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Groundwater forum will explore Turlock's challenges

TID to participate in panel discussion at free April 15 event to be held at CSU Stanislaus

TURLOCK — What are the groundwater challenges facing the Turlock area? What do those challenges mean for users who rely on the Turlock Groundwater Basin? What is groundwater's role in the overall water management picture? And where does the region go from here?

These questions and more will be addressed on April 15 by Turlock Irrigation District and other panelists at a local water forum titled, "Our Groundwater Challenges: What Do They Mean for the Turlock Area?"

California State University, Stanislaus and the Turlock Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to present a public forum on groundwater, featuring experts from the University, City of Turlock, TID, Stanislaus County and the state. The April 15 educational forum will be held inside CSU Stanislaus' Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building, Room 130 from 6 to 8 p.m. The forum is free and open to the public, and free parking will be available in Lot 11, directly adjacent to University Way / Monte Vista Avenue ([see map](#)).

The forum will open with presentations by five panelists, followed by a panel discussion and time for questions from the audience. TID Board Member Michael Frantz will serve as one of the panelists, and will be joined by Dr. Horacio Ferriz (CSU Stanislaus Professor of Geology), Michael Cooke (City of Turlock Municipal Services Director), Wayne Zipser (Stanislaus County Water Advisory Committee Chair) and Dorene D'Adamo (State Water Resources Control Board Member).

The goal of the event is to inform and educate the public on groundwater issues and what they mean to the community, businesses, students, farmers and local residents. Panelists were chosen to provide a broad cross-section of experts, with a focus on how different segments of the region can work together toward mutually beneficial solutions.

"The collective knowledge and resources exist to keep our region's groundwater sustainable for the future," Frantz said. "What needs to develop now is the collective will to do something about it. This forum is another step in getting there.

For additional information from TID, or to view a fact sheet about groundwater, visit TID's Groundwater Management page at www.tid.com/groundwater.

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About the Turlock Irrigation District (TID)

The Turlock Irrigation District, located in Turlock CA, is the first publicly owned Irrigation District and is one of only four today that provides irrigation water and power to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers within its service area. TID has been in the retail electric business since 1923. TID provides safe, low-cost, reliable energy to a growing customer base that today exceeds 98,000 home, farm, business, industrial and municipal accounts. TID also serves 5,800 irrigation customers covering approximately 150,000 acres of farmland. For more information about TID visit www.tid.com and follow [@TurlockID](https://twitter.com/TurlockID) on Twitter.