

# **National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Executive Council Meeting**

Hall of States Building, Room 383/385, 444 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
9:00am - 3:00pm EST

## **AGENDA**

*[Note: All times below are EST]*

9:00–9:20am: **Welcome, Goals**

9 – 9:05am: Review Meeting Logistics and Agenda, Goals for the meeting  
9:05 – 9:15am: Co-Chairs provide welcome remarks, introductions of new members  
9:15 – 9:20am: Current Drought Conditions and Outlook

9:20-9:50am: **NIDIS Current Priorities and Issues**

- Recent Successes and Accomplishments
- NIDIS 2022-2026 Strategic Plan and Annual Report
- Funding in FY22 Budget and Infrastructure Package for Soil Moisture Monitoring, Fire Weather
- Discussion

9:50 - 10:30am: **Council Member Updates relevant to Drought, Climate Adaptation and Resilience, Water, Fire**

- AWWA: Water 2050
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- NOAA: OWP/Water Center
- Others

10:30am - 10:45am **Break**

10:45am - 11:45am: **Climate Engine and OpenET: Applications for Drought Monitoring and New Opportunities**

- Justin Huntington, Desert Research Institute
- Paula Cutillo, Alden Shallcross - BLM
- Brad Doorn - NASA; Nikki Tulley, Navajo Nation

- Justin Huntington - Private Sector Applications (banking and finance sector, etc.), Next Steps
- Q&A, discussion

11:45am - 12:45pm: **Working Lunch**

12:45pm-1:30pm: **Discussion on IIJA fire, water, and resilience implementation and the FY22 Budget with Federal Interagency Leadership**

- USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation Gloria Montano Greene
  - Updates on the work of the Interagency Drought Relief Working Group (IDWG) as well as the National Drought Resilience Partnership (NDRP).
- US Bureau of Reclamation Chief Engineer David Raff
  - Perspectives on the interagency efforts around drought response and resilience and IIJA, including relevance to IDWG, NDRP, and DOI-specific drought-related efforts.
- Discussion and questions from the Council Members

1:30-2:15pm: **Long-term Drought and Aridification: Takeaways from the Southwest Drought Forum and Next Steps**

- Major Themes and Priority Needs, and Takeaways for the Intermountain West DEWS
- NOAA MAPP Task Force 2020-2021 Southwestern Drought Report; Remaining Aridification Research Gaps and Needs
- Learning from other Regions in Drought: High Plains, Pacific Northwest
- Discussion on Next Steps, Council Member Takeaways

2:15-2:30pm: **Public Comment**

2:30-2:45pm: **Looking Forward**

- NIDIS Reauthorization
- Save the Date: Fall 2022 Executive Council Meeting (October 6, 2022)
- Flash Drought - Next Steps
- Environmental Justice and Tribal Engagement
- Federal Interagency Groups and NIDIS contributions

2:45-3:00pm: **Wrap Up**