

DRAFT AGENDA

2021 Flood-MAR Public Forum

Date: November 8-10

Time: Varies by Day ~9:00 am – ~5:00 pm

Forum Website: <https://web.cvent.com/event/576cdd97-1a57-478a-8a3f-32aef090ad62/summary>

DAY 1 – November 8

8:30 am-5:45 pm

8:30 am-9:45 am	Listening Session for Tribes Share information about Flood-MAR and solicit interest and input from tribal representatives.	Hosts: Anecita Agustinez, Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Water Resources (DWR) Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager, Division of Planning, DWR Orit Kalman, Senior Facilitator, CSUS – Consensus and Collaboration Programs (CCP)
9:00 am-9:45 am	Student and Young Professional Networking An informal gathering space to connect students and young professionals.	Hosts: Yara Pasner, Graduate Student, UC Davis Andrew Calderwood, Graduate Student, UC Davis Nick Murphy, Graduate Student, UC Davis Alisha Rodriguez, Graduate Student, UC Davis
9:30 am-10:00 am	Networking and Small Group Discussions What are you hoping to learn at this year's forum?	Host: Jenny Marr, Supervising Engineer, DWR
10:00 am-10:40 am	Welcome and Opening Keynote Speaker Welcoming remarks and video <i>Finding Balance Below</i> .	Presenters: Orit Kalman, CCP Kamyar Guivetchi, DWR Nathan Weyland, Weyland Visuals

Q&A

Don Cameron, Vice
President/General Manager,
Terranova Ranch

10:45 am-12:30 pm

**Topic I. Partnership and
Opportunities for Collaboration**

Presenting the Flood-MAR Network and
its key initiatives.

Q&A

Breakout discussion: What is the
greatest value the Network can provide?
How do you see the Network initiatives
benefiting you?

Moderator:

Mike Antos, Senior Integrated
Water Management Specialist,
Stantec

Presenters:

Jenny Marr, DWR

Megan Murray, Water Resources
Planner, Stantec

Aysha Massell, Program Director,
Water for the Future. Sustainable
Conservation

Philip Bachand, Ph.D., President
Bachand & Associates

Adam Hutchinson, Recharge
Planning Manager, Orange County
Water District

12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Lunch Break

2:30 pm-4:30 pm

**Topic II: Increase Cooperation and
Alignment for Multi-Sector, Multi-
Benefit Strategies**

Examples of collaborative efforts and
new opportunities for greater alignment
to implement multiple sector and multiple
benefits projects.

Q&A

Breakout discussion: How can
partnerships help bring Flood-MAR to
scale? Do you have good examples from
your work?

Moderator:

Matt Zidar, Water Resources
Manager, San Joaquin County
Department of Public Works

Presenters:

Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor, City
of Riverside

Tim Quinn, Executive Officer, San
Joaquin Valley Water Collaborative
Action Program

Gary Bardini, Director of Planning,
Sacramento Area Flood Control
Agency

Julie Rentner, President, River
Partners

4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Happy Hour - Showcasing Student & Young Professional Research and Projects Network

Provide opportunities for students and young professionals to network with forum participants and engage in conversations about their ongoing, innovative research and projects.

Moderator:
Helen Dahlke, Associate
Professor, UC Davis

DAY 2 - November 9
9:00 am – 5:15 pm

9:00 am-9:30 am

Networking and Small Group Discussions

What is your primary takeaway from Day 1?

Host:
Jenny Marr, DWR

9:30 am-10:00 am

Welcome / Recap of Day 1 and Setting the State for Day 2

Recap key themes from Day 1 and set the stage for Day 2.

Presenters:
Orit Kalman, CCP

Graham Fogg, Professor
Emeritus of
Hydrogeology and
Hydrogeologist, UC
Davis

10:00 am-12:30 pm

Topic III. Flexibility for Water Managers: The Merced River Watershed, Flood-MAR Reconnaissance Study Analysis and Results

Overview of the Merced Flood-MAR Watershed Study analysis and findings, including:

- Overview
- Water Available for Recharge (WAFR)
- WAFR Allocated to Potential Recharge Sites
- Fate of Recharge and Groundwater Benefits
- Flood Risk Reduction Benefits
- Ecosystem Benefits
- Multi-Sector Benefits
- Perspectives from Merced Irrigation District
- Next Steps

Moderator:
David Arrate, Technical
Studies Manager, DWR

Presenters:
Lee Bergfeld, MBK
Engineers

Daniel Mountjoy,
Director of Resource
Stewardship,
Sustainable
Conservation

Liz DaBramo, Woodard
& Curran

Paul Bergman, Senior
Fisheries Scientist, ESA

[Note there is a Q&A Session with this team at 4:15 pm later today.]

Karandev Singh, Senior Engineer, DWR

Hicham ElTal, Deputy General Manager, Merced Irrigation District

Jim Wieking, Supervising Engineer, DWR

12:30 pm-2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00 pm-4:00 pm Topic IV. Flood MAR Example Projects and Research studies

Learn about innovative projects and research studies.

Q&A

Moderator:
Rosemary Knight,
Professor of Geophysics
and Senior Fellow,
Woods Institute for the
Environment, Stanford

Presenters:
Helen Dahlke, UC Davis

Michael Founds,
Ecohydrologist, cbec eco
engineering

Philip Bachand, Ph.D.,
Bachand & Associates

Eric Batman, Senior Civil
Engineer, Los Angeles
County Public Works

**Concurrent
Session 1
4:15 pm-5:15 pm**

Tribal Water Stories

Share video on *Climate Conversations* and ongoing engagement with native California tribes on environmental issues, personal reflections, and tribal ecological knowledge.

Host:
Emily Alejandrino,
Senior Environmental
Scientist, DWR

**Concurrent
Session 2
4:15 pm-5:15 pm**

Conversation with the Merced Study Team - Q&A and Follow-Up

Time to ask questions of the Merced Study technical teams and explore opportunities to apply methodologies elsewhere in the state.

Host:
Jim Wieking, DWR

DAY 3 - November 10

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

9:00 am – 9:30 am	Networking and Small Group Discussions What is your primary takeaway from Day 2?	Host: Jenny Marr, DWR
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome / Recap of Day 2 and Setting the State for Day 3 Recap key themes from Day 2 and set the stage for Day 3.	Presenters: Orit Kalman, CCP Paul Gosselin, Deputy Director of Statewide Groundwater Management, DWR
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	Topic V. Guidance, technical support, and funding for landowners and local agencies Learn about guidance and technical and funding support for project formulation and implementation. Q&A Breakout Discussion: How can you use the guidance or assistance discussed today in your work?	Moderator: Daniel Mountjoy, Sustainable Conservation Presenters: Taylor Broadhead, Project Manager, Water and Dairy Programs, Sustainable Conservation Timothy Godwin, Technical & Policy Advisor to the Deputy Director, DWR Anna Schiller, Water and Lands Project Manager, Environmental Defense Fund Amanda Montgomery, Environmental Program Manager, State Water Resources Control Board
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunchtime Keynote: Building partnerships and opportunities for collaboration from a Tribal Liaison perspective Learn about tribal perspectives and traditional ecological knowledge. Q&A	Presenter: Dirk Charley, Tribal Liaison, Dunlap Mono Tribe
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Making Connections Explore opportunities to expand Flood-MAR partnerships. Q&A Breakout Discussion: What opportunities for collaboration/partnerships have you discovered?	Presenter: Sharon Farrell, California Landscape Stewardship Network
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Closing Remarks and Wrap-up Share key themes from the forum and thank participants for their engagement.	Presenters: Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture Kamyar Guivetchi, DWR