



**GROUNDWATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION**  
of California

*Celebrating 20 Years of Dedication to Groundwater*



**Groundwater Resources Association of California**  
*in cooperation with the*  
**California Groundwater Coalition**  
*presents*

## **GRA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM AND LOBBY DAY**

**April 27, 2011**  
**The Citizen Hotel, 926 J Street, Sacramento**  
**The Quorum Room**

### **Improving Management of the State's Groundwater Resources**

**Continued Debate Over Groundwater Management Approaches**  
**Local Control or Statewide Regulation?**  
**Public Trust Doctrine**  
**Well Log Confidentiality**  
**Protection of Recharge Areas**

**Groundwater Monitoring Implementation including GAMA and CASGEM Updates**

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*All speakers are confirmed but subject to change*

**8:00 Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast**

**Program Moderator, Chris Frahm**  
**Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

**8:30 Assembly Speaker John Perez (D-Los Angeles)**  
**Welcome to the State Capitol**  
**Meeting the Challenges of California in 2011**

Assembly Speaker Perez was elected in 2008 to represent the 46th Assembly District, comprising the cities of Maywood, Vernon, Huntington Park as well as communities of Boyle Heights, Downtown Los Angeles, unincorporated East Los Angeles and parts of South Los Angeles. In January 2010, he was elected Speaker of the California Assembly and was

sworn in as the 68th Speaker on March 1, 2010. Speaker Perez will discuss California water policy and update our members on how he intends to tackle the state budget deficit and other pressing issues.

**8:45 Welcome**

**GRA President, Bill Pipes**

**CGC President, Ken Manning**

**Overview of GRA/CGC Bills**

**Duncan McFetridge, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

**9:00 Senator Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica)  
Chairwoman, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee**

A strong advocate for the environment and improved statewide groundwater management, Senator Pavley co-authored SBX7-6 requiring statewide groundwater level monitoring (CASGEM). This year, she has introduced SB 263 to make well completion reports available to the public. Chairwoman Pavley will share with our members how this bill fits into her vision of planning for groundwater management and protection and California's future water supply reliability.

**9: 15 Assembly Member Fiona Ma (D-San Francisco)  
Speaker pro Tempore**

Elected to the Assembly in 2006, Assembly Member Ma represents San Francisco, Daly City, Colma and Broadmoor. A certified public accountant and former member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Assembly Member Ma was appointed by Speaker Perez to the leadership position of Speaker pro Tempore in 2010 and in that capacity, helps to guide legislative priorities.

**9:30 Statewide Groundwater Monitoring Update and Q&A  
Mary Scruggs, Supervising Engineering Geologist,  
Department of Water Resources  
John Borkovich, GAMA Program Manager, State Water Resources Control Board**

Join us as DWR and SWRCB representatives update our members on statewide groundwater monitoring implementation. What does DWR have planned with CASGEM and how will it affect groundwater? What's the outlook for the next 5-15 years? What is new with GAMA and how will it integrate with CASGEM? This is your chance to get the answers to questions inquiring minds want to know!

**10:00 Break – PLEASE BE BACK IN YOUR SEAT IN TIME FOR THE NEXT SPEAKER**

**10:15 Assembly Member Roger Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park)  
Member, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife  
Assistant Majority Whip**

Assembly Member Hernandez was elected in November 2010 to represent the 57th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, La Puente, and West Covina. A professor of government at Rio Hondo and Citrus Community Colleges, he also served as mayor and member of the West Covina city council.

**10:30 Senator Jean Fuller  
Member, Natural Resources and Water Committee**

Senator Fuller was elected to represent the 32nd Assembly District in 2006 and elected to the Senate in 2010. Her District includes Bakersfield, Barstow and other areas in the Kern River Valley and Inyo and San Bernardino Counties. During her tenure in the Assembly, Senator Fuller served as the leader of the Republican Water Policy Team that focused on finding solutions to California's water crisis and ensuring sufficient water supplies for the Central Valley and California remains one of her top legislative priorities.

**11:00 Assembly Member Bill Berryhill (R-Stockton)  
Member, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife  
Chief Republican Whip**

Assembly Member Berryhill's roots in agriculture and public service are deep. For more than thirty years he has farmed wine grapes in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties and operated successful custom grape harvesting businesses. He has served on the boards of both Allied Grape Growers and the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. After serving for more than 10 years as an elected member of the Ceres Unified School District Board of Trustees, he was elected to the Assembly in 2008 where he is currently Vice-Chair of the Business and Professions Committee.

**11:15 Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager, Statewide Water Planning  
Department of Water Resources**

DWR has begun work on the 2013 California Water Plan Update. For the first time, the Plan will fully integrate groundwater – and bring an end to Bulletin 118. What impact will this change have on California groundwater law and policy? DWR's representative will provide an overview and answer your questions about the California Water Plan 2013 Update process.

**11:30 Assembly Member Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael)  
Chairman, Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife**

Assembly Member Huffman is a former member of the Marin Municipal Water District Board and attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. Assembly Member Huffman played a key role in the passage of the 2009 comprehensive water bill package that included groundwater monitoring. A strong proponent of groundwater and integrated regional water management planning, Assembly Member Huffman will update our members on what he sees happening – and, what he thinks should happen next – in the California water world. Assembly Member Huffman will also talk about his ***AB 359, sponsored by GRA and CGC, to protect prime recharge areas in California.*** AB 359 is the successor to last year's AB 2304, which was passed by the Legislature but vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Earlier this year, Chairman Huffman conducted an Oversight Hearing on Management of the State's Groundwater Resources and included GRA and CGC members on panel presentations.

**12:00 LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

**Keynote Speaker – John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources**

John Laird makes a triumphant return to our Annual Legislative Symposium as California's Secretary for Natural Resources, a post he was appointed to by Governor Jerry Brown on January 5, 2011. Secretary Laird has presented at past Legislative Symposiums as a member of the Assembly representing the 27th Assembly District and as Chairman of the Budget Committee. He has spent 35 years in public service and 23 years as an elected official including Santa Cruz City Council Member and Mayor. While Secretary Laird's legislative accomplishments are too numerous to mention, he is perhaps best known for leading the effort to expand water conservation in California. Secretary Laird will update our members on the Administration's vision for natural resources including groundwater.

**1:00 Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar)  
Republican Caucus Chair**

Senator Huff grew up in Imperial Valley and his business experience has been in the agricultural industry. He represents the Inland Valley communities including portions of Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino Counties. He served on the council and as mayor of Diamond Bar before being elected to the Assembly in 2004. Elected to the Senate in 2008, he now serves as Vice Chair of both the Budget and Fiscal Review and Governance and Finance Committees.

**1:15 WALK TO THE CAPITOL**

**1:30 Hearing AB 359 (Huffman) – Assembly Local Government Committee  
State Capitol, Room 447**

GRA and CGC are the co-sponsors of AB 359 (Huffman). Members will attend the committee meeting until AB 359 is heard. GRA and CGC Presidents Pipes and Manning will join Assembly Member Huffman as the bill is presented.

**2:30 OR UPON CONCLUSION OF HEARING OF AB 359, ADJOURN TO AFTERNOON SESSION AT THE CITIZEN HOTEL**

**2:30 Federal Update – Tim Parker, GRA Legislative Committee Chairman**

**2:45 Roundtable Discussion and Meeting with Legislators\*\*  
Improving Management of the State’s Groundwater Resources**

**Anton Favorini-Csorba, Legislative Analyst Office  
Maurice Hall, The Nature Conservancy  
Russ McGlothlin, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Association of California Water Agencies  
Robb Whitaker, General Manager, Water Replenishment District of So CA**

The LAO has released another report dated February 2, 2001 – *Improving Management of the State’s Groundwater Resources*. Among other things, the report recommends that the state establish Active Management Areas as groundwater management institutions with jurisdiction over groundwater basins, and, that the State Board implement a statewide permitting system for groundwater use. The report also recommends that the state “remove” the distinction between percolating groundwater and subterranean streams in order to “bring the law in line with modern science.” ACWA has fired back with its own report on groundwater management and sustainability. Each of our presenters brings a unique perspective and expertise to the ongoing dialogue and controversy in California groundwater that brings us back to the future of California groundwater management – what’s really broken and what’s the best way to fix it?

**\*\*PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND STAFF AT THE AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE SESSION IS TBD AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AND CHANGE**

**4:30 COCKTAIL RECEPTION  
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