

Association of Ground Water Agencies - American Ground Water Trust

# AGWA – AGWT Annual Conference

“Everything aquifers and groundwater management”



Monday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
Gateway Hotel, 2200 East Holt Boulevard, Ontario, California 91761



See website for field visit opportunity to Regional Recycled Water Program (transportation not provided)

### Background

The first AGWA/AGWT joint conference was held in Ontario, CA in 2000. Since then, this annual event has provided an important information exchange and networking opportunity for California’s water agencies, utilities and water districts, and for all water professionals (scientific, engineering, managerial, legal, environmental, regulatory), end-users of water, and local and state elected officials involved with water policy issues. The focus of every program is on current groundwater management issues in California.

### Continuing Education

Anticipated approval for CA Drinking Water Operators – 11 Contact Hours  
Anticipated approved for CA Attorneys – 8 General Credits

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**Regional Recycled Water  
Advanced Purification Center**

**POST-CONFERENCE TOUR**

Wednesday, Feb. 13th - Sign-up: [www.agwt.org/events](http://www.agwt.org/events)

9:30 am -11:30 am  
Joint Water Pollution Control Plant,  
24501 S. Figueroa Street, Carson, 90745

Learn about the Advanced Purification Center. A new demonstration facility that tests an innovative process to purify wastewater for groundwater replenishment. It could lead to a full-scale program that purifies 150 million gpd and replenishes four groundwater basins in Southern California, making it one of the largest of its kind in the world. The program is a partnership of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

Monday February 11, 2019

**7:30 – 8:30**      **REGISTRATION** (Coffee & pastries – network with exhibitors)

**8:30 – 8:40**      **OPENING REMARKS FROM AGWA AND AGWT**  
Anthony Zampielo, Chairman, Association of Ground Water Agencies  
Andrew Stone, Executive Director, American Ground Water Trust

**8:40 – 9:10**      **KICK-OFF PRESENTATION**  
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT: UPDATE ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS  
Matthew D. Hacker, Senior Resource Specialist, Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles, CA

**9:10 – 9:40**      **THE ELUSIVE SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE**  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING: GROUNDWATER MODELING TO EVALUATE GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER INTERACTIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS  
Abhishek Singh, PhD, PE, Manager - California Operations, Senior Water Resources Engineer, INTERA Inc. Torrance, CA  
and Bryan Bondy, PG, CHG, Bondy Groundwater Consulting, Inc., (co-author recognition - David Jordan, PE, INTERA Inc.)

9:40 – 10:10

**INVITED KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

**NEW FUNDING FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE**

Mark Pestrella, Director, LA County Public Works, Los Angeles, CA (invited)

10:10 10:30 BREAK

11:30 – 12:00

**Session 1**

**IDENTIFYING, QUANTIFYING AND DEALING WITH CONTAMINANTS OF EMERGING CONCERN (CECs)**

(Including 1,2,3-TCP, hexavalent chromium, PPCPs, PFAS, perchlorate, 1-4,dioxane, NDMA and others! ) Water agencies are faced with an urgent need to respond to concerns about health issues, property values, remediation options and infrastructure costs related to the identification, measurement and treatment of these compounds.

Moderator: Rick Zimmer, Senior Account Manager, Eurofins Eaton Analytical, LLC, Monrovia, CA

**CECs IN THE LOS ANGELES (CENTRAL/WEST) BASIN**

Brian Partington, Senior Hydrologist, Water Replenishment District of Southern California, Lakewood, CA

**CECs IN THE ORANGE COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

Patrick Versluis, Director of Water Quality, Orange County Water District, Fountain Valley, CA Presenter,

**CECs IN THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN**

Randy Schoellerman, Assistant Executive Director, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, West Covina, CA

**CECs IN THE CHINO BASIN**

Presenter to be determined

12:00 – 1:00

**LUNCH (provided)**

1:00 – 2:20 -

**Session 2**

**PASO ROBLES BASIN - FIRST JURY TRIAL OVER GROUNDWATER RIGHTS IN CALIFORNIA**

A Santa Clara County Superior Court jury found on Sept. 24, 2018 that a group of public water suppliers in San Luis Obispo County had the right to pump groundwater from a large groundwater basin in San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties. The four-week trial pitted agricultural interests against public water suppliers during a time of extreme water tension due to drought and drought-like conditions in the State. What comes next?

Anthony Brown, CEO & Principal Hydrologist, Aquilogic, Costa Mesa, CA

Jeffrey V. Dunn, JD, Attorney, Partner, Best Best Krieger Law, Irvine, CA

2:20 – 3:50

**Session 3**

**THE CLOUD & WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Moderator to be announced

In the natural hydrologic system, water moves from the meteorological clouds to aquifers. In the modern management of groundwater, the movement of hydrogeological data is from the ground to the cyberspace cloud. Management is the key to groundwater sustainability. Does the "cyberspace cloud" help?

**NEXT GENERATION GROUNDWATER LEVEL INFORMATION SYSTEMS: EXTENDING WELL DATA NETWORKS BEYOND THE WELLFIELD TO INFORM OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT DECISIONS**

Chuck Dunning, PhD, PG, Vice President Business Development, WellIntel, Milwaukee, WI

**HELPING GSAS ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY USING FOCUSED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

Aaron Collier, PG, Vice President, Collier Consulting, Stephenville, TX

**DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR INDIAN WELLS VALLEY - PAINFUL BUT NECESSARY**

Tim Parker, PG, CEG, CHG, President, Parker Groundwater, Sacramento, CA

3:50 – 4:00

**BREAK**

4:00 – 5:30

**Session 4**

**DOWN-HOLE TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFICIENT GROUNDWATER PUMPING, RECHARGE AND WATER QUALITY CONTROL**

Water engineers, consultants and agency managers can benefit from technology updates about what happens down a well. Water wells are engineered holes in the ground. The equipment that is selected for pumping, recharge and for refining well design can have significant economic impacts on construction and operation costs. Drawing up specifications for wells is best done with an understanding of equipment options and awareness of how advance information of subsurface geochemistry can inform pumping and treatment decisions.

Moderator: Andrew Stone, Executive Director, American Ground Water Trust, Concord, NH

**RAPID HIGH RESOLUTION ZONAL AQUIFER GEOCHEMISTRY AND FLOW DOWN TO 3000 FEET**

Noah Heller, President, Best Environmental Subsurface Science and Technologies, San Rafael, CA,

**THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF DOWNHOLE VALVE EQUIPMENT FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION IN AQUIFER STORAGE RECOVERY WELLS**

Kent Madison, President, 3RValve LLC, Echo, OR

**THE WELL PUMP IS THE HEART OF GROUNDWATER SYSTEMS: HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT PUMP AND SIMPLE ROUTINE DIAGNOSTICS TO KEEP YOUR PUMP HEALTHY**

David Kill, PE, Training Consultant, Xylem Goulds Water Technology, St. Paul, MN

**5:30 – 7:00 RECEPTION (Cash bar)**

Tuesday February 12, 2019

**7:30 – 8:30 REGISTRATION**

**8:30 – 10:00 Session 5**

**CHALLENGES TO ENSURING SAFE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Water Supply responsibilities in California extend beyond providing for the needs of the major irrigation industries and the water agencies with large service populations. The more rural areas of the state also have sustainability and water quality issues. As more people are choosing to live in the foothills and in areas away from major urban centers and the reach of pipelines, there needs to be a closer focus on how groundwater professionals can help maintain affordable and safe water supply for small systems and homeowners.

Moderator to be announced

**PFAS: WIDE-RANGING SOURCES AND IMPACTS TO CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLIES**

Gregory Schnaar, PhD, Principal Environmental Scientist, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Washington, DC

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN FRACTURED ROCK AQUIFERS SERVING RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS, VINEYARDS, FARMS AND RANCHES**

Stephen J. Baker, PG, HG, Hydrogeologist, Living Water® programming, Nevada City, CA

**SOLVING WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES FOR CALIFORNIA'S SMALLER COMMUNITIES**

Dan Demoss, Executive Director, California Rural Water Association, Sacramento, CA.

**10:00 - 10:30 INVITED PRESENTATION FROM CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDWATER INFORMATION GURU**

**WHERE AND HOW TO GET INFORMATION: CALIFORNIA WATER LIBRARY AND THE GROUNDWATER EXCHANGE**

Chris Austin, *Maven's Notebook*, The Groundwater Exchange, *California Water Library*, Santa Clarita, CA

**10:30 – 10:50 BREAK**

**10:50 – 12:20 Session 6**

**WATER AGENCY/WATER DISTRICT: COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES  
WHY THEY ARE NEEDED AND HOW SUCCESS IS MEASURED**

Why do water agencies invest in education programs? What are the benefits from having the customer base understand where their water comes from and how it is delivered? How do agency educators decide on their targets? Is "outreach" different from "education" and is there a dividing line between public relation programs and education? What initiatives are shown to be effective and how can their effectiveness be assessed?

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Gina Ayala, Principal Communications Specialist, Orange County Water District, Fountain Valley, CA

Rachel McGuire Communications Manager, Western Municipal Water District, Riverside, CA

Adrian Hightower, Education Unit Manager, Metropolitan Water District, Los Angeles, CA

**12:20 – 1:20 LUNCH**

**1:20 – 2:50 Session 7**

**GEOPHYSICS AT THE FRESH WATER/SALT WATER INTERFACE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S COASTAL AQUIFERS**

Coastal groundwater conditions in Southern California range from freshwater discharge off-shore, uncontrolled salt water intrusion through multilayered and faulted aquifer systems, and relic intrusion plumes trapped behind fresh water barrier well systems. Data from electrical resistivity and time domain electromagnetic induction from airborne geophysical investigations can provide valuable information for characterizing and modeling saline/freshwater dynamics at coastal and inland sites.

Moderator – John Jansen, Senior Geophysicist/Hydrogeologist, Collier Consulting, West Bend, WI

**GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE & SALT WATER INTRUSION ALONG THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST**

John Jansen, PhD, PG, PGp, Senior Geophysicist/Hydrogeologist, Collier Consulting, West Bend, WI

**AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF SALT WATER INTRUSION ALONG COASTAL CALIFORNIA**

Theodore Asch, PhD, PGp, Research Geophysicist, Aqua Geo Frameworks, LLC, Lakewood, CO

**SALT WATER & FRESH WATER INTERACTION AND AIRBORNE ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEYING**

Max Halkjaer, Hydrogeologist, Geophysicist, Ramboll Group, København S Denmark

**2:50 – 3:00 BREAK**

**3:00 – 4:30 Session 8**

**SGMA FEE ISSUES:**

**HOW TO FUND GSA IMPLEMENTATION, GSP PROJECTS ETC. HOW TO AVOID PROP 218 PITFALLS**

Moderator to be announced

Jena Acos, JD, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Santa Barbara, CA

Mack Carlson, JD, Attorney, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, Santa Barbara, CA

Mark Hildebrand, Principal, Hildebrand Consulting, Oakland, CA

**4:30 WRAP-UP, Continuing education sign-out and ADJOURN**

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Speaker Presentation Date                      Feb 11                       Feb 12   
 Attending (day not presenting)                      Feb 11  - \$100                      Feb 12  - \$100

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