Putting Water Data to Work: Maximizing the Climate Bond's Impact

Agenda

9:30 AM – 9:50 AM

Welcome and Framing

- **Senator Bill Dodd,** CA Senator for District 3, Retired
- **Meredith Lee,** Ph.D., UC Berkeley

9:50 AM – 10:50 AM

Better Data, Better Decisions: Local and Regional Tools for a Resilient Water Future

A showcase of how local leaders are using data to inform smart, adaptive decisions across key Proposition 4 investment areas—including water markets and transfers, groundwater sustainability, water conservation, conjunctive use, irrigation management, and species protection. Panelists will share real-world examples of how improved data enhances outcomes for communities and ecosystems, shapes state-level policy, and paves the way for continued innovation in an era of rapid technological change.

Panel Moderator: Eric Averett, Atlas Water

Panelists (listed alphabetically):

- **Darcy Austin,** State Water Contractors
- **Matt Beaman,** Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- **Aaron Fukuda,** Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- **Sara Larsen,** OpenET

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Facilitated Small Group Discussions

Discussions will identify high-impact strategies for using and investing in water and ecological data to ensure that Prop. 4 funding delivers measurable benefits for California's communities, environment, and the economy.

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12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

Networking Lunch and Gallery Walk

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

State-Level Insights on Leveraging Data to Optimize Climate Adaptation Investments

State agency leaders will share their vision for open data in the context of Prop. 4 and beyond—highlighting its role in informed decision-making and long-term climate resilience. The discussion will also examine how data and grant program decisions are made and explore opportunities for sustained investment.

Panel Moderator: Allison Harvey Turner, Water Foundation

Panelists (listed alphabetically):

- **Keali'i Bright,** California Natural Resources Agency
- **Erik Ekdahl,** State Water Resources Control Board
- **Paul Gosselin,** Department of Water Resources
- **Katie Regan,** Department of Technology

2:50 PM – 3:20 PM

Closing Plenary

- **Samantha Arthur,** California Natural Resources Agency
- **Robyn Grimm,** California Water Data Consortium

3:30 PM

Meeting Adjourns