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Bio & Abstract for SEG February 7, 2018 talk

Presenter:

Christine is the owner of Zimmerman Consulting and works as a regulatory affairs advisor and is keenly focused on regulatory policy development to shape the development of water regulations that are compatible with fossil fuel industry goals of economically feasible and environmentally conscientious operation. She is also focused on the related aspects of water treatment and reuse project funding mechanisms and collaborative projects. Christine has degrees in geology and Geological Engineering. She first worked in the petroleum industry on the West Side in 1990 and has worked on water plant feasibility and design projects, groundwater remediation projects as well as numerous CEQA and regulatory compliance related project over the course of her career. Christine currently serves on the Central Valley Salinity Coalition Public Outreach and Education Committee as well as CIPA's Water and Environmental committees.

Abstract:

Basin Plan Amendment Process for the Oil and Gas Industry in the Tulare Lake Basin: An Update

The Central Valley Water Board (CVWB) has established a Control Program via the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Solutions (CV-SALTS) collaborative. This is of significant importance to the Oil and Gas Industry (Industry) as the effort to de-designate beneficial uses of water in a manner that is protective of water resources while finding an economically sustainable way for the Industry to manage produced water. Industry must find a way to participate in shaping policy and subsequent regulation while keeping control of the costs to do so. Policy for the path to Basin Plan Amendment is rapidly taking shape and being finalized. This presentation brings the industry up to date on key issues related to this vastly complex process.