

# NIDIS Updates

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# NIDIS NEWS

- **NIDIS has been reauthorized by Congress through 2018!**
- **A NIDIS Regional Drought Early Warning System is forming in the Missouri Basin**
  - Check [drought.gov](http://drought.gov) for additional information
- **California Drought**
  - NIDIS, and its partners in California, held two drought outlook forums in Sacramento, CA to inform stakeholders about present and anticipated drought conditions across the state

# NIDIS NEWS

- **NIDIS is supporting a Coordinated National Soil Moisture Network**
  - Experts attended a meeting in Kansas City last November
  - A small working group has compiled an inventory of in-situ soil moisture networks, remotely sensed soil moisture data bases, and modeling projects
  - The small working group is now working on plans for a prototype soil moisture network
- **Drought Assessment Webinars – See [drought.gov](http://drought.gov) for dates & times**
  - Upper Colorado River Basin
  - Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin
  - Midwest and Great Plains
  - Managing Drought in the Southern Plains
- **Look for the latest edition of our Newsletter on [drought.gov](http://drought.gov) for more details**

# UPCOMING NIDIS EVENT

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) invite you to attend a **"Drought Outlook and Assessment Forum"** on **June 24, 2014** at the **Multi-Purpose Events Center in Wichita Falls, TX.**
- The forum will include
  - (1) an overview of the current drought situation in *north and west Texas*, with a focus on the current state of water resources in the area;
  - (2) summer, fall, and winter weather and climate forecasts and outlooks; and
  - (3) presentations on monitoring, planning, and financial resources available to assist those whose organizational management is being impacted by the drought.
- While the primary focus of the forum will be on water resources management challenges, many of the presentations and discussions will have broad applicability to a range of economic and environmental interests. We therefore welcome participation from a wide variety of public and private sector representatives.
- Registration Page and Agenda: <http://www.joss.ucar.edu/forms/wichita-falls-drought-outlook-forum>

## Useful web pages on drought.gov

### Missouri River Basin

<http://drought.gov/drought/workshop/missouri-river-basin-kickoff-meeting-feb-26-27-2014>

### California

<http://drought.gov/drought/news/california-drought-outlook-forum-what%E2%80%99s-ahead-and-what-we-can-do>

<http://drought.gov/drought/news/presentations-california-drought-forum-may-2014>

### Newsletter

<http://drought.gov/media/pgfiles/NIDIS-Newsletter-April-2014.pdf>