

# *Information and Outcomes from the 2015 International & Climate Forum*



**Presentation to the ACWI Water Resources Adaptation to Climate  
Change Workgroup**

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# Forum Background and Purpose



- *From identifying impacts (~2010 Forum) to planning and implementation (2015)*
- *Movement toward mainstreaming*





# Key Themes



1. *Challenges that are here to stay*
2. *The Power and Promise of Results*
3. *Enabling the Climate Resilient Water Sector Utility*
4. *Resilient Utility-Resilient Community*
5. *Communications – more necessary than ever*
6. *Research Needs*



# Key Take Away Points



1. *Water challenges are key impacts of climate change.*
2. *The sector is responding.*
3. *Uncertainty should not be a deterrent to action.*
4. *Practitioners worldwide are demonstrating adaptation success now.*
5. *Collaboration and partnerships are fundamental for effective response.*
6. *Adaptation and mitigation requires substantial resources.*
7. *Water, energy and GHG – utilities are engaged and making changes.*
8. *Resilient water-resilient community – neither one without the other.*
9. *Communication, communication communication.*

# ***Presentations of interest***

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**Urban Mayors on Water and Climate Resilience: Think Globally, Act Locally**



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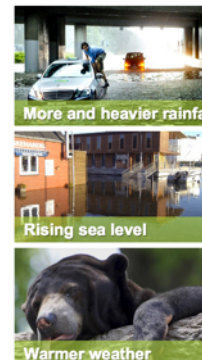
HOW MELBOURNE  
RESPONDED TO  
THE MILLENNIUM  
DROUGHT



 City of Rotterdam

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Rotterdam Climate Proof



**Customer Engagement and the Wisdom of  
Communicating about Climate Change**

International Water & Climate Forum  
December 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
San Diego, CA

Edward Maibach, PhD  
George Mason University  
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## **California Water 2015 and beyond: *Practical, Policy, and Regulatory Aspects of Addressing the Drought***

Felicia Marcus  
Chair, State Water Resources Control Board  
International Water and Climate Forum  
Coronado, December 9, 2015

## *Climate* **A CULTURAL EVOLUTION**

*Denver Water and Climate Adaptation  
Jim Lochhead, CEO/Manager, Denver Water*

 **EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

## **Mitigation, Carbon Neutrality and Generation**

International Water & Climate Forum  
December 2015

International Water and Climate Forum  
San Diego, CA  
December 8, 2015

## **"Building Capacity and Resilience in Seattle"**

Ray Hoffman  
Director  
Seattle Public Utilities

## **WHERE ARE WE ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE?**

State of the art and science for the water sector

*International Water & Climate Forum 2015*

Prof. Casey Brown  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst



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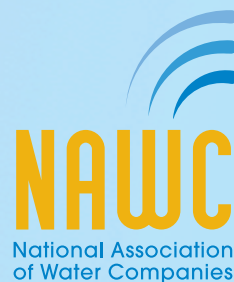
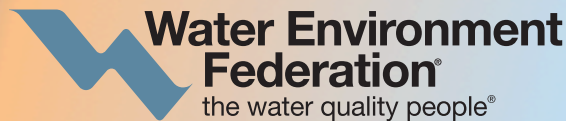
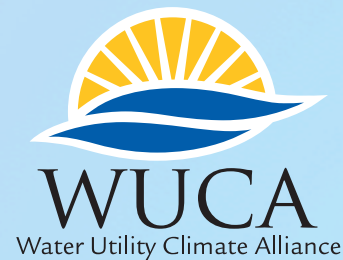


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# Organizers and Partners

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