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**National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
Executive Council and Federal Partners Meeting**

Hall of States Building, Room 383/385, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
Thursday, December 5, 2019
9:00am – 4:30pm EDT

<u>Goals and Objectives</u>:
- Outcomes from the 2019 National Drought Forum, including Priority Actions where NIDIS and partners have a critical role to play, and determine next steps where the Executive Council can help
- Development of reinsurance industry's resilience-related solutions, including those that could be applied to build greater drought resilience
- Drought Portal's Spring 2020 Re-Launch plans and Highlights and new features on the site
- Updates from NOAA and USDA partners on opportunities in the 2018 Farm Bill and 2019 NIDIS Reauthorization initiatives related to the U.S. Drought Monitor and a strategy for a National Soil Moisture Network
- Update on the National Drought Resilience Partnership (NDRP)

<u>AGENDA</u>

8:30–9:00am: **Continental Breakfast**

9:00–9:20am: **Welcome, Goals, Updates**
9 – 9:05am: Co-Chairs provide welcome remarks
9:05 – 9:10am: Review agenda and goals for the meeting
9:10 – 9:20am: NIDIS updates to the Council on 2019 implementation activities

9:20–9:50am: **Council Member Updates relevant to Drought (Round Robin)**

9:50–11:20am **National Drought Forum Report: Priority Actions and Next Steps**

- Highlights from the Forum and Report
- Identify action areas where NIDIS and partners have a critical role to play, and determine next steps

11:20–11:30am: *Break*

11:30–12:15pm: **Insurance and Reinsurance Solutions for Drought Resilience**

12:15–1:15pm: *Working Lunch, NDRP Update*

1:15pm - 2:00pm   **NCEI Presentation on Drought Portal Relaunch and New Capabilities**

2:00–2:30pm: **Sec. 12512 of the 2018 Farm Bill: U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) and USDA Review**

2:30–2:45pm: *Break*

2:45–3:15pm: **NIDIS 2019 Reauthorization and the National Soil Moisture Network Strategy**

3:15–3:45pm   **Public Comments**

3:45–4:00pm   **Wrap Up and Next Steps**