

# 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

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| 8:30am – 9:00AM   | Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00am – 10:00AM  | <b>Welcome, Goals, Updates</b>  |
|                   | 9-9:05am: Co-Chairs provide welcome remarks   |
|                   | 9:05-9:10am: Review agenda and goals for the meeting  |
|                   | 9:10am-9:30am:  |
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NIDIS Updates to the Council on 2017 Implementation activities</li><li>● Introduction of New Council Members<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mark Rath, Water Rights Program, State of South Dakota DENR</li><li>○ Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI)</li><li>○ Sharon Megdal, President, UCOWR</li></ul></li></ul> |
|                   | 9:30am - 10:00am: Council member updates  |
| 10:00AM - 11:00AM | <b>Federal Coordination around Drought Early Warning:</b>   |
|                   | An update from the Federal Family 10/23 meeting   |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● USGS Drought Science Plan</li> <li>● USDA Climate Hubs</li> <li>● USBR Drought Response Program</li> <li>● DOI Climate Science Centers</li> <li>● Coordinated National Soil Moisture Network</li> <li>● NDRP/Long-Term Drought Resilience</li> </ul>
11:00 - 11:15am	Break
11:15am - 12:30pm	<b>Private Sector and NGO Partner Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Partnership Development Examples: AWWA, MRCTI, NACO</li> <li>● NIDIS Private Sector Forums 2018: Vision, Goals, and Strategic Partnerships</li> </ul>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<b>Working Lunch: An Overview of the Northern Plains Drought and Current Response Efforts</b>
1:30pm - 2:30pm	<b>Advancing Subseasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Forecasting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview of NOAA Weather Bill on S2S</li> <li>● NIDIS Support for S2S</li> </ul>
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm - 3:30pm	<b>Discussion: NIDIS Public Law and Reauthorization</b>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Public Comments, Open Discussion

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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.