

CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS PROGRAM

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Dear Cooperators –

We're pleased to announce that the 61st Annual Meeting of the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program.

This year's meeting will be held **TUESDAY through THURSDAY November 3-5, 2015 at the Sonora Opera Hall in Sonora, CA.** We have not yet finalized lodging and meeting details, so there is no need to make reservations nor register for the meeting yet.

Once we've figured out lodging and meeting details and registration costs, we will forward that information as soon as possible. Attached is a draft agenda which may assist you as you seek approval for attendance. We expect registration costs to be around the same as they were last year.

Once again we'll feature a variety of topics at the meeting ranging from Snow Surveys and Climate Program highlights, advances in modeling and academic research, field maintenance and installation and operational highlights from 2014-15.

Also of note will be a day dedicated to field maintenance, equipment, and safety ideally suited for your agency's hydrographers and other field staff. We hope to invite more vendors this year and include time for some equipment demonstration. This is slated for Tuesday, November 3rd – so plan accordingly if you would like to attend or send staff to this as well.

If you know of vendors of remote sensing or field safety equipment that you believe would be a good fit for our meeting, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing all of you in November.

We look forward to seeing all of you at this meeting. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Frank at (916) 574-2635 or e-mail Frank.Gehrke@water.ca.gov, or Dave at (916) 574-2983 or e-mail at David.Rizzardo@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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SIXTY FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF COOPERATORS

November 3-5, 2015

Sonora Opera Hall – Sonora, CA

TENTATIVE AGENDA

☀☀☀☀ Tuesday, November 3 – Sonora Opera Hall/Misc. Field Locations ☀☀☀☀

- 1100-1700 Remote Sensor Vendor Demonstrations and Q&A
- Lunch Forum: Adopting the New Snow Surveying standards
- Field Maintenance and Snow Surveying Field Trip
- Safety Training: Backcountry Dangers, Avalanches, and Recommendations
- 1900 Meeting Check-In / Social Hour – Sonora Opera Hall

☀☀☀☀ Wednesday, November 4 – Sonora Opera Hall ☀☀☀☀

- 0800-0900 Meeting Check-In
- 0900-1030 DWR Hydrology Branch Program Highlights / Climate and El Nino Outlook
- 1030-1200 Cooperator Reports and Activities Session / Dealing with Drought
- 1200-1300 Lunch – On Site – Vendor Demos
- 1300-1700 Advances in Hydrologic Modeling / Academic Research Session
- 1700 Adjourn
- 1830 Annual Banquet – On Site

☀☀☀☀ Thursday, November 5 – Sonora Opera Hall ☀☀☀☀

- 0800-1000 Field Maintenance Review
- 1000-1100 Data Collection Challenges and Modernization Efforts
- 1100-1200 CCSS Program Business and Safety Topics
- 1200 Adjourn