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## CALIFORNIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

# Arts & Environment Initiative

## A DIALOGUE ON THE THEME OF WATER

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION

HOSTED BY  
THE SIERRA HEALTH FOUNDATION

**January 17, 2013**  
**8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the California Arts Council; the National Endowment for the Arts; California Lawyers for the Arts; the County of Sacramento; the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission; Grace Bergen, Attorney at Law; Christopher Neudeck, P.E. Principal, Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc; Remy Moose Manley, LLP; Randy Sater, President of Stonebridge Properties, LLC; and Therapists for Social Responsibility.



## PRESENTERS

### **Barbara Benish**

As an accomplished international artist, Barbara Benish has participated in over 130 exhibitions and received numerous awards and grants. She is currently the director of ArtMill, Center for Sustainable Creativity, a Fellow with the Social Practice Arts Research Center at UCSC, and an advisor for the Safe Planet Campaign, a United Nations initiative.

### **David Sandino**

A distinguished attorney and professor, David Sandino is currently the Senior Staff Counsel for the Department of Water Resources. He has also served for four years as lead counsel for the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and received a Fulbright Fellowship to teach in Russia, where he taught international environmental law at the Moscow State Academy.

### **devorah major**

Novelist and poet, devorah major served as the 3rd Poet Laureate of San Francisco. In 2005, devorah was commissioned to write spoken word and chorus for Trade Routes, a symphony she performed with the Oakland East Bay Symphony. She was in the original class of mediators trained by CLA in 1981, and has since served as a mediator, facilitator and planner for numerous community organizations.

### **Jeff Knorr**

Poet and professor of literature and creative writing at Sacramento City College, Jeff Knorr currently serves as Sacramento's Poet Laureate. In addition to authoring three books of poetry, Jeff Knorr has appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies. He currently directs the River City Writer's Series at Sacramento City College.

### **Mary Mackey**

A celebrated poet, professor and world traveler, Mary Mackey has published six collections of poetry, authored thirteen novels, sold over a million and a half copies and has had her work translated into twelve foreign languages. At present, she is working on a series of poems that combine Portuguese and English.

## TABLE HOSTS

Alma Robinson • Bonnie Kneitel • Daniel Yamshon • David Miller • Ellen Taylor • Glenda Keil  
• Mary Cameron • Pat Beck • Scot Mende • Vallene Hardman-Weeda • Vera Brown

## AGENDA

Registration	8:30 am
Welcome & Thank You: Ellen Taylor	9:00 am
CLA: Alma Robinson	
SMAC: Shelly Willis	
Facilitator: devorah major	
Setting the Stage	
Poet Laureate of Sacramento, Jeff Knorr	
Waste Land, Chasing Ice, Landfillharmonics, Film Shorts	
<b>Presenters</b>	
David Sandino, Department of Water Resources	
Barbara Benish, Director of ArtMill, Center for Sustainable Creativity	
<b>Breakout into World Café*</b>	
<b>Session 1</b>	
“What are the water issues facing the Sacramento Region & California?”	
<b>Lunch</b>	12:00 pm
City Councilmember Steve Cohn	1:00 pm
Poet Mary Mackey	
Discussion: devorah major	
Waste Land, Bridge at the Edge of the World, Global Warming's Terrifying New Math	
<b>Session 2</b>	
“How can we promote awareness and resolve conflicts of these issues?”	
<b>Session 3</b>	
Break out by Ideas/Projects/Interests	
Concluding Remarks/Next Steps	

### **\* World Café Guidelines :**

Please silence cell phones • Respectful conversation • Avoid interrupting • Everyone contributes  
Draw, design, write, share ideas • Have fun!