

## TOPICS AND DESCRIPTIONS

### SYNOPSIS

Introduction: This will provide an overview of the recently enacted 5-bill package, including SB-1, SB-2, SB-6, SB-7, and SB-8, all passed in the 2009-2010 Seventh Extraordinary Session, and signed by the Governor. The introduction will also include an overview of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process, a process that is moving forward pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act and state National Communities Conservation Plan Act. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is Brian Poulsen, Esq.

Governance and BDCP Highlights: This will include a more in depth discussion of those provisions of SB-1 related directly to governance, including the establishment of a new Delta Stewardship Council (new state agency) and the new regulatory processes that will result from the new Council. It will also discuss the legal requirements of the new Delta Plan, and the interaction between the new Delta Council and local agencies. BDCP highlights will include a discussion of the progress of the BDCP, along with specifics about how incorporating the BDCP into the Delta Plan could impact local agencies. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is Daniel Kelly, Esq.

Water Rights / Area of Origin / Reporting: This will include background on the California law of water rights and statutory area of origin protections, and how these existing laws might be impacted by the new Delta legislation. It will also include a discussion of the new water right reporting requirements made mandatory through SB-8. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is Jennifer Buckman, Esq.

Groundwater Monitoring / Conservation: This will provide a more in-depth overview of SB-6 and SB-7, which contain new legal requirements for groundwater monitoring and reporting, as well as mandatory water conservation goals. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is Andrew Hitchings, Esq.

Other Stressors: This discussion will focus on other problems associated with the Delta and thought to be the cause of at least some of the environmental problems associated with the Delta. It will discuss these “stressors” in the context of the federal Endangered Species Act and state National Communities Conservation Plan Act, and as they relate to other existing laws. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is Kelley Taber, Esq.

Wrap up and Staying Involved: This will outline the regulatory processes that are expected to occur as a result of the new Delta legislation, including new proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board, the new Delta Stewardship Council, among others. The speaker for this portion of the seminar is David Guy, Esq.