



Outcomes of the Southwest Climate Summit

The 2015 Southwest Climate Summit held in **Sacramento, CA on November 2 - 3, 2015** engaged over **250 participants from over 50 agencies and organizations** across the Southwest in conversations about enabling bold decisions in the face of climate change, decision support for adaptation management, and how to navigate the complexity of climate science.

Summit participants were able to take back many **lessons learned** about how to better catalyze effective climate adaptation. Those lessons include:

- If we take action, **it will have a positive impact** for adaptation!
- A need to shift towards **co-production** of science between managers and scientists.
- We should listen and include the expertise of **Tribal members** in adaptation partnerships and projects.
- There are many **successful climate adaptation projects** ongoing all of which we can build upon and champion.

Participants identified specific **take-to-work information** including:

- Methods of marsh management actions to **combat sea-level rise**
- Ideas on how to **implement** Landscape Conservation Designs
- A potential need to assist rare **species range movements** to facilitate adaptation
- Climate adaptation strategies for **water supply management**
- Information about numerous **online tools** and resources

Attendees wanted to **learn more about**:

- Methods and tools for identifying **climate refugia**
- Methods of **climate-smart restoration** specific to ecosystem types
- How much climate adaptation progress has been made? How much is still needed?
- More information on **forming partnerships** for climate change adaptation
- More **translation** of complex climate science for those who need to apply it