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Thursday, May 28, 2026

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- 8:45am – 2:00pm **Registration**
- 9:30am – 12:00pm **Morning Session**
- 9:30am – 9:45am **CASA Welcome**
- Michelle Chester, Somach Simmons and Dunn LLP
 - Adam Link, CASA
 - David Chiu, San Francisco City Attorney
- 9:45am – 10:45am **WOTUS in a Name? Sackett, San Francisco, and the Shifting Tides of Permitting and Funding at the U.S. Supreme Court**
Moderator: Peter McGaw, Buchalter PC
- Yvonne West, State Water Resources Control Board
 - Drew Silton, Beverage & Diamond
 - Amanda Aspatore, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
- 10:45am – 11:00am **Networking Break**
- 11:00am – 12:00pm **From Discovery to Global Action: The Evolution of PFAS Litigation and Policy**
Moderator: Ken Sansone, SL Environmental
- Rob Bilott, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm **Luncheon**
- 1:00pm – 1:15pm **Networking Break**
- 1:15pm – 2:15pm **Rate-ing the Future: Proposition 218, Mega-Projects, and Affordability**
Moderator: Nicholas Whipps, San Francisco City Attorney's Office of David Chiu
- Lora Nichols, Fieldman, Rollap & Associates
 - Michael Colantuono, CHW Law, PC
 - Lutfi Kharuf, Best Best & Krieger, LLP
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm **Networking Break**
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm **Artificial Intelligence, Real Discipline: Second Generation A.I. Policies for Counsel and Avoiding the Pitfalls of Generative Law**
Moderator: Annalise Blum, Public Policy Institute of California
- Michelle Galloway, Cooley, LLP
- 3:30pm – 3:40pm **Networking Break**
- 3:40pm – 4:50pm **One Water to Rule Them All: Navigating the Water Quality Intersection of Urban Runoff and Rural Discharge**
- Patrick Palupa, R5 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - Nathan Gardner-Andrews, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
 - Tess Dunham, Kahn Soares & Conway, LLP
- 4:50pm – 5:00pm **Closing Remarks**
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm **Symposium Reception**

