Save the Date: California Climate Change Symposium Set for Aug. 24-25

Scientists to Explore Adaptation to Climate Change

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A two-day conference in Sacramento will feature cutting-edge climate research of keen interest to California policymakers and the public, including presentations on climate change and the current drought, the potential impact of prolonged drought on California agriculture, sea level rise and storm surge in San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and measurement of carbon emissions from major cities.

The world's leading body for climate change assessment, the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), co-hosts the event. Other hosts include the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

"Driven by humanity's long-term and large-scale fossil-fuel consumption, climate change is changing our forests, mountain snowpack, coast, ocean, streams, and biodiversity," said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird. "The ramifications for the way we live in California cannot be overstated. Good science will help us adapt to a rapidly changing world and help us curb carbon emissions in California."

The "California Climate Change Symposium 2015: Using Climate Science to Plan for a Resilient Future" begins Monday, August 24 at 9 a.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street in downtown Sacramento. The aim of the event is to bring together the scientists working to understand climate change and the policymakers positioned to help Californians mitigate and cope with changes wrought by higher average temperatures.

The symposium will include sessions related to options for adapting to water shortages and extreme weather events in California. IPCC staff will offer a climate change briefing for media.

The symposium agenda – subject to change -- is available here:
http://www.californiascience.org/. ###