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# Cafe Scientifique - Feb. 9 - Dr. Richard Luthy - "Facing Scarcity: The Water Crisis in California"

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Come to SRI as we welcome Café Scientifique speaker:

RICHARD LUTHY, PhD  
Stanford University  
Silas H. Palmer Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Topic – “Facing Scarcity: The Water Crisis in California”  
(please see the link to Dr. Luthy's CafeSci water survey below)

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: SRI Menlo Park (Middlefield Road at Ringwood Ave.)

Please note:

- > Doors will be closed when capacity is reached.
- > Doors will open at 5:15 – don't be late!
- > Do not park at SRI's main entrance (333 Ravenswood)

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Water is arguably California's most precious resource. Our supply is renewable, but widely variable. Our demand often outstrips supply such that we cannot meet the competing needs of households, farms and industry while maintaining a healthy ecosystem. We also face serious environmental and economic tradeoffs as we look to meet future water needs in our rapidly growing state.

At the February Café, Stanford Professor Richard Luthy will host a wide ranging discussion on the various facets of California's water crisis, including:

- Potential solutions
- Supply sources and constraints
- Allocation choices (farmers vs. cities vs. the environment)
- Water pollution, remediation and reclamation

As part of this event, please take a few minutes to fill out this survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7GHL597>. Your feedback and ideas will be incorporated into the discussion.

To learn more about California's water issues ahead of the Cafe, see the KQED QUEST production “State of Thirst: California's Water Future” at <http://www.kqed.org/quest/television/state-of-thirst-californias-water-future>.

Richard G. Luthy is the Silas H. Palmer Professor and former Department Chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University. His area of teaching and research is environmental engineering and water quality with application to persistent and emerging contaminants, water reuse, and management of contaminated sediments. He is a past chair of the National Research Council's Water Science and Technology Board, and a former President of the Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

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Coffee, tea and biscotti will be complimentary, provided by SRI - Bring your own mug if you wish to avoid using disposable cups.

Courtesy of Kepler's there will be a drawing for a \$30 gift card for books or merchandise at Kepler's on El Camino Real in Menlo Park. Those who choose to enter the drawing will have their names added to the Kepler's mailing list. Special thanks to Kepler's for supporting Cafe Sci.

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Kind regards,

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