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Wave of the Future: Water Policy in Western Canada

Thursday January 19, 2012

12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m ET (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PT)

Across North America, and indeed around the world, water is increasingly being recognized as critical to social, economic, and ecological prosperity. In this webinar, the guest speakers will examine emerging water policy trends and challenges and discuss what they mean for western Canada.

Drawing on the outcomes of the *Honourable James A. Richardson Discovery Roundtables* (held in cities across western Canada in spring 2011), guest speaker Dr. Roger Gibbins will discuss western Canada's current water challenges and priorities for the future. In particular, he will describe the overall western outlook, including the similar set of issues and priorities identified in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Speaker Oliver M. Brandes will then focus on current water policy developments in British Columbia. He will explore what makes a modern water act and the potentially significant implications of B.C.'s current *Water Act* Modernization process for the rest of the country.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Roger Gibbins

President and CEO, Canada West Foundation

Oliver M. Brandes

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POLIS Project on Ecological Governance, University of Victoria

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