

WATER EXCHANGE MARKET SYMPOSIUM

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8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Should water exchange markets be implemented to allow property owners to transfer and exchange surface water and groundwater entitlements assigned to their properties with other property owners? If so, under what conditions and controls, if any?

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

will reduce the amount of groundwater available in the San Joaquin Valley for all property owners and water users. A water exchange market could provide property owners with the opportunity to transfer and exchange surface water and ground water entitlements assigned to their properties with other property owners to optimize the use of available water supply resources.

The symposium will provide the attendees with:

A general working knowledge of how such markets work, and how such markets may, or may not, be a good fit for their respective water supply management plans at either the farm level, irrigation district level, groundwater sustainability level, disadvantaged community level, or the environment.

The Water Exchange Market Symposium will include a series of presentations and panel discussions involving growers, irrigation/water districts, regional water agencies, groundwater sustainability agencies, and other stakeholder groups. They will address, potential features, benefits, advantages and disadvantages associated with creation of water exchange markets in California in response to SGMA requirements.

Event attendees will be able to participate in presentations and panel discussions to provide their input on whether water exchange markets can be implemented successfully, what necessary for success, and what is the first step in the implementation process.



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