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The past four years have seen extreme drought in the western United States with no relief in sight. While precipitation patterns in this region are highly variable, the National Climate Assessment predicts that drought trends will likely intensify over this century and beyond, with longer-term droughts anticipated. Nevertheless, population in the western states has increased rapidly, and the region continues to support significant agricultural production. Strategies for coping with drought have a long history in the region, but it will be a challenge to adapt and apply these strategies to severe projected droughts. This report is a summary of the presentations, findings and recommendations of expert speakers and delegates present at the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation's 2015 Congress on Sustaining Western Water. Professionals from RNRf member organizations and leaders from government, industry, academia and nonprofit organizations attended the meeting.