

Strategic Partnerships – Working better, together

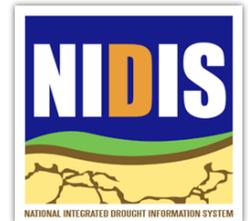
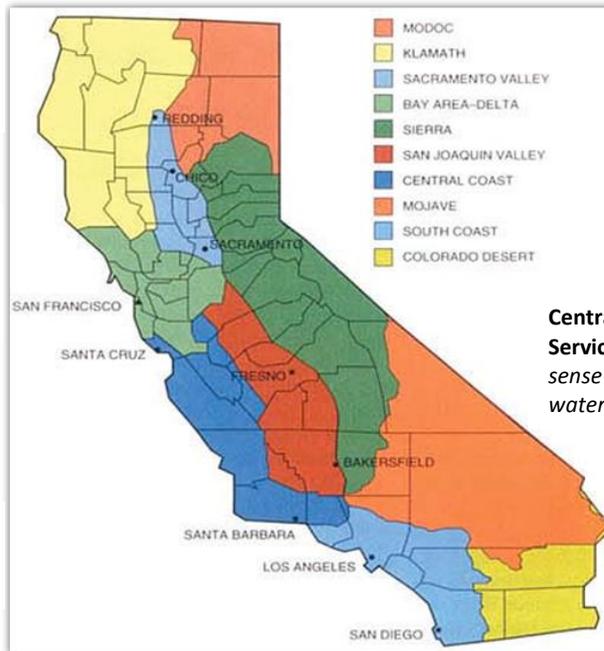
Strategic partnerships are critical to the work that NOAA does nationally as well as in the West. The team is an effective resource for authoritative cross-NOAA expertise on water related issues, and that expertise is “tapped” by key programs in the region. For example, the team works closely with the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) program on efforts to extend drought early warning applications across the region through targeted pilots. Drought issues in the West are complex, and many times the team is tapped to make sure the right people are at the right table speaking the right language during project scoping and implementation.

California Drought Early Warning Pilots:

Klamath River Basin-wide Hydroclimate Information System *Regional Climate Center integrated information system to provide access to River Forecast Center hydroclimate data*

North Bay Counties and Russian River Valley *focus on hydrologic extremes with droughts draining reservoirs and extreme precipitation events filling reservoirs*

Southern California – Urban *challenges of providing drought information in a well-plumbed system*



Central Valley Fallow Land Monitoring Service *objective method to remotely sense changes in fallowed acreage due to water shortage*

The unique role of NOAA West - By utilizing the team’s network connections and interdisciplinary expertise, NIDIS is better able to develop and deliver applications to address issues of water supply vulnerability due to climate, demand pressures, and other drought factors. This small but valuable contribution is one way this network benefits agency operations and the public we serve.

NOAA West - Looking Ahead: The Western Governors’ Association and the Western States Water Council are high visibility and high value regional partners that are able to represent the water policy issues and positions of the states in our region. They are the authoritative voice on water policy at the regional scale. NOAA West is collaborating with these well known and respected partners to highlight Western water issues at a time when it matters most - by focusing on the new incoming Congress.

We know that to be effective messengers, it is imperative we collaborate with influential partners who are well respected, and adept at communicating with Congress.



Our goal is simple – to work in partnership to improve awareness of Western water issues and NOAA’s work in the region so that members of Congress have a richer understanding of the regional complexities and capacity as they undertake their policy and administrative work.

For more information on our key partners, please visit:

Western Governors’ Association: <http://www.westgov.org/>

Western States Water Council: <http://www.westgov.org/wswc/>

NIDIS: <http://www.drought.gov>

