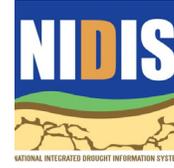


SOUTH CENTRAL U.S. DROUGHT IMPACTS AND ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

July 7, 2011

Lower Colorado River Authority Dalchau Service Center
3505 Montopolis Dr., Building A, Austin TX 78744

- 8:30am** **Welcome**
- David Brown, NOAA Regional Climate Services Director, Southern Region
Bob Rose, Chief Meteorologist, Lower Colorado River Authority
- 8:45am** **Opening Remarks**
- Bill Proenza, Director, National Weather Service (NWS) Southern Region
- 9:00am** **“The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)”**
- Roger Pulwarty, Director, NIDIS Program Office
- 9:20am** **“Status and Evolution of the 2010-2011 South Central U.S. Drought”**
- Victor Murphy, Climate Service Program Manager, NWS Southern Region
- 9:45am** **“The 2010-2011 South Central U.S. Drought: Where From and Where To”**
- Marty Hoerling, Meteorologist, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory
- 10:10am** **Break**
- 10:30am** **“Seasonal Climate and Drought Outlooks”**
- Dan Collins, Meteorologist, NOAA/NWS Climate Prediction Center
- 10:55am** **“South Central U.S. Droughts and La Niña”**
- Klaus Wolter, Research Associate, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory



11:20am Lunch - Catered

12:00pm Panel Discussion: Impacts of the 2010-2011 Drought

Mark Hodges, Executive Director, Plains Grains Inc.
Ruben Solis, Director, Surface Water Resources, Texas Water Development Board
Bruce Woods, Department Head, Mitigation and Prevention, Texas Forest Service
Cindy Loeffler, Branch Chief, Water Resources, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Bob Rose, Chief Meteorologist, Lower Colorado River Authority

1:00pm Panel Discussion: "When is Drought a News Story?"

Betsy Blaney, Associated Press
Asher Price, Austin-American Statesman
Kate Galbraith, Texas Tribune
Jim Spencer, KXAN-TV Austin (NBC)

2:00pm Break

2:15pm "Drought Assessment Tools: The US Drought Portal, US Drought Monitor, and Drought Impact Reporter"

Lisa Darby, Meteorologist, NIDIS Program Office

2:30pm Panel Discussion: State Drought Planning and Response

Mario Chapa, Planner, Texas Division of Emergency Management
Bob Sandbo, Section Head, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
Molly Magnuson, Engineer, New Mexico OSE Water Use and Conservation Bureau
Mark Svoboda, Climatologist, National Drought Mitigation Center

3:30pm Improving coordination & delivery of drought information

4:00pm Adjourn