



# California Water Boards 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Data Science Symposium



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***Beyond Open Data:  
Radical Inclusivity for  
Water Data Equity***



**Agenda**  
**California Water Boards**  
**6th Annual California Water Data Science Symposium**  
**Beyond Open Data: Radical Inclusivity for Water Data Equity**  
**Monday, June 28, 2021**

**Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute**  
**Film Screening & Panel Discussion**

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Time	Topic
3:45 - 4:00	Sign-on using information provided via your customized confirmation email
4:00 - 4:05	Welcome & Logistics <i>Greg Gearheart</i> <i>State Water Resources Control Board</i>
4:05 - 4:45	Film Screening <i>Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute</i>
4:45 - 5:30	Panel Discussion <i>Panelists: Teri Red Owl<sup>1</sup>, Paul Huetten<sup>1,2</sup>, Monty Bengochia<sup>1,3</sup></i> <i>Moderators: Kyndall Noah<sup>1</sup>, Amanda Ford<sup>4</sup></i> <i>(1) Owens Valley Indian Water Commission, (2) Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley, (3) Bishop Paiute Tribe Board Representative, (4) State Water Resources Control Board</i>

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**Plenary Session**

Time	Topic
8:45 - 9:00	Sign-on using information provided via your customized confirmation email
9:00 - 9:05	Symposium and Webinar Logistics <i>Greg Gearheart</i> <i>State Water Resources Control Board</i>
9:05 - 9:20	Welcome <i>E. Joaquin Esquivel</i> <i>State Water Resources Control Board</i>
9:20 - 10:00	<i>Keynote Conversation</i> <i>Ebony Harper</i> <i>California TRANScends</i>
10:00 - 10:05	<b>Break</b>

**Session 1: From Data to Insight**

**Examples of data visualization, exploration, and application**

Time	Topic
10:05 - 10:25	Bay-Delta data sandbox: a web-based analytics and visualization environment for accessing and experimenting with integrated Bay-Delta data <i>Emily Richardson, Jeffrey A. Hansen, Jeniffer Soto Perez, Tom Bergamaschi, Brendan F. Wakefield, Brian Bergamaschi</i> <i>United States Geological Survey</i>

Time	Topic
10:25 - 10:45	DELVE: a cloud-based data management and visualization system for standardization, exploration, and collaboration <i>Mike Leech<sup>1</sup>, Laura Nickelhoff<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Environmental Science Associates, (2) Sitka Technology Group</i>
10:45 - 10:55 <i>Lightning Talk</i>	Untangling the multi-variable microplastics toxicity issue with an interactive data exploration application <i>Scott Coffin<sup>1</sup>, Leah Thornton Hampton<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) State Water Resources Control Board, (2) Southern California Coastal Water Research Project</i>
10:55 - 11:15	Groundwater Quality Map <i>Hung Bui</i> <i>State Water Resources Control Board</i>
11:15 - 11:35	Advancing sustainable groundwater management with open-source technology: from vision to reality <i>Christina Babbitt<sup>1</sup>, John Burns<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Environmental Defense Fund, (2) Sitka Technology Group</i>
11:35 - 11:55	<a href="http://gspdrywells.com">gspdrywells.com</a> : an open-source tool to estimate impacts to vulnerable wells and support gsp development <i>Rich Pauloo<sup>1</sup>, Darcy Bostic<sup>2</sup>, Amanda Monaco<sup>3</sup>, Kaylon Hammond<sup>3</sup></i> <i>(1) Water Data Lab, (2) Pacific Institute, (3) Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability</i>
11:55 - 12:30	<b>Lunch</b>

## Session 2: From Insight to Action

### Example tools that support data-driven decision making

Time	Topic
12:30 - 12:50	Unnatural water balance and biological beneficial uses: a data driven framework to support flow management decisions <i>Amanda Aprahamian<sup>1</sup>, Aaron Poresky<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Orange County Public Works, (2) Geosyntec Consultants</i>

Time	Topic
12:50 - 1:10	Water budget development: putting data to work <i>Paul Shipman, Abdul Khan</i> <i>California Department of Water Resources</i>
1:10 - 1:30	OC stormwater tools: an open-source platform for stormwater asset inventory and performance modeling <i>Austin Orr<sup>1</sup>, Eric Rademacher<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Geosyntec Consultants, (2) Orange County Public Works</i>
1:30 - 1:40 <i>Lightning Talk</i>	Waste discharge requirement data management: past, present, future <i>TJ Middlemis-Clark<sup>1</sup>, Kristina Olmos<sup>2</sup>, Stephanie Torres<sup>3</sup>, Laurel Warddrip<sup>3</sup></i> <i>(1) Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, (2) Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, (3) State Water Resources Control Board</i>
1:40 - 2:00	Open-source dashboards for operational control at wastewater facilities <i>Ryan Shepherd<sup>1</sup>, Patrick McGrath<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Databrook LLC, (2) San Luis Obispo Water Resource and Reclamation Facility</i>
2:00 - 2:20	Beach water quality data in the County of San Diego and the future directions <i>Farnaz Farhang</i> <i>County of San Diego</i>
2:20 - 2:35	<b>Break</b>

### **Session 3: From Prediction to Protection**

#### **Using machine learning to improve California's water resources**

Time	Topic
2:35 - 2:55	Identifying meaningful water quality parameters for resource constrained local government's data collection using large open access state datasets: a Clear Lake case study, Lake County, CA. <i>Liam Healey, Angela De Palma-Dow</i> <i>Lake County Water Resources Department</i>

Time	Topic
2:55 - 3:15	<p>A day at the beach: enabling coastal water quality prediction with high-frequency sampling and data-driven models</p> <p><i>Ryan T. Searcy, Dr. Alexandria Boehm</i></p> <p><i>Stanford University</i></p>
3:15 - 3:35	<p>Leveraging big data to predict microplastics toxicity for aquatic organisms</p> <p><i>Scott Coffin<sup>1</sup>, Leah Thornton Hampton<sup>2</sup>, Bart Koelmans<sup>3</sup>, Merel Kooi<sup>3</sup>, Win Cowger<sup>4</sup></i></p> <p><i>(1) State Water Resources Control Board, (2) Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, (3) Wageningen University, Netherlands, (4) University of California, Riverside</i></p>
3:35 - 3:55	<p>Detecting cigarette butts from an eye in the sky</p> <p><i>Lorenzo Flores</i></p> <p><i>San Francisco Estuary Institute</i></p>
3:55 - 4:00	<p>Daily wrap-up and adjourn</p> <p><i>Greg Gearheart</i></p> <p><i>State Water Resources Control Board</i></p>

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**Session 1: California Chapter of the Society for Freshwater Science**

Time	Topic
9:05 - 9:15	Introduction to Cal-SFS: the future of freshwater facilitated through Cal-SFS Fellowships <i>Angela De Palma-Dow<sup>1</sup>, John Olson<sup>2</sup></i> <i>(1) Cal-SFS Chair/President; County of Lake Water Resources, (2) Cal-SFS Treasurer; California State University, Monterey Bay</i>
9:15 - 9:30	What is a “natural” river? Understanding ecological opportunities and cultural values as flows decrease in Southern California urban rivers <i>Melissa von Mayrhauser</i> <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
9:30 - 9:45	Ecological racism: seeking equity and justice via social and cultural competency <i>Robin López</i> <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>

Time	Topic
9:45 - 10:00	Thermal vulnerability in Sierra Nevada streams: spatial scales and drivers <i>Kyle Leathers</i> <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
10:00 - 10:15	Using functional flows to establish flow criteria in California's South Fork Eel River watershed <i>Alyssa Obester</i> <i>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>
10:15 - 10:30	The Santa Ana River: opportunities from working in an extremely disturbed system <i>William Ota</i> <i>University of California, Riverside</i>
10:35 - 10:45	Cal-SFS follow-up and upcoming events <i>Angela De Palma-Dow</i> <i>Cal-SFS Chair/President; County of Lake Water Resources</i>
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break</b>

**Session 2: Using Data to Address Water and Racial Inequities**

Time	Topic
11:00 - 11:05	Welcome, panelist introductions and panel objectives <i>Panel Moderator: Greg Gearheart</i> <i>State Water Resources Control Board</i>
11:05 - 11:35	Indigenous data sovereignty: how researchers can empower data governance <i>Lydia Jennings</i> <i>University of Arizona</i>

Time	Topic
11:35 - 12:40	<p>Brief panelist presentations and panel discussion</p> <p><i>Panelists: Anna Holder<sup>1</sup>, Jaimie Huynh<sup>2</sup>, Lydia Jennings<sup>3</sup>, Tara Moran<sup>4</sup>, Walker Wieland<sup>5</sup></i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Greg Gearheart<sup>1</sup></i></p> <p><i>(1) State Water Resources Control Board, (2) CalRecycle, (3) University of Arizona, (4) California Water Data Consortium, (5) California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment</i></p>
12:40 - 12:50	<p>Symposium wrap-up and upcoming events</p> <p><i>Greg Gearheart</i></p> <p><i>State Water Resources Control Board</i></p>

### **Bay-Delta Data Sandbox Workshop**

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1:30 - 4:00	<p>Bay-Delta data access: a how-to workshop for accessing and analyzing environmental data in the U.S. Geological Survey Bay-Delta Data Sandbox</p> <p><i>Brendan F. Wakefield, Jeffrey A. Hansen, Emily Richardson, Jeniffer Soto Perez, Tom Bergamaschi, Brian Bergamaschi</i></p> <p><i>United States Geological Survey</i></p>