



# WESTERN SNOW CONFERENCE



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## 1st Call for Papers for the 2015 Western Snow Conference

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Members and Friends of the Western Snow Conference,

Please join us April 20-23, 2015 for the 83rd annual Western Snow Conference in Grass Valley, California. Grass Valley is in the Sierra Nevada foothills and about an hour from the Sacramento Airport.

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**You are invited to submit an abstract of 150-300 words by January 31, 2015.** Submit abstracts by filling out the submission form at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13C9kUtdAuER0Dhv85uL8RE3ibGlxgTi\\_f9ZU2iSzeA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13C9kUtdAuER0Dhv85uL8RE3ibGlxgTi_f9ZU2iSzeA/viewform)

The 2015 conference will have a general theme of hydrologic forecasting and water management under drought conditions. Suggestions for topics of potential papers and posters include: Climatology of Droughts, Observed Trends in Snowpack Conditions, Runoff Forecasting Issues during Dry Years, Direct Measurement and Remote Sensing of Thin Snow Cover, Hydrologic Processes during Dry Years, Communicating with the News Media and a Drought-Wearied Public; and for a special Earth Day (April 22) session: Environmental Issues Regarding Snow and Runoff. However, submissions on all aspects of the cryosphere are welcome.

### North Continental

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The South Pacific Committee will compile a full agenda of oral and poster papers, a Monday short course, and a Thursday technical tour to explore historic water resource development in an area renowned for its gold mining and hydroelectric activity. Additional information will be posted on the WSC web page.

### South Continental

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The conference will be held April 20-23 at the modern Gold Miners Inn, a Holiday Inn Express hotel. The hotel is downtown and within easy walking distance of restaurants, saloons, and a historic hotel. Brewpubs are in the neighboring town a short distance away. For accommodation information, please visit <http://www.thegoldminersinn.com>, or to reserve a room after February 1, 2015, call 530-477-1700 and specify the Western Snow Conference Group. Hotel rooms will meet federal per diem rate for Grass Valley, and although the specific rate has not yet been fixed, it is expected to be less than \$97 per night plus taxes and fees, and includes breakfast and two happy hour drinks per day.

### North Pacific

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We hope to see you in Grass Valley for a lively western snow and water discussion. Check the WSC web page at <http://www.westernsnowconference.org/> for conference registration and the most current information, or contact [westernsnowconference@gmail.com](mailto:westernsnowconference@gmail.com) or the Chairs below for more information.

### South Pacific

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Please share this Call for Papers with other friends and colleagues who may be interested. Best wishes for a non-drought snow year.

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