

# **WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S WATER LEADERS PROGRAM 2024**

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# CALIFORNIA WATER LEADERS PROGRAM

- Hosted by the Water Education Foundation
- Year-long, highly competitive leadership program
- Designed to develop future water leaders
- Deepening their knowledge of water issues,
- Enhancing leadership skills,
- Promoting cooperative decision-making



2024 Water Leaders Cohort

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Attend a one-day orientation,
- Participate in two water tours (one mandatory),
- Attend the Water 101 Workshop and Water Summit,
- Shadow a mentor in the water sector, interview the mentor about a selected issue,
- Attend four work-group meetings
- Present findings at the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting at the end of the year.



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROGRAM

- Water 101 Workshop
- Bay-Delta Tour
- Mentor
- Water Summit



# GROUP POLICY PROJECT

2024 Water Leaders Cohort – Groundwater Sustainability Recommendations

**Focus:** Strengthening SGMA implementation on its 10-year anniversary

**Goal:** Develop actionable policy solutions for sustainable groundwater management

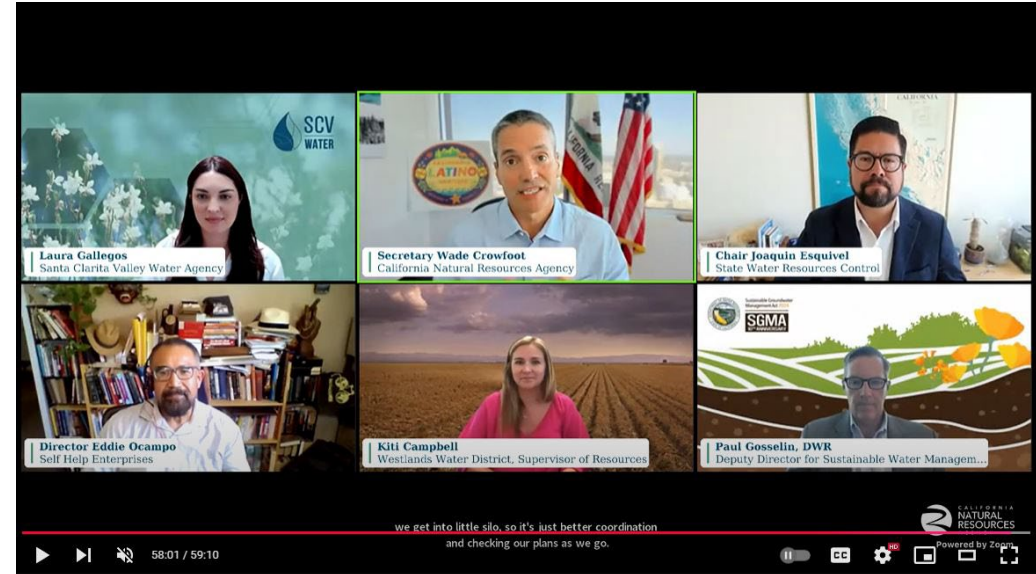
## Key Recommendations:

- Expand education & leadership programs for groundwater professionals
- Improve data transparency to build stakeholder trust
- Create regional community networks to support collaboration
- Coordinate land-use planning to adapt to SGMA impacts
- Secure long-term, equitable funding mechanisms



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## SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT TURNS 10!

Tracking Progress Managing California Groundwater over the last Decade

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# Questions?