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Fostering Meaningful Coordination Between Land Use Planning & Groundwater Management Under SGMA

**Stanford University
September 7 & 8, 2017**

Stanford University's Water in the West program, in partnership with ACWA, APA California, the Farm Bureau, and GRAC, is hosting an Uncommon Dialogue on groundwater management and land use planning under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

This Uncommon Dialogue brings together a select group of land use planners, groundwater managers, growers, state agency representatives, and policy experts to discuss opportunities for meaningful coordination between land use planning agencies and GSAs under SGMA that protect the social, economic, and environmental interests of all water users. Sessions will focus on strategies used in water-scarce jurisdictions throughout California to link land use development and water management; the role of agricultural land use on sustainable groundwater management; integrated management of areas outside of designated groundwater basin boundaries; and data needs for the integration of land use planning and groundwater management.

Goals of the Uncommon Dialogue

1. To hear lessons learned from urban and agricultural areas throughout California where land use planning and water management have already been closely coordinated.
2. To learn about the challenges facing agricultural communities in meeting SGMA requirements and potential solutions for maintaining the economic viability of rural communities.
3. To identify the most useful materials and resources to support the meaningful coordination of water management and land use planning under SGMA and beyond.

Meeting Details

When: September 7-8, 2017 (1.5 days)
Where: Stanford University, Alumni Center, 326 Galvez Street, Stanford
Hotel: Creekside Inn, 3400 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

AGENDA

Thursday, September 7, 2017

- 8:15 – 9:00 **Light Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Overview and Goals**
- 9:15 – 10:30 **Integrating Groundwater Management and Land Use Planning Under SGMA**
Speakers will provide an overview of the coordination requirements between land use planning agencies and water managers under SGMA and the potential challenges and opportunities in ensuring meaningful coordination between these groups.
- Moderator: David Orth, New Current Water and Land
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Pete Parkinson, American Planning Association
Eric Averett, Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District
- 10:30 – 10:50 **Break (20 minutes)**
- 10:50 – 12:20 **Land Use Regulation and Groundwater Management: Part 1**
Speakers will discuss the use of well permitting, well moratoriums, and other regulatory programs used for groundwater management in their localities.
- Moderator: Pete Parkinson, American Planning Association
Speakers: Walt Ward, Stanislaus County
Rob Fitzroy, San Luis Obispo County
Courtney Howard, San Luis Obispo County
- 12:20 – 1:20 **Lunch (1 hour)**
- 1:20 – 2:50 **Land Use Regulation and Groundwater Management: Part 2**
Speakers will discuss an agricultural irrigation index, land rezoning efforts, and other local land use regulatory programs developed to link land use with water availability.
- Moderator: Tim Parker, GRAC and Parker Groundwater
Speakers: David Stoldt, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Jurgen Gramckow, Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Mick Gleason, Kern County Supervisor

- 2:50 – 3:10 **Break (20 minutes)**
- 3:10 – 4:50 **Agriculture and Sustainable Groundwater Management**
Speakers will discuss the challenges farmers face as SGMA is implemented, strategies that may be used on the path achieving sustainable groundwater management, and how SGMA could reshape the agricultural landscape.
- Moderator: Jack Rice, California Farm Bureau Federation
Speakers: J. Paul Hendrix, Tulare Irrigation District
 Abigail Hart, The Nature Conservancy
 Dan Errotabere, Errotabere Ranches
 Greg Wegis, Wegis & Young
- 4:50 – 5:00 **Wrap-up**
- 5:30 **Reception & Dinner at Cibo Restaurant, 3398 El Camino Real, Palo Alto**

Friday, September 8

- 8:15 – 9:00 **Light Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:05 **Introduction to Day Two**
- 9:05 – 10:35 **Coordinating Land Use Outside of Basin Boundary**
Speakers will explore the impact of management and land use decisions made outside of basin boundaries and the role of land use planning agencies in sustainability planning under SGMA.
- Moderator: Iris Priestaf, Todd Groundwater
Speakers: Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency
 Sandi Potter, Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management
 Department
 Bill Keene, Sonoma County and Agricultural Preservation Open
 Space District
- 10:35 – 10:50 **Break (15 minutes)**

10:50 – 12:20

Coordinated Data for Integrated Land Use and Water Management

Speakers will explore the data requirements for land use planners and water managers at the regional and local scale, and discuss how data collection can be coordinated and shared between agencies.

Moderator: Andrew Fahlund, Water Foundation

Speakers: Paul Gosselin, Butte County Water and Resource Conservation

Tim Snellings, Butte County

Les Heringer, M&T Chico Ranch

Pete Bonacich, Cal Water Chico

12:20 – 1:00

Synthesis and Discussion of Workshop Outcomes

Discussant: Debbie Franco, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

1:00

Lunch and adjourn