

Conference report, by Rabi Elias, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District.
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Board Practices, Bert Ives on addressing Board Members “your role”

- Be a good policy maker regarding budget/finance, personnel, operation, administrative and Board procedures.
- Be there, listen and voice your perspective.
- Be a team member, know your role and be part of the collective decision.
- Manage the manager, clarity of expectations, communicate, manage performance and a good collective supervisor.
- Know the mission, chart the course and don't leave the public, stake holders or staff guessing about where the agency is going.

Towards a Sustainable Water Future, Professor Robert Glennon from the University of Arizona mentioned in his presentation that:

- The threat water supply will be more important than oil.
- City Center in Las Vegas which has one casino and six skyscrapers will use the same water as 50,000 people.
- To produce one gallon of ethanol from corn will require 2,500 gallons of water.
- Only 10% of water is used for drinking.
- Human waste, find a way to get rid of it without water.

The Utility of the Future Blue Print – Advancing the “Innovation Ecosystem”, Ken Rubin from Rubin Malloes Worldwide mentioned in his presentation:

- The Clean Water Act is 45 years old needs to be changed.
- In the past, collect waste water, treat it and move it down stream.
- Future managers to work towards sustainable economic growth.
- Innovative eco system.
- Take more risk and manage to get more success.
- Share the risk.
- Better financing, 100 year bonds are starting to be used.