



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **DWR Hosts 2010 Winter Outlook Workshop**

SACRAMENTO – As part of efforts to address California’s drought, the Department of Water Resources will hold a Winter Outlook Workshop (WOW) on Nov. 3, 2009, in San Diego.

The workshop will bring together research meteorologists and climate scientists to provide water managers with a discussion of prospects for Water Year 2010 water supply conditions.

The recently completed Water Year 2009 was California’s third consecutive dry year, and water managers are preparing for the possibility of a fourth dry year. The primary source of seasonal weather or climate outlooks is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle.

Researchers have additionally been seeking to correlate other ocean-atmosphere patterns such as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation or the Madden-Julian Oscillation with observed weather conditions.

WOW presenters will discuss how these patterns may play out in the coming winter season, and the chances for wet, dry, or average conditions.

Speakers will include Klaus Wolter, University of Colorado; Tim Brown, Western Regional Climate Center; Eric Fetzer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; Mike Dettinger, U.S. Geological Survey; Jayme Laber, National Weather Service; and Jeanine Jones, Department of Water Resources.

#### **Winter Outlook Workshop**

Nov. 3, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coronado Room, Westin Hotel Gaslamp Quarter  
910 Broadway Circle, San Diego

The workshop will also be available as a live webcast at  
<http://cawater.rmxpres.com/webcast/data/dwrwinteroutlook11032009/msh.htm>

For background on droughts and drought preparedness, see  
<http://www.water.ca.gov/drought/>.

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