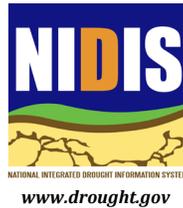


# National Integrated Drought Information System – NIDIS



## Southeast Climate Outlook Forum and Drought Early Warning System Pilot Review and Future Directions

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, December 1 - 2, 2011**  
**Lake Lanier Islands Resort**  
**(<http://www.lakelanierislands.com/>)**

### **Day 1** **Southeast Climate Outlook Forum:** **Implications for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin**

- 8:00 am**      **Light Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 am**      **Welcome and Introductions**  
*(Wilton Rooks, Lake Lanier Association and ACF Stakeholders)*
- 8:45 am**      **Goals and Objectives of the Climate Outlook Forum**  
*(Lisa Darby and Chad McNutt, NOAA/NIDIS)*
- 9:00 am**      **Observed and Predicted State of the Climate System**  
*(Moderator: Pam Knox, Univ. of Georgia, Athens)*
- Review 2010 Seasonal Forecast: Did it Verify?  
*(David Zierden, Florida State Univ.)*
  - Current Conditions in the ACF Basin  
*(Victor Murphy, NWS/Southern Region)*
- 10:00 am**      **Break**
- 10:30 am**      **Observed and Predicted State of the Climate System (continued)**
- Reservoir Update  
*(Bailey Crane, US Army Corps of Engineers/Mobile District)*

- Climate Prediction Center 90-Day Seasonal Outlook  
(*Michael Halpert, NOAA/Climate Prediction Center*)
- Long-lead Forecast: La Niña  
(*Klaus Wolter, CIRES, NOAA/ESRL/WWA*)
- How will La Niña Affect the ACF Basin Recharge Season?  
(*Jeff Dobur, NWS/Southeast River Forecast Center*)

**12:30 pm Lunch**

**Press Briefing** (*Moderator: Carsen Ott, NOAA/NIDIS*)

**Panel:** *John Feldt (NWS/Southeast River Forecast Center)*

*Michael Halpert (NOAA/Climate Prediction Center)*

*Victor Murphy (Victor Murphy, NWS/Southern Region)*

*David Zierden (Florida State University)*

**1:30 pm Current and Expected Impacts**

(*Moderator: Tom Littlepage, ADECA, Office of Water Resources*)

- Current Impacts and Mitigation Options for the Agricultural Sector  
(*Brenda Ortiz, Auburn University*)
- Current Impacts to Ecosystems  
(*Stephen Golladay, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center*)

**2:00 pm Climate Outlook Forum Summary**

- Summary of Possible Conditions in the ACF Basin for the 2011-2012 Recharge Season  
(*David Brown, Regional Climate Services Director, Southern Region*)

**2:30 pm Break**

**3:00 pm State Response to recent drought conditions**

(*Moderator: Chad McNutt, NOAA/NIDIS*)

- Georgia  
(*Tim Cash, Georgia Environmental Protection Division*)
- Alabama  
(*Tom Littlepage, ADECA, Office of Water Resources*)
- Florida  
(*TBD*)

**3:30 pm Project Update: Reducing Drought Risks in the Southeast USA: Quantification of Drought Information Value, Development of Drought Indices, and Communication of Drought Information**

*(Puneet Srivastava, Auburn Univ.)*

**3:45 pm Climate Outlook Forum Wrap-Up**

*(Keith Ingram, Univ. of Florida)*

**4:00 pm Meeting Adjourns for the day**

**6:00 pm Dinner**

**Day 2**

**Drought Early Warning System Pilot Review and Future Directions**

**8:00 am Light Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 pm Meeting Goals and Thoughts about the Past Year of the Pilot**

*(Chad McNutt and Lisa Darby, NOAA/NIDIS)*

**8:45 pm Committee Leader Reports to the Group**

*(Moderator: Lisa Darby, NOAA/NIDIS)*

- Communication and Education  
*(Chris Martinez, University of Florida)*
- Climate Outlooks and Webinars  
*(Keith Ingram, University of Florida)*
- Data Committee  
*(Pam Knox, University of Georgia, Athens)*

**9:45 pm NIDIS-Supported Efforts in the ACF River Basin**

*(Moderator: Chad McNutt, NOAA/NIDIS)*

- Forecasting Evapotranspiration in the Southeast USA  
*(Chris Martinez, Univ. of Florida)*
- Assessing Water Managers' Use, Perception, and Capacity to Integrate Climate Information in the Southeast USA  
*(Jessica Bolson, Univ. of Miami)*

**10:15 Break**

**10:45 am Updates from Basin Partners**

*(Moderator: Jessica Bolson, Univ. of Miami)*

- The USGS WaterSMART  
*(Brian Hughes, USGS Georgia Water Science Center)*

- The ACF Stakeholders  
(*Wilton Rooks, Lake Lanier Association and ACF Stakeholders*)

**11:15 am      Group Discussion: Future Direction for the ACF Drought Early Warning Information System**

(*Moderator: Mike Hayes, National Drought Mitigation Center*)

- Sustaining Current DEWS Activities
- What additional DEWS Activities are needed?

**12:00           Meeting Wrap-up** (*Keith Ingram, Univ. of Florida*)

**12:30           Meeting Adjourns**