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NOAA West Watch

Regional Environmental Conditions and Impacts Coordination

ATTENDEES*

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2. Annie Birnie

3. Chris

4. Chris Harvey

5. Christopher Krembs

6. Clarissa Anderson

7. Emily Mazur

8. Francisco Chavez

9. Irma Lagomarsino

10. Jan Newton

11. James Behrens

12. Kim

13. Marine Lebrec

14. Michael Anderson

15. Michael Milstein

16. Nancy Selover

17. Patrick Rutten

18. Roger Pierce

19. Roxanne Robertson

20. Ruth Howell

21. Skip

22. Stephanie Jaeger

23. Susan Brown

24. Tim Brown

25. Toby

26. Polly Hicks

27. Dan McEvoy

*There were 6 additional Call-in Users who were not identified by name.

SUMMARY

Polly Hicks (NOAA) welcomed everyone to the webinar and asked for their names to be entered for roll call. She gave an overview of the agenda for NOAA's West Watch and reminded participants that this webinar is designed to bring together NOAA staff and partners from across the western region to share information about regional environmental observations and impacts on human systems. Dan McEvoy (WRCC) delivered an update on regional climate conditions, including an update on the current ENSO state and outlook which is showing a trend toward a weak La Nina. Tim Brown (WRCC) provided a presentation on the most recent CA wild fires including a discussion of the factors that influenced the fire intensity and spread and impacts from the fires. Tim reviewed the current fire outlook for the period of October through January. Representatives of the three IOOS programs on the west coast provided nearshore oceanographic updates from NANOOS (Jan Newton), SCCOOS (Clarissa Anderson) and CeNCOOS (Francisco Chavez) including updates on temperature anomalies and HABs. Clarissa Anderson also highlighted a new product from Mati Kahru (Scripps). Polly provided an overview of environmental conditions and impacts across the region that were captured through media mining by Shawn Roj, an intern with the Western Regional Climate Center.