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DWR Climate Change Exhibit Opens in Long Beach

LONG BEACH -- Potential impacts of climate change on water supply are the focus of a Department of Water Resources exhibit at the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Theme of the exhibit – which has a grand opening from 7 - 8:30 tonight – is that California’s climate and water conditions have always been subject to change. This includes extreme droughts long before the relative climate stability of the last hundred years.

Climate changes this century are expected to reduce the Sierra Nevada snowpack, which provides much of California’s water supply. More precipitation is expected to fall as rain, raising new storage challenges for water managers. Individuals also should be prepared to adapt to climate and water supply changes, whether attributed to human action or natural variability. The exhibit also emphasizes that water conservation is an important adaptation measure that everyone can implement.

For more information on the exhibit, visit <http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/>.

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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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