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### **DWR ANNOUNCES CLIMATE SCIENCE SERVICE**

**SAN DIEGO** -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) presented its periodic Climate Science Service awards at this week's workshop on seasonal climate prediction sponsored by the Department and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The purpose of the awards is to recognize ongoing assistance provided by scientists who have been working closely with DWR on climate research activities. DWR also presented a special Advisory Committee Climate Services Award to the members of its Climate Change Technical Advisory Group (CCTAG).

"DWR is pleased to acknowledge the exemplary support that these scientists have been providing us in the areas of drought, climate variability, and climate change", said DWR Director Mark Cowin. "We appreciate their dedication in working with us to develop useful science that we can apply in our drought preparedness and climate change programs. We also appreciate the contributions of our CCTAG members, whose diverse backgrounds range from academia to water management activities in the public and private sectors, and who have worked with us over the last three years to help us prepare for the impacts of climate change."

The Climate Science Service award recipients are:

- ▶ Dr. Anne Steinemann, Program Manager, California-Nevada Applications Program, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
- ▶ Dr. Casey Brown, Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts.

In her role at Scripps Dr. Steinemann has contributed advice, data, analyses, publications, and presentations to help support DWR drought preparedness and response activities. Her ability to bridge between the academic research community and water resources management practitioners has been greatly appreciated. Dr. Brown and his post-doctoral students Dr. Patrick Ray and Dr. Sungwook Wi have worked with DWR on a climate change vulnerability assessment for DWR's State Water Project (SWP) facilities. Their close coordination with DWR has ensured that the assessment accurately reflects how the SWP is operated.

**The Advisory Committee Climate Services award is presented to:**

Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program

Michael Anderson, California State Climatologist

Barney Austin, Intera, Inc.

Dan Cayan, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

David Curtis, WEST Consultants, Inc.

Mike Dettinger, U.S. Geological Survey

Guido Franco, California Energy Commission

Konstantine Georgakakos, Hydrologic Research Center

John Gyakum, McGill University

Al Herson, Sohagi Law Group

Lev Kavvas, University of California, Davis

Ruth Langridge, University of California, Santa Cruz

Kelly Redmond, Western Regional Climate Center

Sarah Young, Santa Clara Valley Water District

These advisory group members have helped DWR incorporate climate change adaptation into water planning and management, providing advice on estimation of climate change impacts to water resources, development of planning approaches and analytical tools, and formulation of adaptation strategies. Their work has included making recommendations on climate change scenarios evaluated in DWR's 2013 California Water Plan Update and on consideration of climate change in local entities' integrated regional water management plans.

