

# **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**