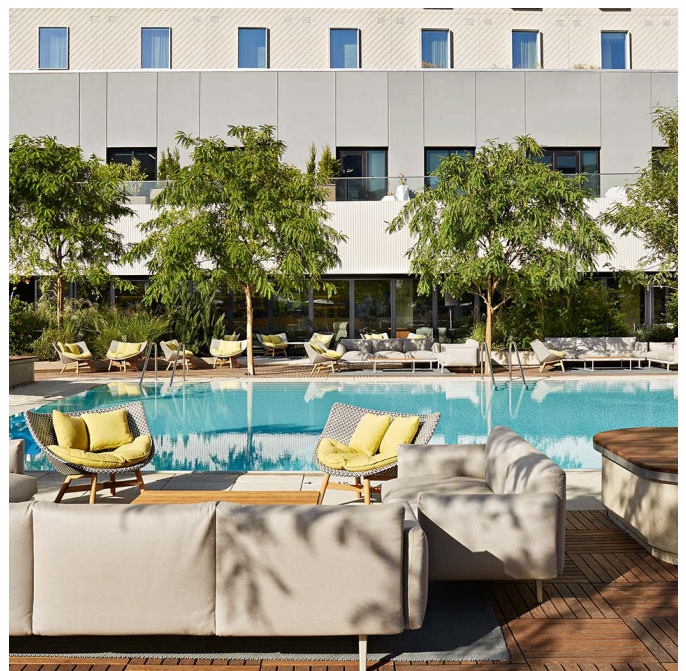
12:15-12:30pm – Workshop Reflections, Next steps, and Close

Jean Fried, Water UCI

Preparing for tools and approaches to manage conflicts during SGMA Implementation.

12:30-1:00pm – Optional Networking lunch

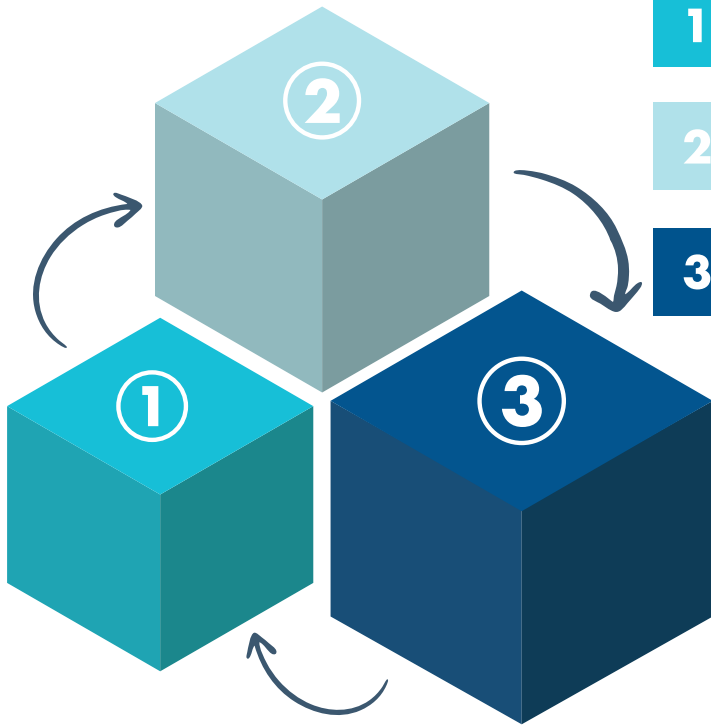
Box lunches will be available to take with you on your travels or to enjoy with other workshop attendees at this beautiful venue before you return to your work.



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this one!



1

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Learn about new bills that affect SGMA implementation from policy makers

2

SGMA Implementation Summit & Workshop

Learn about and discuss activities related to SGMA implementation with GSA managers, experts and State water leaders

3

Western Groundwater Congress

Learn about technical innovations and approaches to SGMA implementation throughout California from groundwater practitioners

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