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# 2025 KERN COUNTY WATER SUMMIT

brought to you by the Water Association of Kern County

Thursday March 6th, 2025

Mechanics Bank Theater, Bakersfield

Hear panel discussions on Land Values, Land Alternatives,  
SGMA, Water Contamination & Water Quality.

Keynote Speaker: Karla Nemeth, Director DWR

General Speaker: Paul Gosselin, DWR Deputy Director SGMA

*start time 9 am , cocktail hour 4 pm*

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# Schedule of Events

- 8:30 am Doors Open/ Check In  
Breakfast/Vendor Showcase
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks  
Jenny Holtermann, Executive Director, Water Assoc of Kern County  
Jason Giannelli, President, Water Association of Kern County  
Jeff Flores & Phillip Peters. Kern County Supervisors
- 9:30 a.m. Flowing Value: The Impact of Water Costs on Land Prices  
Moderator: John Moore, Ag Realtor  
Mike Ming, Alliance Ag Services  
Brad Franklin, Research Fellow PPIC Water Policy Center  
Allan Barros, Ag Appraiser
- 10:30 a.m Beyond Farming: Exploring Land Alternatives in Agriculture  
Moderator, Alex Biering, Senior Policy Advocate California Farm Bureau  
Stuart Woolf, President and CEO of Woolf Farming  
Evan Riley, White Pine Renewables  
Reyn Akiona, Executive Director Valley Eco
- 11:30 am Karla Nemeth, DWR
- 12:15 pm LUNCH- Vendor Showcase
- 1:00 pm Paul Gosselin, DWR Director of SGMA
- 1:30 PM SGMA in Kern County Update: Valerie Kincaid
- 2:00 pm SGMA throughout California  
Moderator: Joe Hughes, Klein DeNatale Goldner  
Aaron Fukuda, General Manager Tulare ID  
Dusty Ferrance, Executive Director Kings CFB  
Heather Welles, Counsel OMM
- 3:00 pm Innovative Solutions for Clean Water, a look at water contamination  
Moderator: Stephanie Hearn, GEI  
Shannon Jessica, Engineering Manager Cloacina  
Raj Chavan, National One Water Director Ardurra  
Christine Zimmerman, WSPA
- 4:00 pm Cocktail Hour- Vendor Showcase