

Workshop on the Implications of the Recent California Climate Action Team Reports to
Land Use Planning along the Coast
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New climate studies note many possible changes to the world due to changes in global temperature, rising sea level, changing patterns in snow fall, precipitation, runoff and flooding, and changes in coastal inundation and erosion. Some of these changes can have direct and significant consequences to the coast. Many reports on the ways to deal with climate change highlight both adaptation and land use planning as being important response techniques. Local governments and state agencies will be on the forefront of these planning efforts; however, few if any local governments or agencies have a good understanding of the planning options available for climate change. And, as noted by Moser and Tribbia in *More than Information*, CEC-500-2007-046) found that “Coastal managers are highly concerned about climate change and willing to address it in their work, but they require financial and technical assistance from other agencies at the state and federal level to do so.” The purpose of this workshop is to start some discussions about the major planning needs and ways to better link recent advances in climate science and impact assessments to the planning and decision-making process. The workshop will present some information on the current coastal planning structure and results from several key climate change studies that had direct implications for the coast. Following a question and answer session, participants will be asked to help identify important first steps and technical materials that will be most useful for incorporating issues of climate change into the land use planning process. This workshop is intended as one of the early steps in developing sustainable approaches for land use planning and identifying some of the planning tools that will be useful for local governments in addressing this difficult issue of climate change; it is intended to identify questions from the local perspective, as well as providing available answers.