The Environmental Studies Program invites you to this year’s **Darcy Aston Memorial Water Lecture and Potluck**. Join us as we discuss California’s opportunity to become a leader in water management through implementation of its landmark groundwater legislation, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Prior to the passage of SGMA in 2014, California lagged behind many other states in groundwater management. Now, with careful implementation of the law, California has an opportunity to transform into a model for the West and other water-challenged parts of the world. This year’s keynote speaker is **Dr. Christina Babbitt** of Environmental Defense Fund. Assistant Professor Debra Perrone will moderate the lecture and panel discussion will follow. Dr. Babbitt manages the California Groundwater Program at Environmental Defense Fund, where she is working to advance successful implementation of California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. In her role, she leads efforts to advance water trading policy in California and scale replicable groundwater sustainability pilot projects across California’s Central Valley. In these efforts, Babbitt focuses on building partnerships among NGOs, agencies, water districts, and agricultural partners in ways that enhance collective impact. For more information, please visit: [www.es.ucsb.edu/news/announcement/569](http://www.es.ucsb.edu/news/announcement/569).

**Moderator**

**Debra Perrone**, Assistant Professor at the Environmental Studies Program

**Panelists**

**Alicia Roessler**, Staff Attorney for the Environmental Defense Center

**Arturo Keller**, Professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management

**Fray Crease**, Water Agency Manager for Santa Barbara County

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