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Drought, Water, and Climate: Using today's information to design tomorrow's services.
Grand Hyatt, Conference Theatre Room, 1000 H Street NW, Washington, D.C.
September 14-15, 2010

Purpose: Over the last two years, the Western Governors' Association and Western States Water Council have worked with a diverse group of federal, tribal, state, and local partners from the public and private sectors to solicit decision-makers' priority needs for drought and water information. *This meeting will focus particular attention on coordinating drought and related climate services and response among federal agencies and at federal, state, tribal, and non-governmental intersections in order to meet priority needs.* The goal is to develop a set of specific recommendations to improve drought information coordination, delivery, and response in a changing environment.

Attendees: Approximately one hundred policy makers, agency leaders, and water managers from public, private and non-governmental organizations.

AGENDA

September 14, 2010

7:30-8:30am *Continental Breakfast*

8:30am ***Welcome***

Tony Willardson, Western States Water Council

8:45am ***Introductory Remarks: Water and Climate in the West***

Pam Inmann, Western Governors' Association

9:00am ***Water: The Nation's Fundamental Climate Issue***

Anne Castle, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, USDOl

9:30am ***Drought Policy and Planning – National and International Perspectives***

Don Wilhite, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska

10:00am *Break*

10:30am ***Drought and Climate – State of the Science***

Richard Seager, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University

11:00am ***Western Governors' Association – Climate Adaptation and Water***

Sarah Cottrell, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NM Environment Department

- 11:20am ***National Integrated Drought Information System***
Roger Pulwarty, Director, NOAA/NIDIS
- 11:40am ***Lessons to date and goals for this workshop***
Tom Iseman, WGA & Tony Willardson, WSWC
- 12:00 noon ***Luncheon Keynote: NOAA Climate Services***
Jane Lubchenco, NOAA Administrator
Wilson/Roosevelt/Cabin John Room
- 1:30pm ***Drought Impacts and Preparedness – Panel I***
Veva Deheza – Colorado
Carol Couch – Georgia
Ruben Solis – Texas
Kirk Bemis – Zuni Tribe
- 2:30pm ***Drought Impacts and Preparedness – Panel II***
Tom Donnelly – National Water Resources Association
Andrew Fahlund – American Rivers
John Young – American Water
Karin Bencala – Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin
- 3:30pm *Break*
- 3:45pm ***Breakout – Drought Impacts, Preparedness, and Adaptation***
- 4:45pm ***Reconvene and Report on Key Priorities***
- 5:00pm ***Adjourn***
- 5:00-6:30pm ***Reception – Penn Quarter B Room***

September 15, 2010

- 7:30-8:30am *Continental Breakfast*
- 8:00am ***NIDIS: Regional Drought Early Warning Systems***
Jim Verdin, USGS/NIDIS
Roger Pulwarty, NOAA/NIDIS
- 8:30am ***NIDIS: The U.S. Drought Portal***
Mike Brewer, NOAA/NIDIS
Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center/NIDIS

9:00am	<i>Breakout – Delivering Drought Information Services</i>
10:00am	<i>Break</i>
10:15am	<i>Reconvene and Report on Key Priorities</i>
10:30am	<i>Coordinating federal climate services for drought and water</i> <i>CEQ Overview</i> – Loren Labovitch <i>Panel Discussion</i> NOAA – Chet Koblinsky DOI – Jerad Bales USDA – Bill Hohenstein USFS – David Cleaves COE –Robert Pietrowsky EPA – Mike Shapiro
12:00	<i>Luncheon Keynote</i> Representative Grace Napolitano, California’s 38 th District Wilson/Roosevelt/Cabin John Room
1:30pm	<i>National Drought Policy and Risk Management – Panel Discussion</i> Don Wilhite, University of Nebraska, Moderator Michele Nellenbach, National Governors Association Kathy Jacobs, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Dave Wegner, House Water and Power Subcommittee Tanya Trujillo, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
2:30pm	<i>Break</i>
2:30pm	<i>Breakout – Coordinating Priority Drought Information across Sectors</i>
3:30	<i>Next Steps: Improving Regional and National Drought Risk Management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion. • Organized around Impacts, Preparedness, Services, and Response.
4:30	<i>Wrap-Up and Thanks</i>
5:00	<i>Adjourn</i>