

OSTROM WORKSHOP COLLOQUIUM SERIES

William Blomquist

Department of Political Science
IUPUI

“Implementing California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)”

Monday, February 29, 2016

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Ostrom Workshop, 513 N. Park



In 2014, the state of California enacted a new law requiring the creation of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) and the development and implementation of groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) in basins throughout the state. Groundwater basin management already exists within several basins in the state, and groundwater management activities in those locations are directed at most of the same policy goals as the new legislation. This paper describes a research program that is getting underway for the purpose of using research on those existing groundwater management efforts to inform the implementation of the new law. The current and planned research described in this presentation is being conducted with a team of researchers at Stanford University’s Woods Institute on the Environment, Water in the West Program, and Gould Center on Dispute Resolution. Preliminary work is being supported by a grant from Stanford’s Environmental Ventures Program (Janet Martinez, PI).



William Blomquist is professor of political science and adjunct professor of public and environmental affairs at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). His research interests concern governmental organization and public policies, especially water institutions and management. His publications include *Embracing Watershed Politics* (2008) with Edella Schlager, *Integrated River Basin Management through Decentralization* (2006) with Karin Kamper and Ariel Dinar, *Common Waters, Common Streams* (2004) with Edella Schlager and Tanya Heikkila, and *Dividing the Waters* (1992) ([website](#)).

Presentations are open to the public and are live streamed (see our website for URL and papers). You are welcome to bring your lunch, and refreshments will be available. For questions, contact Allison Sturgeon (sturgeon@iu.edu; 812/855–3151).