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Mid- Atlantic Drought Assessment and Building Early Warning Capacity Virtual Meetings

April 2, 2025: 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. ET

Meeting Goals

- Look back at the 2024–2025 drought’s evolution, and what’s ahead for drought in the region.
- Assess the impacts, hurdles, successes, and needs experienced across sectors during the Mid-Atlantic drought of 2024–2025.
- Identify potential next steps toward improved drought early warning capacity in the region.

AGENDA

Synthesis and Prioritization Meeting

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Time (ET)	Topic	Speakers
10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Meeting Overview	Veva Deheza NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Art DeGaetano Northeast Regional Climate Center Ellen Mecray NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Director Sylvia Reeves Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)/NOAA NIDIS
10:05 a.m.	Review of the Collaboration Boards and Breakout Sessions	Ellen Mecray NOAA Eastern Region Climate Services Director

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Interactive Exercise to Identify Next Actions (link forthcoming)		
10:15 a.m.	Interactive Exercise to Identify Potential Next Steps	Sylvia Reeves Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)/NOAA NIDIS
10:45 a.m.	Breakout Group Discussions: Discuss the Capacity Building Exercise Results	Session Facilitators and All Participants
	What do the top results look like for you and your agency? Who isn't here at these meetings that could be part of the solution to building drought early warning capacity?	
11:15 a.m.	Report Out on Breakouts, Synthesis, Discussion Art DeGaetano Northeast Regional Climate Center Sylvia Reeves Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)/NOAA NIDIS	
11:30 p.m.	Conclusion	
A summary report will follow. It will be shared with all meeting invitees.		

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