## Central Valley Water Tour

April 13-15, 2016

Field Trip



Join us as we venture through California's Central Valley, known as the nation's breadbasket thanks to an imported supply of surface water and local groundwater wells. Covering about 20,000 square miles through the heart of the state, the valley provides 25 percent of the nation's food, including 40 percent of all fruits, nuts and vegetables consumed throughout the country.

This **3-day**, **2-night tour** focuses on the southern part of this vast region, the San Joaquin Valley, which is facing challenges after years of severe drought, dwindling water supplies, decreasing water quality and farmland conversion for urban growth. This tour gives participants an understanding of the region's water use and issues as well as the agricultural practices, including new technologies and water-saving measures.

Topics will include:

- ➤ Water supply and drought ➤ Impacts of growth
- > Flood management > Groundwater banking
- ➤ Surface water storage ➤ Subsidence ➤ Wetlands
- ➤ Salmon restoration ➤ Agricultural supply and drainage

This **fast-paced tour** begins at 7:30 a.m., **Wednesday**, **April 13** at the Sacramento International Airport and will return there at approximately 6 p.m., **Friday**, **April 15**.

Registration: \$790 per person, Early Bird Discount for purchase before

March 13 is \$765. Fee includes all meals, transportation, materials, snacks and hotel accommodations while on the tour. **Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m. March 31** due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings.

Substitutions may be made through Friday, April 8.

This tour is sponsored by the California Department of Water Resources, Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region, CH2M, ESA, HDR Engineering and GEI Consultants.

## **Planned Stops Include:**

- > San Luis Reservoir
- Kern County Water Bank
- > San Joaquin River
- > Terminus Dam
- Mendota Pool
- > Friant Dam
- San Luis National Wildlife Refuge

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at <a href="http://www.watereducation.org/tour/central-valley-tour-2016">http://www.watereducation.org/tour/central-valley-tour-2016</a> or call Tour Director Dan Scott at (916) 444-6240. Seating is limited.