# BPC Expert Briefing: The 2014 Water Bond & Groundwater Legislation

February 27, 2015  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

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SPEAKER BIOS

John Coleman
John A. Coleman is the Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Planning Coalition, a non-profit, public benefit, membership corporation, to advocate for the balanced regulation and use of Bay-Delta resources to ensure that commerce, recreation and the environment thrive in the region. The Coalition’s 175 members represent a broad spectrum of public and private Bay-Delta entities, including ports, maritime and shoreline industry, labor unions, local government, residential and commercial builders, recreational users and engineering, planning, environmental science, construction and legal professionals. Coleman was elected in 1990 and since re-elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility. Coleman was elected to serve as the President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in December 2013. Coleman currently serves in the following capacities: Board Member of the Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region; Chair of the Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA); Chair of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA); Board Member of the East Bay Leadership Council; member of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee; member of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Legislative Committee, and Board Member of DERWA, the joint powers authority for recycled water service provided by EBMUD and the Dublin-San Ramon Services District.

Dave Bolland
David E. Bolland is Special Projects Manager with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), where he has worked since 1999. He is currently working on implementation of the landmark Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 and on implementation of ACWA’s Headwaters Framework for improved integrated resources management in California’s upper watersheds. David has on a wide variety of natural resources and water management regulatory compliance issues, including water conservation and use efficiency, water recycling, and surface water and groundwater management.

Prior to joining ACWA, David was a senior project manager for an environmental consulting firm for nine years. His local government experience also includes periods of service as a land use planner with a southern California municipality and a northern California county.

David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Planning and Management from the University of California at Davis.

Vanessa De La Piedra
Vanessa De La Piedra is the Groundwater Management Unit Manager at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, overseeing efforts to protect Santa Clara County’s groundwater supplies. This includes monitoring and forecasting groundwater conditions, implementing groundwater protection programs, collaborating with external agencies and stakeholders, and engaging on policy and legislation. Under Vanessa’s leadership, the District maintains a comprehensive Groundwater Management Plan.

Vanessa has over 15 years of experience in water resources management and is a registered civil engineer in California. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Northern Arizona University and a Master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

Marcus Trotta
Mr. Trotta is a hydrogeologist for the Sonoma County Water Agency’s Water Resource Planning Section. The primary focus of his work at the Water Agency involves leading feasibility studies for enhanced groundwater recharge projects and managing groundwater monitoring programs and technical studies in support of collaborative groundwater management activities. He is a Professional Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist in the State of California and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology with an emphasis in Hydrologic Science from the University of California at Davis.
**William Sloan**

William Sloan represents domestic and international clients on matters involving natural-resource and emission management, regulation and litigation, with a particular focus on climate change, energy and water resources.

Before entering private practice, Mr. Sloan served in externships with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Attorney General's Office. During his career, he has had extensive compliance, permitting and litigation experience involving the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act, the Endangered Species Act, the California Forest Practice Act and other environmental statutes. For nearly a decade, Mr. Sloan has worked on matters before regulatory agencies, as well as in state, federal and international courts, successfully litigating cases for both the public and private sector that have been resolved in the California and United States Supreme Courts. He has advised clients on carbon-offset generation projects and emission-reduction purchase agreements, along with compliance counseling on the carbon markets spanning the globe. With respect to water, he has counseled clients on water rights and water supply assessments, and has handled contested cases involving groundwater basin adjudications and water quality compliance. His work has spanned North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Mr. Sloan has been recommended for environmental law by Best Lawyers in America (2013 – 2015) and Super Lawyers (2012 – 2014). He was also recognized as a “notable practitioner” by Chambers USA (2011 – 2014) for his expertise in climate change law, and was recently named to the “Cleantech 100” list in the inaugural edition of LMG Cleantech & Renewable Energy (2013).

Currently, Mr. Sloan sits on the Climate Change Advisory Committee for the California Manufacturers and Technology Association, and participates in its environmental and government affairs committees. Mr. Sloan is also a member of the Energy Bar Association’s emission trading committee, the Environmental Law Institute and the Environment, Energy and Resources Section of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Sloan received his B.A. from Princeton University in 1994, and his J.D. from Hastings College of the Law, University of California, in 1999. In 2006, he was awarded a diploma as a Rhodes Ocean Scholar from the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy in Greece. He is a frequent speaker and author on climate change, water resources and carbon markets.

**Richard Matteis**

Richard Matteis was named Administrator of the California Farm Bureau Federation in August 2007.

Previously, he served as chief executive officer of the California Grain and Feed Association, which also provided management services and legislative advocacy for two-dozen other agricultural associations. Before joining the Grain and Feed Association, Matteis served concurrently as executive secretary of the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau and the Alameda County Farm Bureau, and as a field representative for the California Farm Bureau.

He grew up on farms and ranches in Santa Clara and Mendocino counties. He earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and a master's degree in business administration from California State University, Sacramento.

**David Gutierrez**

David Gutierrez is currently the Program Manager for the Groundwater Sustainability Program within the Department of Water Resources. He has worked for the Department in several capacities over the past 35 years including the Chief of the Division of Safety of Dams, the Deputy Director for Public Safety and the Deputy Director for Business Operations. As Chief of DSOD he oversees the regulation of over 1250 dams in California and as Deputy Director of Public Safety, he oversaw the development of the FloodSAFE California Program. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and Master of Science Degree
specializing in Geotechnical Engineering from California State University, Sacramento. He is a registered professional civil and geotechnical engineer in the State of California. David has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of State Dam Safety Officials and as President of the organization. He is also a member of the National Dam Safety Review Board and the Strong Motion Instrumentation Advisory Committee of the California Division of Mines and Geology.

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- *April 9, 2015 – Decision Makers Conference*, Oakland Scottish Rite Center, Oakland, CA, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- *May 27, 2015 – BPC Expert Briefing: Storm Water Management – The New Industrial & Municipal Regulations*, Port of Oakland, Oakland, CA, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- *September 23, 2015 – BPC Workshop: Energy & Water Nexus Summit 4*, EBMUD, Oakland, CA, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- *December 11, 2015 – BPC Annual Meeting & Luncheon*, St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco CA

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