



WESTERN
GOVERNORS'
ASSOCIATION



**Drought, Water, and Climate:
Using today's information and designing tomorrow's services.**

Washington DC September 14-15, 2010

LOGISTICS: This will be a two-day workshop at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, D.C. Space is limited so please register early. Registration at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2VCLY2M>.

PURPOSE: To bring together a diverse group of federal, tribal, state, and local partners from the public and private sectors to prioritize decision-makers' needs for drought, water and climate-related information. Ultimately, we seek to ensure that the National Integrated Drought Information (NIDIS) and climate services are designed and implemented to meet those needs. This meeting will focus particular attention on coordinating services among federal agencies and at federal-state-local and non-governmental intersections, *including the development of specific activities to improve climate response going forward*. This meeting will build on a long history of drought-related policies and programs, including the findings and priorities identified in two previous workshops held in 2009-2010. Specific recommendations from this meeting will be incorporated into a report to the NIDIS agencies and the NIDIS Executive Council.

TOPICS:

- The sectoral impacts of drought and climate change
- The need for and urgency of drought and climate response
- Existing and emerging drought and climate services and response programs
- Delivering drought and climate services to end users
- Investing in basic data and forecasts
- Revisiting a national drought policy
- Specific recommendations and activities to strengthen drought response and services

AUDIENCE: The goal for this workshop is to connect on-the-ground practitioners with drought and climate service providers. We encourage state water resource managers, water districts and utilities, federal agencies, tribes, local government, academics, conservation organizations, and private sector participation.

SPEAKERS: Invited speakers include NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco, Idaho Governor Butch Otter, Representative Grace Napolitano, state, federal, and academic drought and climate experts.

For more information, please see <http://www.westgov.org/> or contact Tom Iseman (WGA – (303) 623-9378) or Tony Willardson (WSWC – (801) 685-2555).