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Ann Hayden is Associate Vice President of Environmental Defense Fund's Climate Resilient Water Systems Program. She leads the California water program which focuses on advancing incentive-based approaches and tools that ensure adequate water for freshwater ecosystems, improve agriculture's resilience to climate change and help address the water needs of disadvantaged communities. In particular, Ann leads EDF's initiatives to help the agricultural sector transition to a future with less water in ways that minimize economic impacts and create new opportunities to support a thriving agricultural sector and healthy ecosystems and communities. By fostering relationships with state and federal agencies, nonprofit partners, landowners, local stakeholders and the private sector, Ann has developed an inclusive approach to resource management that considers a wide array of perspectives and disciplines. For more than 19 years, Ann has built broad coalitions to advance of pragmatic solutions that benefit both people and the environment and she is an expert in the development and implementation of markets that strike the right balance between ecosystem protection and the prosperity of communities. B.A., Marine Biology, UC Santa Cruz; M.A., Environmental Science and Management, UC Santa Barbara