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CalEPA and The Climate Registry Launch First-ever Water-Energy Nexus Registry in California

SACRAMENTO, California – May 13, 2019 – California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) and The Climate Registry today launched the first-ever Water-Energy Nexus Registry for organizations with operations in California. The Water-Energy Nexus Registry will help water agencies and utilities as well as large water consumers better understand the energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with each process in water management and use. In turn, this will help them become more energy efficient and reduce their carbon footprints.

The founders of the Water-Energy Nexus Registry, who will be measuring and tracking their emissions using newly developed standardized guidance and tools, are organizations that have long been at the forefront of environmental stewardship: the California Department of Water Resources, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, East Bay Municipal Utility District, GEI Consultants, Irvine Ranch Water District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Sonoma Water, University of San Diego, and West Basin Municipal Water District.

Also launched today was the Water-Energy Leader™ recognition program, which will publicly acknowledge participating organizations for taking steps such as reporting their GHG emissions, submitting their emissions reports to a third-party verifier, and achieving GHG reduction goals.

“It takes a huge amount of California’s energy to pump, treat and heat water,” said Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary for Environmental Protection, CalEPA. “We can achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions and cost savings by better understanding the energy impacts of our water system.”

“The Climate Registry is delighted to be partnering once again with the State of California on a program that sets a new standard for GHG and energy reporting,” said Amy Holm, Programs and Operations Director at The Climate Registry. “We look
forward to working with organizations from across the state to assess the relationships between water, energy and emissions.”

“The City of Sacramento is committed to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,” said Roshini Das, Sustainability Manager for the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. “Managing the energy intensity of our water use is a core part of this commitment, and we’re delighted to be joining such an impressive group of founders who share the same vision.”

“As the largest municipal water and power utility in the nation, our priority is managing our resources wisely and continuing to reduce our emissions,” said Nancy Sutley, Chief Sustainability Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. “Good information underpins informed decision making, and the Water-Energy Nexus Registry gives us the tools to deliver that information.”

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“The goal of our work is to ensure the ability of natural ecosystems to meet the needs of future generations,” said John Andrew, Assistant Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources. “We are delighted to be part of a community that is looking to advance the stewardship of one of our most important resources, and hope others will be inspired to join us.”

The Climate Registry is administering the Water-Energy Nexus Registry on behalf of CalEPA. There is no cost to participate. More information is available on the website: https://www.theclimateregistry.org/waterenergynexusregistry/.

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**About THE CLIMATE REGISTRY**
The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization governed by U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories. The Climate Registry designs and operates voluntary and compliance GHG reporting programs globally, and assists organizations in measuring, reporting and verifying (MRV) the carbon in their operations in order to manage and reduce it. TCR also builds GHG MRV capacity in sub-national and national governments, and spearheads innovative projects such as the Water-Energy Nexus Registry. Find out more at www.theclimateregistry.org and follow on Twitter @theclimatereg.

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