

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
NOAA Deputy Administrator
- 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: Sue Gornick, California Environmental Dialogue
Melissa Crandell, Bureau of Reclamation
Danielle Blacet, Association of California Water Agencies
Lisa Maddaus, American Water Works Association
Kirsten Knoepfle-Thorne, Chevron
- 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
Dustin Hardwick, 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**