



WATER in Santa Barbara County CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Presented by: Matt Young and Charles Hamilton

Tuesday, May 30, 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

County Planning Commission Hearing Room, Ground Floor,
County Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara

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IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY we have experienced extreme weather whiplash between extended drought periods and high-intensity rainstorms. Join us for a discussion on water in Santa Barbara County, where we will explore the challenges and opportunities facing our water agencies. We'll discuss the impacts of recent drought periods and the innovative solutions being developed to help us manage our water resources sustainably. In addition, we'll discuss the effects of the most recent extremely wet winter and how it has affected our freshwater sources of supply. What does this mean for our future and how can we best prepare for probable changes?



Our focus will be on the roles of the County Water Agency and the five Cachuma Project Member Units: City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Montecito Water District, Carpinteria Valley Water District, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District, No. 1. The session will be structured with ample time for Q&A.

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Preferred registration deadline* : May 23, 2023

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Water in Santa Barbara County

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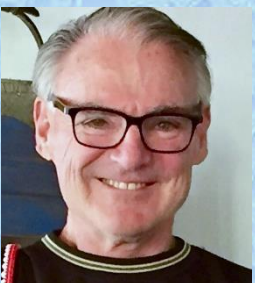
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It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Note: This class will be presented at the County Planning Commission Hearing Room, Ground Floor, County Administration Building, 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara (use the Anacapa Street entrance). Participants may choose to park across the street in the Santa Barbara Downtown Parking Lot #6 (Granada garage), in the 1200 block of Anacapa Street. Parking fees: First 75 minutes—free; each hour or part of an hour after the initial 75 minutes—\$2.50.



Matt Young is the manager of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency. He has 20 years of experience in hydrology and water resources planning. He is a registered professional hydrologist with the American Institute of Hydrology, and is a graduate of UCSB with a Master’s in Water Resources Management. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency was established by the state legislature in 1945 to control and conserve storm, flood and other surface waters for beneficial use and to enter into contracts for water supply. The Water Agency prepares investigations and reports on the County’s water requirements, groundwater conditions, efficient use of water, and other water supply-related technical studies and manages a number of County-wide programs, including the Integrated Regional Water Management Program, Regional Water Efficiency Program, and winter cloud seeding program. The Water Agency also administers reservoir contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and participates in Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.



Charles Hamilton began his career in public water utility management in 1982 as a Project Manager with the Mesa Water District in Costa Mesa. In 1989 he moved to Camarillo and worked for two years as Assistant General Manager at the Camrosa Water District before moving to Brentwood, where he worked for four years as General Manager of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District. He then moved to Carpinteria and worked as General Manager of the Carpinteria Valley Water District from May 1, 1995, until July 1, 2016. Until the end of 2018 he worked as a temporary “extra help” employee of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency. He is an Individual member of the Association of California Water Agencies. He received his B. A. degree from Kalamazoo College and his Master of Public and International Affairs degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

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