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**BMP's for California Groundwater Management-Workshop Agenda**  
Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Stanford University Campus, Huang Building Mackenzie Room 300

8am **Breakfast**

8:45 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 **Overview of Goals** - Buzz Thompson, Director, Woods Institute, Stanford University

9:15 **Approach Used to Identify BMPs, Definition of BMPs, Input on other criteria** – Buzz Thompson and Rebecca Nelson (Review Research Paper)

10:00 **Break**

**10:15 Panels on Innovation & BMPs in Groundwater Management**

In each session, speakers will highlight: what they are doing, is it easy/hard? What are benefits/obstacles? How replicable are the innovations and BMPs? Is it easier for some agencies than others to adopt BMPs? How and Why? What more might be done?

10:15 **Panel #1:** Cooperation and Stakeholder Involvement

11:15 **Panel #2:** Collecting Information & Reporting Results

12:15 **Break** to serve lunch

12:45 **Panel #3:** Adopting a Diverse Portfolio of Approaches & Perspectives

1:45 **Panel #4:** Ensuring Implementation & Adequate Governance

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **Additional Ideas for Reform or Innovation**

- Sustainable groundwater pumping      Protecting groundwater dependent habitats
- Integrated ground/surface water use      State-established performance goals

4:00 **Moving Forward:** In this session we will discuss next steps to advance innovations and BMPs throughout the State. What policy measures, for example, might help local agencies with groundwater management? What are opportunities to apply BMPs elsewhere, and how could they be advanced? Would it be valuable to create a database of BMPs with sample instruments, a regular forum to discuss integrated management and best practices, etc.?

4:30 **Conclusions and Next Steps** - Buzz Thompson, Stanford University

4:45- 6:00 **Reception**

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