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DWR Announces Water Information Management Symposium

SACRAMENTO – The Western States Water Council and the Department of Water Resources will hold a Water Information Management Symposium in San Diego on November 17-19, with a special focus on climate change adaptation.

Next month's symposium will begin at 1 p.m. on November 17 (location information and agenda are below). Registration forms are available at the WSWC's website (<http://www.westgov.org/wswc/WIMS09registrationform.doc>). The registration fee is \$175.

The Council is an organization consisting of representatives appointed by the governors of 18 western states. Purposes of the Council include encouraging cooperation among western states in management of water resources and providing a forum for exchanging views and perspectives among states.

This year's symposium is the Council's 14th water management event with locations rotating annually among the member states.

AGENDA

Western States Water Council
Water Information Management Symposium
November 17-19, 2009

Hilton San Diego Mission Valley
901 Camino del Rio South
San Diego

Tues Nov 17th

12:00 – Registration

1:00 – Welcome and introductions, symposium overview

1:30 – Topics of special interest

Climate change adaptation (Jeanine Jones, California Department of Water Resources)

Water/energy nexus (Lorraine White, California Energy Commission)

Emerging drinking water contaminants (Betty Olson, University of California Irvine)

ARRA SRF funding – green projects (Roger Gorke, US Environmental Protection Agency)

Demographic trends in the West (David Plane, University of Arizona)

3:15 -- break

3:30 -- Climate activities at the state level

Western Governors' Association actions (Tom Iseman, WGA)

California's climate change adaptation plan (John Andrew, CDWR)

Incorporating climate change in the Bay-Delta planning (Francis Chung, CDWR)

Colorado's climate change action plan (Jennifer Gimbel, Colorado Water Conservation Board)

Planning for sea level rise in Washington (Spencer Reeder, Washington Department of Ecology)

5:30 – adjourn

6:00 -- Reception

Wed Nov 18th

8:30 – Federal actions relating to USGS Circular 1331 (water sector climate change adaptation)

Dave Raff, US Bureau of Reclamation

Rolf Olsen, US Army Corps of Engineers

Earl Greene, US Geological Survey

Jim Verdin, National Integrated Drought Information System Program Office

10:15 – Break

10:30 -- Applications from remote sensing

Landsat applications (Jim Verdin, USGS)

Remote sensing applications for snow cover and snow water equivalent (Simon Yueh, Jet Propulsion Laboratory)

NASA Ames Ecological Forecasting Lab (Forrest Melton, NASA)

11:45 – Lunch

Pending congressional legislation on climate change, Tom Iseman, WGA

1:15 – Climate change & ecosystem/fishery implications

National Marine Fisheries Service planning activities (John Stein, NMFS)

Climate change and anadromous fish in California's Central Valley (Larry Brown, USGS)

3 Gordon Reeves, US Forest Service

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies' Climate Change Wildlife Action Plan (Arpita Choudhury, AFWA)

3:00 -- break

3:15 – Monitoring & data needs

Upgrading the California Irrigation Management Information System (Kent Frame, CDWR)

Remote sensing tool for water use estimation (Grant Davids, Davids Engineering)

Remote sensing applications for groundwater (Tom Farr, JPL)

5:00 -- adjourn

Thurs Nov 19th

8:30 – Research programs and activities

Regional climate modeling (Linda Mearns, National Center for Atmospheric Research)

Atmospheric rivers (Tim Schneider, NOAA)

Capacity building for water users (Andrea Bair, National Weather Service)

9:45 -- break

10:00 – Adaptation Planning and Projects

Updating flood flow frequencies (David Ford, David Ford Consulting Engineers)

California reservoir system reoperation (Art Hinojosa, CDWR)

NOAA's coastal program activities (Becky Smythe, NOAA)

Climate data support from state climatologists (Nolan Doesken, Colorado Climate Center)

11:45 – closing remarks

12:00 – adjourn

*Invited

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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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