



## CALIFORNIA'S COMPREHENSIVE WATER PACKAGE INFORMATIONAL FORUMS



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## State Comprehensive Water Program Will Be Friday's Forum Topic In Salinas

All the many aspects of the recently enacted California Comprehensive Water Package will be explained and discussed Friday morning in Salinas during a special informational and educational water forum.

The program, second in a statewide series, is open free of charge to the public. It will take place in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors chambers from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The Monterey County Government Center is located at 168 West Alisal Street in Salinas.

The informational forum will explain the comprehensive water package's four policy bills that were enacted along with a \$11.14 billion general obligation bond proposal that voters will consider on the November 2010 ballot.

Speaking will be Monterey County Supervisors Louis R. Calcagno of Castroville and Simon Salinas of King City, California Association of Water Agencies Executive Director Tim Quinn, California Latino Water Coalition Second Vice Chairman Mario Santoyo.

Speaking on a panel about aspects of the plan will be Curtis Weeks, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency; ACWA's Quinn; Darby Fuerst, General Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District; Stephen Collins, Board Member of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors; Catherine Bowie, Manager of External Affairs for California American Water; and Mary Bannister, General Manager, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency.

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Providing an overview of the program and legislation will be Sue Sims, Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Water Resources. An extensive question and answer period will follow.

"Friday's program in Salinas is the second in a statewide series of water forums intended to provide information and to educate the public on the recently enacted California Comprehensive Water Package," said ACWA President Paul Kelley. "There is no question that these water issues are profoundly important to the future of Monterey County and the entire state of California." The forums were conceived as a means of helping educate Californians about the package's legislative measures on the state's water quality, supply and reliability.

Hosting, planning and sponsoring the Monterey forum will be the County of Monterey, the California Latino Water Coalition, the State of California and the Association of California Water Agencies.

For more information, please call (916) 503-1411.



*Your advance coverage and day-of-event coverage are welcomed. At the forum, there will be opportunities to interview each of the speakers following the presentations.*