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DWR Announces Climate Change Symposium

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Water Education Foundation are co-sponsoring a water and climate change adaptation symposium on October 19-20 at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach.

The agenda and registration information are available at:

<http://www.watereducation.org/doc.asp?id=1072&parentID=849>.

The symposium, being held in coordination with the Ocean Protection Council (OPC), includes presentations highlighting the connection between fresh water and coastal/ocean adaptation issues, including the effects of climate change on severe weather and coastal flooding.

DWR, in coordination with other state and federal agencies, recently initiated a National Research Council study on expected future sea level rise along the West Coast due to climate change.

OPC heads a state agency task force developing interim guidance on planning for sea level rise. Progress on developing this interim guidance will be covered at the symposium.

The symposium will cover Department of Water Resources work related to climate change -- such as analysis of impacts on State Water project delivery reliability and climate change consideration in development of integrated regional water management plans -- as well as an opportunity to talk with researchers involved in examining climate change impacts on runoff and flooding.

Examples of Southern California local water agency plans for adaptation will also be covered.

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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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