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CALIFORNIA EXTREME HEAT SYMPOSIUM

OCTOBER 18, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM PST

California's best climate science projects that every corner of our state will be impacted in the years and decades to come by higher average temperatures and more frequent and severe heat waves. Extreme heat threatens public health and safety, economic prosperity, communities, and natural systems, and poses profoundly disproportionate consequences for the most vulnerable among us. Join leaders from across government, industry, academia, and communities for a forward-looking conversation about extreme heat trends and challenges as well as innovative solutions to address its wide-reaching impacts.

The Symposium aims to inform extreme heat adaptation decision-making and actions across sectors and regions, including implementation of California's Extreme Heat Action Plan and state programs like the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program. Following the Symposium, a synopsis will be released highlighting key takeaways from the event.

The Symposium is open to the public with in-person and hybrid attendance options.
Spanish interpretation will be provided. Se proporcionará interpretación en español.

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AGENDA

9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Welcome & Pre-Recorded Remarks by California Governor Gavin Newsom

Doors open at 8:15 am for registration

9:15-10:00 a.m. Setting the Stage - Understanding the Risk of Extreme Heat to Build Resilience

- Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
- Dr. David P. Eisenman, Professor of Medicine and Public Health, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine
- Dr. Rupa Basu, Chief of Air and Climate Epidemiology Section, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- Dr. Alexander Gershunov, Research Meteorologist, UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Pushed to the Limit - Getting to Grid Reliability in the Era of Extreme Heat

- Dan Jacobson, Senior Advisor, Environment California
- Siva Gunda, Vice-Chair, California Energy Commission
- Delphine Hou, Director of California Regulatory Affairs, California Independent System Operator
- Dale Roberts, Principal Engineer, Sonoma County Water Agency

10:50 - 11:35 a.m. Sounding the Alarm - How Awareness Campaigns Keep Communities Safe

- Yumi Sera, Executive Director, California Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communication
- Dr. John Faust, Chief of the Community and Environmental Epidemiology Research Branch, California Office of Environmental Health and Hazard Assessment
- Brian Ferguson, Deputy Director of Crisis Communication and Public Affairs, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

11:35 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

12:30 - 12:45 p.m. Legislating for Extreme Heat Response and Long-Term Resilience

- Keynote Address by Luz Rivas, State Assembly Member, California's 39th Assembly District

12:50 - 1:35 p.m. Nature-Based Climate Solutions - Scaling Lessons Learned to Deliver Heat Action

- Juan Altamirano, Director of Government Affairs, Trust for Public Land
- John Melvin, Assistant Deputy Director of Resource Protection and Improvement, CAL FIRE
- Sara Bernal, Urban Agriculture Program Lead, California Department of Food & Agriculture
- Tracy Quinn, CEO and President, Heal the Bay

1:40 - 2:25 p.m. Health Equity at the Heart of Extreme Heat Action

- Lianne Dillon, Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity Co-Lead, Public Health Institute
- Natalie Hernandez, Director of Climate Planning & Resilience, Climate Resolve
- Heather Riden, Program Director, Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
- Rachel Rios, Executive Director, La Familia Counseling Center

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. The Road Ahead - California's Surfaces as a Solution

- Jonathan Parfrey, Founder and Executive Director, Climate Resolve
- Kristen Torres Pawling, Sustainability Program Director, County of Los Angeles Chief Sustainability Office
- Sarah Schneider, Deputy Director, Cool Roof Rating Council
- Dr. John Harvey, Principal Investigator, UC Pavement Research Center at UC Davis

3:20 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. All Hands on Deck for a Heat-Resilient California for All

- Samuel Assefa, Director, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research