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2009 has the potential to be one of California's most severe drought years on record. In addition, ongoing concerns regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta have limited the ability to move water from north to south in the state. Combined, the two conditions may result in significant water shortages to urban and agricultural water users. Water transfers and the development of new water storage will play a critical role in meeting the near-term and long-term water supply needs in the state. A faculty of recognized leaders in the world of water rights, water markets, and policy will guide you through the issues affecting water reallocation and development.

This seminar is especially designed for attorneys and legal staff, state and municipal officials, land owners, farmers and ranchers, environmentalists, utility managers, planners, real estate developers and professionals – and everyone with a stake in our precious water supply.



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INSIDE**





Thursday, March 5, 2009

8:30 Introduction and Overview

Harry Seely, MS, Program Chair
WestWater Research LLC

8:35 Water Management and Reallocation in California

Pre-1917 Water Rights; Riparian Water Rights

Morgan R. Evans
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP

9:05 Water Transfers as a Drought Response Strategy

• **California Drought Water Bank**

The California Department of Water Resources will be implementing a Drought Water Bank in 2009 due to ongoing drought conditions in the state. The Water Bank will primarily be a mechanism to improve the efficiency of water trades. The Bank has not operated since the last sustained drought in 1992.

Teresa Geimer, Chief, Water Supply & Transfers Branch
California Department of Water Resources

• **Transfers from Groundwater Storage Banks**

There are a variety of operating and Proposed Groundwater Storage Banks in California that provide an opportunity to supply Southern California water users with water during Drought Periods. More groundwater storage banks are being proposed.

Christian E. Petersen, PG, ChG
Project Manager
MWH Americas, Inc.

Andrew J. Werner, Vice President
Western Development and Storage

10:30 Break

10:45 Delta Pumping / ESA

Recent federal court decisions have reduced the amount of water that can be pumped from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to Southern California water users by 20 to 30% in order to protect listed fish species. The pumping constraints are expected to continue. This, combined with the potential for drought conditions may cause water transfer prices to reach unprecedented levels.

• Environmental Perspective

Campbell Ingram, Program Manager.
California Water Program, The Nature Conservancy

• Municipal Perspective

Steven Hirsch, Project Mgr.
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

• Agricultural Perspective

Ara Azhderian, Water Policy Adm.
San-Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00 Surface Storage Projects

There are five ongoing federal/state studies of potential new surface water storage facilities. Feasibility studies for these projects are scheduled for completion this winter.

Stephen S. Roberts, Mgr., Surface Storage Br.
California Department of Water Resources

1:30 The Vulnerability of Documentation of Water Rights Transfers

Michael J. Van Zandt
Hanson Bridgett LLP

2:00 Area of Origin Water Rights

Legal premise that may limit the amount of water that can be exported from a region.

Jonathan R. Schultz
Somach Simmons & Dunn

2:30 Groundwater Export Limits

County level ordinances that limit the amount of groundwater that can be exported to out-of-county users.

Christopher L. Campbell
Baker Manock & Jensen PC

3:00 Break

3:15 Water Right Leases and Purchases

Summary of past water right market activity and prices. Projected activity and prices under drought conditions and with Delta pumping constraints.

Harry Seely, MS
WestWater Research LLC

3:45 Environmental Water Acquisition Efforts

• Environmental Water Account

Tim Rust, Project Manager
U.S. Dept. of the Interior

• Section 1707 Process and Challenges

Robert E. Donlan
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP

4:45 Questions and Answers

Members of the Faculty

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Harry Seely, MS, Program Chair, a Water Resource Economist and principal with WestWater Research LLC, has 12 years experience in agricultural and water resource economic analysis. Over the last decade, he has applied mathematical programming and econometric analysis techniques to estimate the value of water. He has also developed a variety of economic models as part of interdisciplinary teams to assess the regional economic costs and benefits of water quality, development and reallocation projects throughout the West.

Ara Azhderian has served as a Water Policy Administrator at the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority since 2004. Prior to that, he served as a Water Master with the San Luis Water District, a Special Projects Administrator with Three Star Farms, and a principal with Panoche Peak Farms.

Christopher L. Campbell, an attorney with Baker Manock & Jensen PC and Chairman of the firm's Natural Resources, Financial Institutions, and Creditors Rights Practice Groups, focuses on reclamation and water law, water transfers, agricultural finance, planning, zoning and development matters.

Robert E. Donlan is a partner with Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP. His practice focuses on groundwater and surface water rights, as well as counseling on matters involving state and federal Endangered Species Acts, and other state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements affecting water users and managers.

Morgan R. Evans, an attorney with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP and a member of the firm's Water & Public Lands Group, focuses on water rights transactions, litigation, groundwater adjudications, environmental compliance, water rights licensing, permitting, and climate change and water policy issues.

Teresa Geimer serves as the Chief of Water Supply and Transfers Branch with the California Department of Water Resources. Her experience in the water resources engineering industry includes investigating set back levees, designing facilities, tracking water deliveries and negotiating contracts.

Steven Hirsch is the project manager for the Metropolitan Water Department of Southern California. In the past, he worked as a Senior Resource Specialist and as a Project Manager for the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and Category III Program Initiatives.

Campbell Ingram is the Program Manager of the California Water Program with The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Founded in 1951, TNC is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.

Christian E. Petersen, PG, ChG, a principal hydrogeologist and project manager at MWH Americas, Inc., has 19 years experience in the field of groundwater resource management. He currently serves as MWH's Water Resource Practice Leader for the southwest U.S.

Stephen S. Roberts, manager of the Surface Storage Branch with the California Department of Water Resources, has nearly 30 years of experience in planning, design and construction of water and power facilities in California. He spent several years as the State's Manager, overseeing CALFED Surface Storage feasibility studies and environmental investigations.

Tim Rust is a Natural Resource Specialist - Program Manager with the United States Department of the Interior, Mid-Pacific Region, Sacramento, California. His experience in water resources management includes managing and implementing programs and projects that seek to balance competing and conflicting urban, agricultural and environmental needs.

Jonathan R. Schultz is an attorney with Somach Simmons & Dunn. His practice emphasizes all areas of water law, including water rights and water quality. He has published articles on Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and on water rights issues under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Michael J. Van Zandt is a partner with Hanson Bridgett LLP. He has extensive experience in water rights adjudications, acquisitions, transfers, defense of water rights, hazardous waste and wetlands laws, NEPA, CEQA, Superfund, Clean Air, Clean Water, Safe Drinking Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

Andrew J. Werner, Vice President with Western Development and Storage, has worked in the water arena for 14 years as a hydrogeologist, market analyst and, for the past seven years, a water project developer. He has extensive experience in market evaluation, alternatives analysis, and wholesale water supply purchases.

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