

Workshop on California Water Data

Friday November 4th 2011
Citizen Hotel, Sacramento, California

The goal of this workshop is to identify a clear path for implementing a coordinated database such as that proposed in the California Water Boards feasibility study or, if that is not feasible, to identify a viable path for creating an alternative, cost-effective proposal for reforming the ways in which water data is gathered, reported, and made accessible to researchers, NGOs, and the public, particularly at the state level. Background materials including the feasibility study and a working paper on the state of water data and performance measurement in California are available on our web site at:

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/waterinthewest/cgi-bin/web/content/california-water-data-workshop>

Agenda:

8:00 **Breakfast**

9:00 **Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Goals**

9:30 **The California Water Boards Coordinated Water Measurement Proposal:** A review of the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal that came out of the feasibility study and identification and analysis of the obstacles to its implementation. Sessions with a brief introduction by expert participants in the workshop, followed by facilitated discussion.

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **What can be done to address the obstacles and advance implementation of the Coordinated Water Measurement Proposal?**

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Are there alternative, costs effective approaches to the gathering and dissemination of existing water data in California?**

2:15 **Break**

2:30 **Identification of other water data issues and opportunities that need to be addressed in California.**

3:30 **Next steps.**

4:00 **Reception**

Confirmed Participants:

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