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The Art of Climate Change Science Featured at San Diego Central Library

'WEATHER ON STEROIDS' EXHIBIT OPENS JUNE 10

SAN DIEGO – The extremes of Earth's weather and the planet's delicate ecosystem are featured in an art exhibit opening Saturday, June 10 at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. "Weather on Steroids: The Art of Climate Change Science" features the work of 11 artists who use different techniques to illustrate topics of scientific research conducted by Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego.

"Artists are arguably the most effective at communicating complex ideas on many levels," said Alexander Gershunov, research meteorologist, Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego. "Climate change impacts us all but it is broadly misunderstood, possibly due to scientists not effectively communicating the results of their research to the public. I'm so happy that the collaboration of art and climate change has resulted in a meaningful, timely and beautiful exhibition."

The exhibit expresses extreme temperatures, precipitation change and sea level rise using several artistic mediums. A kinetic structure represents atmospheric rivers. The buildup of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere is demonstrated with photographs mounted on aluminum. One artist illustrated her interpretation of global warming with a mosaic of human forms with color and texture that evoke heat and drought.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 10 in the art gallery on the ninth floor of the Central Library. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public.

The La Jolla Historical Society collaborated with Tatiana Sizonenko, an art historian, curator and educator and scientist Alexander Gershunov to create the "Weather on Steroids" exhibit which will be on display until Sept. 3, 2017. The installation of this exhibit is a collaboration between the San Diego Public Library and the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.

The artists who give form to ideas about climate change in this exhibit are Tiersa Cosaert, Judit Hersko, Cheryl E. Leonard, Dana Montlack, Lilleane Peebles, Oscar Romo, M. Luna Rossel, Eva Struble, Paul Turounet, Ruth Wallen and Allison Wiese. Additional thanks to the scientists who are researching the factors involved in climate change at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego: Michel Boudrias, Michael Dettinger, Alexander Gershunov, Kristen Guiguis, Ralph Keeling, Manfredi Manizza, Art Miller, Walter Munk, David Pierce, Richard Somerville and Shang-Ping Xi.

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