

Details and Agenda Highlights

Date: October 2, 2006 -- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: UCD Beuhler Alumni Center
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Keynote - Alexis Strauss, U.S. EPA, Region 9

Panel #1 – Water Quality Regulatory Programs and Basin Plans

Panelists will speak about how Basin Plans are used; how water quality regulatory programs can better achieve their objectives through Basin Plans; funding for improvements; and using Basin Plans as a management tool.

Panel #2 – How Do Basin Plans Help Solve Specific Water Quality Issues?

Examples of how Basin Plans have either been a successful vehicle for tackling the problem or how Basin Plans could be useful but haven't been due to limitations.

Participant Smallgroup Discussion

Registration: This workshop is an invite-only event. If you received this flyer directly you are invited. If you are not sure if you received it directly and would like to attend, please contact Margie Youngs at myoungs@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5890.

Please RSVP to Margie by September 18, 2006. All RSVPs will be automatically registered.

What Has Your Basin Plan Done for You Lately?

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Workshop Description

What does your Program need from Basin Plans? Have ideas for how Basin Plans can become better management tools? Want to hear more about funding strategies for improvements? Interested in discussing ideas for taking care of nuts and bolts issues, or handling emerging issues? On October 2, join forces with Basin Plan champions from Water Board programs to generate strategies for getting more from Basin Plans.

The workshop includes two panels and participant discussion. The two panels will look at how our water quality programs can better use Basin Plans and the challenges of doing so, and share examples of how Basin Plan improvements have been made, helped solve specific water quality problems.

Working in small groups, participants will generate ideas and strategies and shape the next steps that can help our water quality programs more successfully use Basin Plans for achieving program objectives.

Background:

Basin Plans are essential regulatory documents for the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. Program Managers at the Water Boards are looking for ways to use Basin Plans effectively and strategically for achieving water quality objectives across many different programs. There is a need for integrating multiple regulatory approaches (such as TMDLs, NPDES permits, stormwater permits, and local planning and development policies) into comprehensive water quality protection planning. Basin Plans are a focal point for all of these efforts, and needs.

The workshop could foster development and delivery of strategies and information for programs such as Basin Planning, TMDL, NPDES, 401 certification and permitting, and legal staff at Regional Boards, enabling these staff to

use their Basin Plans as an effective and efficient tool for achieving water quality protection in their regions.

Your Invitation: The Planning, Standards, and Implementation Unit, the Land Use and Natural Resources Program at UCD Extension, and the Water Boards Training Academy invites you to participate.

Regards,

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