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California Natural Resources Agency Seeks Public Input on Safeguarding California from Climate Change at Meeting in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8 in Los Angeles to get input from Californians on how the state should prepare for climate risks. The California Natural Resources Agency in coordination with other state agencies will be drafting the new Safeguarding California Plan, an update to the 2009 climate adaptation strategy, and is inviting public input on key issues and approaches that stakeholders feel should be addressed in the update.

In 2009, the state released one of the first multi-sector climate adaptation strategies in the country. Since then, our understanding of climate risks has evolved and our strategies for responding to these risks have also evolved – making it an ideal time to update the plan and continue to build a collective vision for preparing for climate risks.

California is already taking aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but no matter how quickly we reduce our climate polluting emissions, impacts will still occur. Many impacts – bigger and more intense wildfires, floods, severe storms, and heat waves – are already occurring and will only become more frequent and more dangerous. There is much we can do to protect against these risks. Taking steps now to respond to climate change will safeguard our health and safety, our communities, our economy, and our future.

The California Natural Resources Agency is planning to release a draft version of the Safeguarding California Plan for public review and comment by the end of 2013.

WHAT:
Public meeting to get input on how the state should prepare for climate risks

WHEN:
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE:
Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA

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