



**Workshop: Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Issues**

**Background**

The purpose of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act is to promote open and transparent decision making by public boards and commissions and permit public participation in that process. As the Water Commission begins to discharge its information gathering, rulemaking, and program implementation duties under the Water Storage Investment Program, it is essential to be mindful of the parameters for conducting open meetings and avoiding inadvertent or serial meetings.

Representatives from the Attorney General's office will discuss basic tenets of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, including such topics as how to avoid inadvertent serial meetings, how to manage site visits, and how to gather information from stakeholders without running afoul of the Bagley-Keene Act. The panel encourages questions from the Commissioners at the end of each presentation segment and the Commission will entertain public comments at the close of the presentation.

Scheduled to participate from the Attorney General's office are: Ted Prim, Assistant Attorney General, Catherine Brown, Assistant Attorney General, and Deborah Fletcher, Assistant Attorney General.

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