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**How Green Is Your Valley?
Your Voice, Your Future: Water, Air,
Climate and Land in the San Joaquin,
California's Most Dynamic Region**

JUNE 20, 2014

Fresno City College

Old Administration Building (OAB)

1101 E. University Ave.

Fresno, CA 93741

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m.

Registration

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Introduction to Morning Session

SPEAKER: Roger Moore, *Education Co-Chair, Executive Committee of California State Bar Environmental Law Section and Partner, Rossmann and Moore LLP, Berkeley*

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Great Valley Fever: Coping With Environmental, Economic and Legal Changes in a Warmer San Joaquin Region

Decades after Merle Haggard sang of “tumbleweeds here in the Tulare dust,” warming trends are adding new tangles to environmental, economic, and public health challenges in the San Joaquin Valley. Dangers include losses in water supply through evaporation and reduced snowmelt, wildfires, and lower air and water quality, as well as complications for agriculture, industry, and employment. A diverse panel of experts will discuss state and local laws and policies aiming to reduce these risks, and prescriptions for the future. They will answer questions and invite your participation.

MODERATOR: Paul Hagen, *Attorney, Isola Law Group, Arcata*

SPEAKERS: Dr. Roger Bales, *Founding Professor of Engineering, University of California-Merced; Academic Director, Sierra Nevada Research Institute*
Keith Bergthold, *Executive Director, Fresno Metro Ministry, Fresno*
Michelle Selmon, *Senior Environmental Scientist, Department of Water Resources, Fresno*

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

I Feel The Earth Move Under My Feet: Subsidence, Sustainable Local Groundwater Management, and Current State Efforts

Chronic overdraft of groundwater in some parts of the San Joaquin Valley is causing subsidence affecting infrastructure and costly new wells, and creating other damaging impacts to valley communities as well. This panel of distinguished experts will discuss state and local laws and policies relating to groundwater, and potential changes in these approaches. The panel will explore how farms, cities and natural resources could benefit from better local groundwater management and examine what the current proposals are to achieve that.

MODERATOR: Tina Cannon Leahy, *Principal Consultant, California State Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife, Sacramento*

SPEAKERS: Lester Snow, *Executive Director, California Water Foundation, Sacramento*
David Orth, *General Manager, Kings River Conservation District, Fresno*
Laurel Firestone, *Executive Director, Community Water Center, Visalia*

12:45 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Introduction to Afternoon Session

SPEAKER: Roger Moore, *Education Co-Chair, Executive Committee of California State Bar Environmental Law Section and Partner, Rossmann and Moore LLP, Berkeley*

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

The Latest on the Proposed California High Speed Rail System and Its Implementation in the San Joaquin Valley

Construction of the high speed rail system in the San Joaquin Valley still faces significant legal hurdles. This panel will discuss the legal hurdles that remain as well as what future environmental review will be necessary for the system to proceed. The panel will focus on potential impacts on the cities, farms, and the larger environment in the valley. The panel will also discuss how you can participate in future public proceedings involving the High Speed Rail System and possibly influence economic and environmental impacts on the valley and its residents.

MODERATOR: Howard "Chip" Wilkins III, *Partner, Remy Moose Manley, LLP, Sacramento*

SPEAKERS: Dan Richard, *Chair, Board of Directors, California High-Speed Rail Authority, Sacramento*

Stuart Flashman, *Attorney, Law Office of Stuart Flashman, Oakland*

Henry Perea, *Supervisor, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Fresno*

Holly A. King, *Representative, Wasco-Shafter Agricultural Group, Wasco*

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Air Quality: Giving the Valley Some Breathing Room

Why is the air quality so bad in the San Joaquin Valley? Are China and the Bay Area really to blame? Is the US Environmental Protection Agency being too hard on the valley, or not hard enough? Can the valley's ozone problem be fixed without damaging the economy and destroying jobs? A panel of experienced air quality advocates and regulators will discuss these and related issues and will take your questions. They will also address the appropriate role of laws and policies relating to air quality in the valley.

MODERATOR: David Pettit, *Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council, Santa Monica*

SPEAKERS: Samir Sheikh, *Deputy Air Control Officer, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Fresno*

Jeanhee Hong, *Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco*

Brent Newell, *Legal Director, Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment, San Francisco*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The deadline to pre-register is **June 13, 2014**

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180 Howard Street
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