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SGMA: A Legal Perspective

June 26, 2025 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (PST)

A livestream seminar presented via Zoom.



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This seminar offers a legal perspective on California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), exploring its key legal frameworks and regulatory mandates. Participants will gain foundational knowledge of California water law and how SGMA fits within the broader legal landscape. The seminar will also examine emerging legal issues and policy challenges impacting groundwater sustainability. Real-world case studies may be presented to illustrate legal applications and conflicts in SGMA implementation.

Presenters:

Jennifer Buckman / BKS Law Firm, PC – Sacramento, CA

Ms. Buckman has more than 25 years of general counsel and special counsel experience representing California public agencies on complex legal issues. She served as in-house general counsel for Friant Water Authority, a 21-member joint powers authority responsible for delivering water to six cities and over 15,000 farms on more than one million acres of land.

Austin Ewell / The Ewell Group – Fresno, CA

Mr. Ewell is a prominent leader in water policy, agriculture, natural resources and land use. As President of the Ewell Group, he focuses on water and land use matters, including real estate development, and real estate brokerage throughout California. A licensed California attorney and real estate broker, Mr. Ewell brings extensive experience in both public service and private sectors, with a collaborative approach to addressing complex Western resource challenges.

Contact Hours: 2 hours CE pending with California BREA and ASFMRA. Photo ID will need to be verified prior to the seminar for those requesting CE hours for licensing and 100% attendance is required.

Registration Information: [On-line registration](#) is available through ASFMRA. Or complete the Registration Form on the following page and email to info@calasfmra.com or call (209) 368-3672.

Registration Fees: Members - \$59 / Non-Members - \$79

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Course Delivery: The course will be delivered livestream via the Zoom Meetings platform. Attendees must have a computer with dependable Internet access, video, audio and microphone. A link will be sent to registered attendees prior to the seminar date.

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