

NIDIS Engaging Preparedness Communities Working Group Meeting
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE
April 28-29, 2016

Meeting Objectives:

- Develop an EPC Working Group “road map” that identifies priorities, strategies, and specific actions
- Advance the EPC network by fostering learning across different organizations and sectors, identifying opportunities for collaboration and coordination, and determining effective methods for disseminating information about drought planning

Thursday, April 28th

Introduction to NIDIS, DEWS, and EPC

9:00 – 11:00

Develop a common understanding of NIDIS and EPC goals and begin engagement with the topics that will be addressed throughout the meeting

Welcome, overview of meeting format and objectives

Deb Bathke, Beth Freeman, and Kirsten Lackstrom, EPC Co-Chairs

NIDIS News, updates from NIDIS and All Working Group Meeting, what are DEWS

Veva Deheza, NIDIS

Introductions

Nicole Wall and Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

EPC progress to date, current activities, and goals

Deb Bathke, Beth Freeman, and Kirsten Lackstrom, EPC Co-Chairs

Break

10:45 – 11:00

Lessons Learned

11:00 – 12:15

Identify successful collaborations and successful strategies for communicating drought information

Lunch

12:15 – 1:00

Post Drought Plan Assessments

1:00 – 3:00

Identify strategies for assessing and updating drought plans.

Speaker, Taryn Finessey, Colorado Water Conservation Board

Gallery Walk with Mapping Exercise

Break

2:45 – 3:00

Drought Planning Strategies

3:00 – 5:00

Identify successful strategies for integrating drought into other planning and management processes

Speaker, Denise Bulling, UNL Public Policy Center
Gallery Walk with Mapping Exercise

Networking Event – Embassy Suites

5:00 – 7:00

Friday, April 29th

Ongoing and Future Efforts

9:00 – 11:45

Determine how the EPC Working Group should concentrate ongoing and future efforts. Develop “road map” for future EPC activities through discussion and small group activity

Wrap up and adjourn

11:45 - Noon