Community Leadership Forum
Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera Counties

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

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The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which was adopted by the State Legislature and signed into law, is affecting our industry. Work is underway to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the various subarea water basins in Fresno County. Our panel will provide updated information on how SGMA changes the way water is supplied, used and monitored.

Guest Speakers

Mike Carbajal,
Director—Public Utilities
City of Fresno

Michael Carbajal was named Fresno’s Director of Public Utilities, effective August 6, 2018. Mike began his career in the water industry in 2000 with the California Department of Water Resources and joined Fresno’s Department of Public Utilities in 2002. He was appointed Division Manager in 2014, where he managed the Water Division’s capital improvement program, including implementation of the Recharge Fresno Program. Mike was named Utilities Planning Manager in 2016. As the City of Fresno’s Director of Public Utilities, Mike is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and long-range planning of water, wastewater, and solid waste. He holds a BS in Business Administration from CSUF.

Bernard Jimenez serves as Assistant Director of the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning where he oversees the County’s land use, environmental, and water resources planning programs. Mr. Jimenez oversees implementation of the County’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation program and represents Fresno County in a number of capacities including the Upper Kings Basin Water Authority Board, the Fresno Council of Government’s Policy Advisory Committee, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and the Water Agency Coordination Groups.

Scott Redelfs is Chair of the Advisory Committee for the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Scott is an active member in the American Water Works Association. Scott has been with the City of Clovis for nearly 14 years, and was a managing engineer before that with the Kings River Conservation District working on hydrology and conveyance in the Kings River service area. Scott has been able to provide valuable support and leadership for the City of Clovis and its community.