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# Water 101: The Basics & Beyond

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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.

## Check-in & Networking

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

## Welcome & Introductions — Workshop Overview

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

### Nick Gray

*Programs Director*

Water Education Foundation

## California's Natural Water Endowment

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

### 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, flood management and alternative supplies.

## Networking Break

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

## Fundamentals of California Groundwater

10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

### Thomas Harter

*Professor*

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.

## Getting to Know the Water Education Foundation

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

### 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.

## Networking Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

## Public & Private Rights in California Water

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### 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.

## Networking Break

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

## Legal & Institutional Management Framework

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

### Holly Roberson

*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 and federal levels.

## Networking Break

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

## Understanding & Working with the State Legislature

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

### 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.

## Hot Topics in California Water

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

### Jeff Mount

*Senior Fellow*  
Public Policy Institute of California,  
Water Policy Center

**Session details:** Discussion of current issues in water management in California including drought & flood management, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, groundwater recharge and more.

## Adjourn

4:30 p.m.

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