Groundwater overdraft, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and groundwater’s importance during a drought are making headlines in California. On this two-day, one-night tour that travels through the Sacramento River region with stops at vineyards, dairies and key infrastructure, you will gain a deeper understanding about these pressing groundwater issues.

In average years, groundwater provides about 40 percent of the state’s water. In drought years, this can increase to 60 percent with some regions becoming 100 percent dependent on groundwater. This tour will examine these supply issues as well as groundwater quality. Speakers from key governmental organizations and stakeholder groups will discuss a wide variety of topics including:

- The 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Groundwater overdraft and subsidence
- Point and nonpoint source pollution
- Aquifer recharge, storage and water recycling
- Well drilling
- Groundwater contamination in disadvantaged communities

The tour will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5 at the Sacramento International Airport, and will end at approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 6 at Sacramento International Airport.

Registration is $555. Register by Sept. 5 for early bird price of $525. Registration fee includes tour meals, hotel accommodations on Oct. 5, tour transportation, bus snacks and drinks, and materials.

All reservations are on a first-come, first served basis. Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 pm Tuesday, Sept. 20 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings. Substitutions are allowed through Sept. 30.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at www.watereducation.org/tours/groundwater-tour-2016 or contact Tour Director Dan Scott at 916-444-6240 or dscott@watereducation.org with any questions