

## **Water coalition aims to improve climate research**

Feb. 28 -- Eight of the largest U.S. water agencies have formed a coalition to improve research regarding the impacts of climate change on water utilities and to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions.

The Water Utility Climate Alliance is comprised of Denver Water, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Portland, Ore., Water Bureau, the San Diego County Water Authority, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Seattle Public Utilities and the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

"Water utilities are among the first responders to the effects of climate change," said Susan Leal, general manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which chairs the WUCA. "Our systems are facing risk due to diminishing snow pack, bigger storms, more frequent drought and rising sea levels."

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