

National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)

Executive Council Meeting

National Association of Counties, 660 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington,
D.C. 20001

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

9:00am-4:00pm

Directions: The National Association of Counties headquarters is located at 660 N. Capitol Street NW and is a short walk from the Union Station Metro stop. Please have your photo ID for security. The meeting will be held in the first floor conference room.

Note: This meeting will be open to the public, and members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments, which will be accepted at the end of the meeting. Observer participants will be also be invited to join in the conversation.

AGENDA

8:30AM – 9:00AM Continental Breakfast

9:00AM – 10:00AM **Welcome, Goals, Updates**

9-9:05am: Co-Chairs provide welcome remarks

9:05-9:10am: Review agenda and goals for the meeting

9:10am-9:30am:

- NIDIS Updates to the Council on 2017 Implementation activities
- Introduction of New Council Members
 - Rotating Co-Chair: Rob Johansson, Chief Economist, USDA
 - Mark Rath, Water Rights Program, State of South Dakota DENR
 - Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI), Mayor Robert Gallagher, Bettendorf, IA
 - Sharon Megdal, President, UCOWR

9:30am - 10:00am: Council member updates relevant to drought

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Advancing Subseasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Forecasting

- Overview of NOAA Weather Bill on S2S
- National Weather Service and NOAA-Wide S2S Planning
- Opportunities for NIDIS to add value to S2S
- S2S “value-add” to water resources

11:00AM – 11:15AM

Break

11:15AM – 12:30PM

Private Sector and NGO Partner Engagement

- NIDIS Public-Private Partnership Development
- Case Study: Climate Engine, Justin Huntington, Desert Research Institute
- NIDIS Private Sector Forums 2018: Vision, Goals, and Role of the Council

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Working Lunch: An Overview of the Northern Plains Drought and Current Response Efforts

- Doug Kluck, NOAA Regional Climate Services Director, Central Region

1:30PM – 2:30PM

NIDIS: Key Federal Partnerships

Outcomes from the Federal Family 10/23 meeting

- Opportunities and barriers to integration
- Coordinated linkages to non-Federal partners

2:30PM - 2:45PM

Break

2:45PM - 3:30PM

Discussion: NIDIS Public Law and Reauthorization

3:30pm - 4:00pm

Public Comments, Open Discussion

The [NIDIS Public Law](#) calls for consultation with “relevant federal, regional, state, tribal, and local government agencies, research institutions, and the private sector” in the development of NIDIS. NIDIS has constructed the NIDIS Executive Council and NIDIS Working Groups around this mandate, to encourage consultation and information-sharing with a wide variety of stakeholders.

Through the Executive Council and the Working Groups, NIDIS shares information about its current status and gathers individual feedback on NIDIS challenges and priorities, and how they relate to the organizations and agencies represented among Council and Working Group participants. NIDIS does not obtain consensus advice from the NIDIS Executive Council or the Working Groups.

Collectively, the information and individual feedback received from and shared with the Executive Council and the Working Groups supports the development of NIDIS’s regional Drought Early Warning Systems.