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***Meeting of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) ACF  
Regional Drought Early Warning System  
and  
Meeting of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Stakeholders (ACFS)  
Governing Board***

**Lakepoint Lodge & Conference Center  
Eufaula, AL**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 1:00pm - Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 3:30pm**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes**

**ACFS Governing Board**

- **Hold Annual Meeting of ACFS**
- **Ratify ACFS officers for 2018**
- **Adopt 2018 Operating Budget**
- **Learn about other ACFS committee and work group activities, and organize next steps, including:**
  - **Financial report and fundraising activities**
  - **2018 committee and work group membership**
- **Discuss and approve action plan from Udall Assessment Report**

**NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)**

- **Presentation from NOAA Water Initiative, the National Water Center, National Water Model**
- **Receive update from NIDIS on the NIDIS Public Law and national program priorities, as well as ACF focus study of predictive drought management and other existing ACF DEWS initiatives**
- **Receive updates from Federal, state, and local partners**
- **Discuss new opportunities and priorities related to the [ACF DEWS Strategic Plan](#) and make recommendations for potential collaborative projects that build drought early warning capacity in the Basin**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

**ACFS Governing Board**

- 1:00-1:30      Registration, Informal gathering
- 1:30-1:45      Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

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*Advance materials: ACFS June 13 Governing Board Meeting Agenda*

*Brad Moore, ACFS Chair*

1:45-2:00

Old Business

*Objective: Approve October 25 2017 Meeting Summary.*

*Advance materials: October 25 2017 Governing Board Meeting Summary*

*Brad Moore, ACFS Chair*

2:00

ADJOURN GOVERNING BOARD MEETING/CONVENE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

2:00-2:30

ACFS Annual Report

*Objective: Hear report on the year's accomplishments.*

*Advance materials: May 2018 Financial Report*

*Presentation [15 min]*

*Brad Moore, ACFS Chair*

*Charles Stripling, Finance Committee Chair*

*Questions and Discussion [15 min]*

2:30-2:45

Other Business

2:45

ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING/CONVENE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

2:45-3:15

New Business

*Objective: Approve 2018 Operating Budget, Ratify new officers, Approve Udall Report Action Plan, and look ahead to plans for remainder of 2018.*

*Advance materials: ACFS 2018 Operating Budget; Udall Report Action Plan*

*Presentations on new business items*

*Brad Moore, ACFS Chair*

*Charles Stripling, Finance Committee Chair*

*Discussion and Decisions on New Business:*

*Proposed 2018 Operating Budget*

*Ratify 2018 Officers*

*Presentation on plans for 2018*

*TBD, incoming ACFS Chair*

3:15

BREAK

3:30-4:15

Committee and Work Group Status Reports

*Objectives: Learn about current committee and work group activities; Discuss committee memberships*

*Finance Committee and Fundraising*

*TBD, Finance Committee chair*

*Brad Currey, Fundraising chair*

*Membership Committee*

Katherine Zitsch, *Membership Committee chair*

*Intergovernmental Affairs Committee*

Billy Turner, *Intergovernmental Affairs Committee chair*

*Education and Outreach Committee*

*Education and Outreach Committee chair*

*Issues Committee*

Jim Phillips, *Issues Committee chair*

**NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)**

- 4:15-5:15 Information Session: NOAA's Water Initiative, the National Water Center, and the National Water Model  
*Objective: Presentation on research activities at the National Water Center [45 min]*  
Peter Colohan, *Director, Service Innovation and Partnership Division, Office of Water Prediction, National Weather Service, NOAA*  
*Questions and Discussion [15 min]*
- 5:15-5:30 Wrap Up
- 6:00 Reception and Fish Fry (all ACFS and NIDIS ACF DEWS meeting participants invited)  
*Location: Shorter Mansion, 340 N Eufaula Ave, Eufaula, AL 36027*

**Thursday, June 14, 2018**

**NIDIS ACF Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)**

- 7:45 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 Reconvene Governing Board Meeting  
*Objective: Reflection from Day One; Review agenda for today.*  
TBD, *ACFS Chair*  
Elizabeth Ossowski, *NIDIS Program Coordinator*
- 8:45-9:45 Information Session – NOAA National Integrated Drought Information System  
*Objective: Learn about recent developments in NOAA NIDIS program in the ACF Basin*  
*Advance materials: [ACF DEWS 2017-2018 Strategic Plan](#)*  
*Presentations [45 min]*  
Puneet Srivastava, *Auburn University*  
Elizabeth Ossowski, *NIDIS, 2017 - 2018 ACF DEWS Strategic Plan*  
Pam Knox, *USDA Climate Hub initiative (tentative)*  
*Questions and Discussion [15 min]*
- 9:45-10:45 Round Robin Updates from partners engaged in Drought Early Warning activities in the ACF Basin (Open Discussion)  
*Objective: Discuss new priorities, needs, and activities in the ACF Basin of value and interest to building drought early warning capacity in the region.*

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10:45            BREAK

11:00-12:00    U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ACF Update (tentative)  
*Objective: Receive an update on ACF projects from USACE. Learn about USACE IWR projects and discuss opportunities for collaboration.*

*Questions and Discussion [30 min]*

12:00-1:00    LUNCH (provided)

1:00-1:45      U.S. Drought Monitor  
*Objective: Receive an overview from the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC) on the production of the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), and discuss opportunities for strengthening regional information into the USDM*

Brian Fuchs, NDMC

Nicole Wall, NDMC

*Questions and Discussion [30 min]*

1:45-3:20      ACF DEWS Strategic Plan and Open Discussion (with break)  
*Objective: Review results from informal poll of meeting participants on needs and gaps related to the ACF DEWS, determine path forward on key and potential new ACF DEWS initiatives and projects*

3:20-3:30      Wrap up and Next Steps

3:30            ADJOURN MEETING