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Dear Mr. Worthington,

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 8, thank you for participating on our program, "*Avoid the Pitfalls: Navigating Through Urban Water Management Planning*" at the Central Basin Municipal Water District on October 26, 2010.

Your presentation, "*Role of UWMP's in City Planning*" gave our attendees valuable insight and offered great tips for completing their own UWMP. We look forward to facilitating more opportunities in the future that bring experts together to share their knowledge with the local water community.

Again, thank you for your valuable time and taking part in the ACWA Region 8 program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert Gomperz", is positioned above the typed name.

Robert Gomperz
Chair, Region 8
ACWA

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Region 8 Program Focuses on Urban Water Management Planning

Nearly 60 ACWA members gathered for a Region 8 program Oct. 26 at Central Basin Municipal Water District to learn about what makes an effective Urban Water Management Plan.

ACWA Region 8 Chair Robert Gomperz kicked off the event, “Avoid the Pitfalls: Navigating Through Urban Water Management Planning,” with a welcome and served as the event’s M.C.

Art Aguilar, general manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District, offered a local welcome and highlighted some of the district’s most recent projects.

Overview / Role of UWMPs

The program began with a general overview of UWMPs by Mary Lou Cotton, senior water resources manager, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants. Cotton offered helpful hints on how to avoid the pitfalls of a plan being rejected and urged agencies to “stay current with the process” to secure a successful plan.

Thomas Worthington, president and chief operating officer, Impact Sciences, Inc., discussed the role of UWMPs in city planning. He said, “When in doubt on something in your plan, put it in ... more is better. Information is key in long term resource planning.”

Morning Panel

A panel titled “Navigating Through the Process” was next on the agenda.

Panelist Peter Brostrom, water use and efficiency, California Department of Water Resources, provided insight on DWR’s soon-to-be-released draft guidebook, new requirements and an online system to help agencies file the plan.

Panelist Grace Chan, manager — resource planning and development section, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, discussed Metropolitan’s process for developing its UWMP as a wholesaler and what a

wholesaler UWMP means to its retail agencies.

Panelist Dan Masnada, general manager, Castaic Lake Water Agency, discussed the agency’s plan and litigation hurdles.

Panelists Jeremy Krout, planner, RGP Planning & Developmental Services, and Doug Feremenga, planner, San Bernardino County Land Use Services, offered insight from the perspective of a city planner, who implements the plans once they’re approved and how the plans correspond with the water supply assessment process.

Luncheon Address

Keynoting the luncheon was Eric N. Robinson, attorney, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard. He highlighted the recent Sonoma County Water Agency litigation case and the nexus of water supply assessments in general relation to UWMPs. *(A related article on the Sonoma County Water Agency case is on page 6.)*

Afternoon Panel

The program concluded with a final panel titled “Case Studies: A Look at UWMPs in Action.” Panelists included Thomas S. Bunn III, attorney, Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP; Morgan Evans, associate, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP; and Mark Dillon, attorney, Gatzke, Dillon & Balance. During their presentations, they cited specific cases to stress that completed UWMPs become legal documents and subject to litigation.

The event was sponsored by State Fund Compensation Insurance in cooperation with Central Basin Municipal Water District. — *ACWA Regional Affairs Specialist Tiffany Giammona*



Speaker Mary Lou Cotton, senior water resources manager, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.



Panelist Doug Feremenga, planner, San Bernardino County Land Use Services.



Luncheon keynoter Eric N. Robinson of Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard.

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