

Nobel Peace prize winner to speak in Stateline

William Collins, an internationally recognized climate change scientist and a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace prize, will be the keynote speaker at Operation Sierra Storm Meteorologist's Conference Jan. 8-10.

Other speakers during the three-day event include:

- Duane Waliser, chief scientist of the Earth Science and Technology Directorate at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.
- Virgil Welch, special counsel California Air Resources Board.
- Julie Regan, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency external affairs chief.
- Jeff Piotrowski, Emmy Award-winning storm chaser who has filmed more than 800 tornadoes in his 30 years

Collins and Welch's presentations are open to the public Jan. 10 at Harveys Lake Tahoe. Welch will speak from 7:45-8:45am and Collins from 9-10am, with Q&A to follow.