



California Legislature & Water Policy Webinar Series

CSU-WATER in partnership with the **Maddy Institute** and the **Office of Assemblyman David Tangipa** are **hosting** a statewide webinar series designed to help students, faculty, and stakeholders understand how California's Legislature shapes water policy—and how emerging leaders can get involved.

3-Part Virtual Series • 2:00–3:00 PM
January 29 • February 5 • February 12

Why Attend

- Learn how ideas become water policy
- Understand current and future water challenges
- Hear from legislators, committee consultants, and water policy experts
- Listen to expert opinions on policy and water workforce connections
- Engage in bipartisan, cross-regional conversations



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Session 1: “Ripples to Rules—How Ideas Flow Into Policy”

January 29 | 2:00–3:00 PM

An introduction to how the California Legislature works, featuring consultants from key water-related committees.

Topics include: the legislative process, committee roles, and how policy is shaped.

Session 2: “Making Waves—Water Policies & Workforce Needs”

February 5 | 2:00–3:00 PM

A look at today's most pressing water policy issues and workforce needs.

Topics include: SGMA, water rights, new water policies, and water workforce trends.

Session 3: “Future Water Management & Policy—Leadership for What's Next”

February 12 | 2:00–3:00 PM

A forward-looking discussion on climate resilience, long-term planning, and future leadership needs.

Topics include: climate-driven water challenges, SB 72 influence on future supply planning, and next-generation workforce projections.

Who Should Attend

CA University students (CC, CSU, UC), faculty, water agencies, legislative staff, community organizations, and the public.

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Session Rosters of Guests & Panelists

Session 1; Jan 29	"Ripples to Rules—How Ideas Flow Into Policy"
Who	Affiliation
Pablo Garza	Consultant; Water, Parks, and Wildlife Comm
Genevieve Wong	Consultant; Natural Resources and Water Comm
Taylor McKee	Consultant; Environmental Quality Comm
Steph Mitchell	Consultant; Water, Parks, and Wildlife Comm
Esmeralda Soria	AD 27; Chair Agriculture Comm
John Laird	SD 17; Natural Resources and Water Comm
Soren Nelson	ACWA Senior Legislative Representative
Session 2; Feb 5	"Making Waves—Water Policies & Workforce Needs"
Paul Gosselin	DWR; Sustainable GW Management Act Lead
David Sandino	UC-Davis Law
Arshdeep Singh	Punjabi American Growers Group (PAGG)
David Tangipa	AD 8; Water, Parks, and Wildlife; Higher Ed
Chris Rogers	AD 2; Water, Parks, and Wildlife; Climate Subcomm
Felicia Marcus	Water in the West; Water Policy Cntr-Stanford
Session 3; Feb 12	"Future Water Management & Policy—Leadership for What's Next"
Joel Metzger	DWR Deputy Director; CA Water Plan
Anna Caballero	SD 14; Lead of SB72
Austin Ewell & Eddie Ocampo	San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint Leaders
Jay Jefferson II	Metropolitan WD, Legislative Representative