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**DWR TO PARTICIPATE IN DAY-LONG BRIEFING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES**

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources will be taking part in a one-day briefing on "Climate Change and California Water Resources" on November 6 in Sacramento, presented by the Water Education Foundation.

Some climate experts are forecasting a gradual warming of California's weather patterns in the next century, a trend that could have serious effects on the Golden State's water-supply systems. As a result of this trend, researchers are predicting a significant reduction in the Sierra snowpack, which supplies much of the water for California's agricultural and urban users, including those served by the federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project.

Resources Agency Secretary Mary Nichols will deliver the keynote speech and several DWR staff members will be featured in panel sessions to be held at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Maury Roos, chief hydrologist for DWR, will moderate the opening panel that will present an overview of regional changes which are projected in California's key water supply areas. Doug Osugi, a supervising engineer in DWR's Statewide Planning Branch, will be one of the panelists discussing the effects of climate change on California water suppliers. Osugi's branch is addressing global climate change in the current update of the California Water Plan.

Other expert panelists will discuss the latest climate change research and forecasts, planning for climate change by leading water-supply agencies, and possible effects of climate change on California agriculture, urban areas, utilities, and the environment.

Sen. Mike Machado, chairman of the State Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, will deliver closing remarks.

For registration information, call the Water Education Foundation at (916) 444-6240, or visit [www.watereducation.org](http://www.watereducation.org).

For further information about how the State Water Plan Update is addressing climate change, see DWR online at:

[http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/AandE/Pages/Climate%20change/climate\\_change\\_outline.htm](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/AandE/Pages/Climate%20change/climate_change_outline.htm)

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