



New GRA

Contemporary Groundwater Issues Council

Groundwater Caucus Meeting

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Introduction

GRA Mission

Dedicated to resource management that protects and improves groundwater supply and quality through education and technical leadership.





GRA Structure

- ~1200 Members
- 15-Member Board of Directors
 - 5 Branches in California
 - Plus Out-of-State Members
- 12 Committees
- Dozens of Volunteers
- 2011 – Launch New Council!



New Contemporary Groundwater Issues Council

- **Vision:** Help identify key information, education, and networking needs related to groundwater.
- **Goal:** Input to GRA's Board and Committees on opportunities (e.g., water forums, workshops, conferences, White Papers, surveys) to share experiences with and identify potential solutions to groundwater issues.





Council Composition

- 31 distinguished executives and leaders
- Range of disciplines and backgrounds
- Local, state, national & international levels
 - Regulatory agencies
 - Research and academic institutions
 - NGOs
 - Water agencies
 - Law and policy
 - Consultants





Council Workshop

- **April 26, 2011 UC Davis**
- **Purpose:** Discuss perspectives on key ongoing & future groundwater-related issues, challenges, and opportunities
- **Pre-Workshop Questionnaire:**
 - Key overview question on Council member's: "top 2 to 3" priority groundwater availability (quantity and quality) issues?



Workshop Format

- 31 attending facilitated workshop
- **Morning:** Individual Council members voice 2-3 top priority groundwater issues
- **Noon:** Each attendee ranks top 4 issues; overall key issues identified
- **Luncheon Keynote:** Tim Quinn on ACWA's Groundwater Management in Calif. Framework
- **Afternoon:** 2 rounds of 4 small group discussions



Workshop - Reports & Next Steps



Workshop – Results

6 Key Group Discussions of Issues

1. Data management
2. Conjunctive use/ IRWM
3. Water quality impacts, including in areas with disadvantaged communities
4. Managed aquifer recharge, including recycled water
5. Economics (value of water) and also regulatory consistency
6. Contaminant cleanup & water resources management



GRA Board

- May 14/15 Quarterly Board Meeting & Annual Planning Meeting
- Summary memo and draft workshop notes
- Discuss potential GRA programming & actions for key issues
- Contribute Council output to Calif. Water Plan Update 2013 Groundwater Caucus
- Draft notes to Council for further input, including suggested resource materials



More Info on the New Council

See GRA's Web Site at:

<http://www.grac.org/cgic.asp>

See also GRA's next Newsletter.

