

Alpine Glow by Aaron Doss, photographer

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## LAKE NATOMA INN 702 GOLD LAKE DRIVE, FOLSOM, CA (SEE AGENDA FOR TIME)

## FORUM OF EXPERTS

Phil Isenberg, Delta Stewardship Council

Michael Jackson, Attorney

Jim Metropulos Sierra Club

Roger Patterson, Metropolitan Water District

Moderator:

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## THE FUTURE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA

## WATERSHED

Lawmakers and Governor Schwarzenegger created the Delta Stewardship Council last year as part of a major water deal to improve the reliability of California's water supply and restore the struggling Delta ecosystem. The Delta Stewardship Council is charged with developing a plan by 2012 to increase water conservation, restore the Delta ecosystem and bolster the water supply. What does this mean for the Sierra Nevada Watershed and tributaries to the Delta?

- Delta pumping restrictions
  - are they justified
- Delta / Sierra Nevada Watershed
  - can one survive without the other
- Delta Legislation forthcoming
  - upstream tributaries and how it will effect operational deliveries
- New Fees / Beneficiary Pays / Mandates
  - who should pay, who will benefit, who will not
- Area of Origin Water Rights
  - can they be protected and at what cost
- Storage versus Conservation
  - can the State get by without additional storage

