**Western States Water Council Workshop on Seasonal Precipitation Forecasting for Water Resources**

**December 15, 2015 • Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Caesars Palace, Convention Center, Pisa Room**

WORKSHOP GOALS: (1) Share current seasonal prediction techniques and communicate the present state of the science; (2) Explain confidence/skill levels and efforts to advance seasonal prediction for Western water resources; (3) Identify water user needs for timely information and the potential value added from improved seasonal forecasts, for developing requests for federal agency follow-up

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| **Tues Dec 15** | **AGENDA** |
| **8:30** | **Welcome and Introductions**  Jeanine Jones, Western States Water Council (WSWC)/California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) |
| **8:45** | **Meeting Purpose & Goals, Agency Roles**  Jeanine Jones, WSWC/CDWR  Kevin Werner, Regional Climate Services Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  Pat Lambert, Western Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST) Liaison to WSWC |
| **9:30** | **NOAA Perspectives & Opportunities: State of the Science & Future Research**  Dave DeWitt, Director (via phone), Climate Prediction Center, NOAA |
| **10:15** | **BREAK** |
| **10:30** | **Western Precipitation Observations, Role of Extreme Precipitation Events**  Marty Ralph, Director, Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E), University of California San Diego/Scripps Institution of Oceanography |
| **11:00** | **Potential Applications for Improved Seasonal Precipitation Forecasting**  Jeanine Jones, WSWC/CDWR |
| **11:30** | **Example Present State-of-Practice for Water Operations Planning – the Colorado River Annual Operating Plan**  Dan Bunk, River Operations Group Manager, USBR Lower Colorado Region |
| **Noon** | **LUNCH - on your own** |
| **1:30** | **Group Discussion – Case Histories to Support Federal Budget Proposals, & Water Agency Goals for Improving Forecasts and Forecast Communication**  Moderators, Jeanine Jones, WSWC/CDWR & Kevin Werner, NOAA |
| **3:00** | **Adjourn** |