

California Drought Outlook Forum:

What's Ahead and What We Can Do

**Thursday, February 20, 2014
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA**

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mark Schaefer, Ph.D.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management
Deputy Administrator, NOAA

9:45 a.m. Forum Objectives and Outcomes

9:50 a.m. Current Drought Conditions and Outlook for 2014

Panel will provide an assessment of the present situation in California, the outlook for continuing drought, and sources of drought monitoring and forecast information.

moderator: Paul Iñiguez, NOAA National Weather Service

Michael Anderson, California Department of Water Resources

Pete Fickenscher, NOAA California-Nevada River Forecast Center

Martin Hoerling, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory

10:50 a.m. Drought Impacts, Responses, and Preparedness

Panel will discuss impacts, responses and strategies, and longer-term preparedness activities across the public and private sectors.

moderator: Anne Jackson, PG&E

Melissa Crandell, Bureau of Reclamation

Danielle Blacet, Association of California Water Agencies

Lisa Maddaus, American Water Works Association

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Undersecretary Sandra Schubert,
California Department of Food and Agriculture

- 1:30 p.m. Drought Early Warning Information in California**
Panel will present activities and resources for drought early warning and preparedness, including assessments, predictions, and impact information.
moderator: Robert Webb, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, NIDIS
Anne Steinemann, Scripps Institution of Oceanography / CIRES, NIDIS
Lee Johnson, CSU Monterey Bay / NASA Ames
Jay Jasperse, Sonoma County Water Agency
- 2:00 p.m. Drought Programs and Assistance**
Panel will describe resources for drought assistance, preparedness, and recovery.
moderator: Karissa Kruse, Sonoma County Winegrape Commission
Val Dolcini, USDA - Farm Service Agency
Carlos Suarez, USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
David Hartwell, USDA - Rural Development, California
Krista Reger, California Rural Water Association
George Faggella, California Department of Public Health
- 3:15 p.m. Information Needs for Drought Early Warning and Preparedness**
An open discussion, with all Forum attendees, will identify key information and resource needs for improving drought early warning and response, and will develop a list of action items for improving preparedness.
moderator: Kelly Redmond, Western Regional Climate Center
- 4:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks**
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn**