

WATER 101

Join our workshop to deepen your knowledge of this critical resource!
Optional watershed tour the next day!

March 26, 2026



Water Education Foundation's Water 101 Workshop *The Basics & Beyond*

Harper Alumni Center | Sacramento, CA

Workshop scope: A daylong course on California water with an optional one-day tour. Participants will learn about California water basics and current topics in water resources history, geography, management, law and politics.

8:30 CHECK-IN & NETWORKING

9:00 Welcome & Introductions – Workshop Overview

9:15 California's Natural Water Endowment

Jenn Bowles | *Executive Director* | Water Education Foundation

Session details: Overview of California's geography, hydrology & water history, including major water infrastructure projects, wild & scenic rivers, groundwater and alternative supplies.

10:00 NETWORKING BREAK

10:15 Public & Private Water Rights

Jennifer Harder | *Professor of Law, Legal Practice* | McGeorge School of Law

Session details: Overview of riparian, appropriative, tribal and groundwater rights in California, including reasonable & beneficial use, public trust law and related cases.

11:30 Getting to Know the Water Education Foundation

Nick Gray | *Programs Director* | Water Education Foundation

Session details: Introduction to the Water Education Foundation, including our tours & events, resources for continued learning and publications.

11:45 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

12:30 **Fundamentals of California Groundwater**

Graham Fogg | *Professor of Hydrogeology* | University of California, Davis

Session details: Overview of California's groundwater resources, including its importance in the state's water supply, its history of use & overuse and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

1:30 **NETWORKING BREAK**

1:45 **Legal & Institutional Management Framework**

Russel Frink | *Shareholder* | Kronick Moskowitz Tiedemann & Girard

Session details: Overview of the water management institutions and regulatory agencies in California and their respective roles, including a summary of governing laws at both the state & federal levels.

2:45 **NETWORKING BREAK**

3:00 **Understanding & Working with the State Legislature**

Pablo Garza | *Chief Consultant* | California State Assembly, Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife

Session details: Overview of California's legislative process, including examples of landmark water legislation, current & future water issues and priorities for the legislature.

3:45 **NETWORKING BREAK**

4:00 **A New Era of California Water Planning**

Invited **Joel Metzger** | *Dep. Director, Statewide Water Resources Planning* | Calif. Dept. of Water Resources

Session details: An overview of efforts to align the goals & mandates of Senate Bill 72, passed in October of 2025, with California's Water Plan Update for 2028.

5:00 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**