

## Workshop

### National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization

Sponsored by: Western States Water Council and California Department of Water Resources  
Cooperating Organization: Western Governors' Association

September 24 – 26, 2012

Doubletree San Diego Downtown  
1646 Front Street, San Diego, CA

#### Monday, September 24

- 11:00        **Registration**
- 1:00        **Welcome, Workshop Purpose, and Desired Outcomes**  
Tony Willardson, Western States Water Council (WSWC)  
Jeanine Jones, California Department of Water Resources (CDWR)
- 1:30        **NIDIS Antecedents and Legislative History**  
National Drought Policy Commission Report - Ane Deister, Parsons  
WGA & NIDIS: A Historical Perspective - Shaun McGrath
- 2:30        **Federal Role in Drought/Agency Drought Programs**  
Rebecca Davis, USDA Risk Management Agency  
Steve Peterson, USDA Farm Services Agency (invited)  
Jeff Burwell, State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (invited)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (invited)
- 3:30        **Break**
- 3:45        **NOAA Implementation of NIDIS**  
NIDIS Program Overview - Roger Pulwarty, NOAA  
NIDIS Budget & Expenditures - Chad McNutt, NOAA  
The U. S. Drought Monitor - Mike Hayes, National Drought Mitigation Center  
NIDIS Upper Colorado River Basin Pilot Project - Jim Verdin, USGS and Wendy Ryan, Colorado State University
- 5:30        **Adjourn**
- 6:00        **Reception - Cash Bar**

#### Tuesday, September 25

- 7:30        **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00        **NOAA Implementation of NIDIS (continued)**  
NIDIS California Pilot Project - Anne Steinemann, University of Washington
- 8:30        **Panel Discussion, State Water Agency Perspectives on Federal Drought Programs**  
Tom Buschatzke, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources  
Jeanine Jones, Interstate Resources Manager, California Department of Water Resources  
Phil Ward, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department  
Jennifer Gimbel, Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board (invited)  
David Barfield, Chief Engineer, Kansas Department of Agriculture (invited)

- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Drought: It's Not Just Hydrology**  
The Klamath Basin Drought Emergency of 2001 - Phil Ward, Oregon WRD  
Water Supply Impacts of Central Valley Water Reallocations - Sushil Arora, CDWR  
Rio Grande Silvery Minnow - John D'Antonio, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (invited)
- 12:15 **Lunch - Landscape Changes/Desertification in the Four Corners Area**  
Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Survey
- 1:45 **Data and Information Gaps**  
WGA-NOAA MOU Implementation: Weather and Climate Outlook Forums - Tom Iseman, WGA  
ISI Forecasting - Jeanine Jones, CDWR  
Remote Sensing - Jim Verdin, USGS/NIDIS
- 3:15 **Break**
- 3:30 **Instructions to Break-Out Groups**
- 3:45 **Small Group Break-Outs on Concepts for Reauthorization/Legislative Proposals**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**

## **Wednesday, September 26**

- 7:30 **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Report Back From Break-Outs and Discussion**
- 8:45 **Examples of Planning and Response Tools**  
Water Use Efficiency - Kent Frame, CDWR  
Water Markets: WGA/WSWC Transfers Report - Nathan Bracken, WSWC  
USBR Basin Studies - Seshu Vaddey, USBR
- 10:15 **Break**
- 10:30 **Where Do We Go From Here? (facilitated discussion)**
- 11:30 **Action Items and Closing Remarks**
- 12:00 **Adjourn**