

Drought Panel

Panelists:

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Panel Goals

1. How can the CPAS *community* move forward on the issue of drought?
 - Effectively make climate science more useful and usable to decisionmakers
 - Given limited resources.
2. To stimulate discussion on effective strategies for *collaborating with managers and policy makers* to improve drought planning and drought plan implementation.
3. Stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas about how applications scientists and policy makers can best work together to meet society's needs and *reduce drought vulnerability*.
4. To stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas about the US Drought Monitor, which is a *unique experiment in collaborative applied science* and operations.

The Money Question

If you had 20 million dollars to implement a drought program in your state, how would you allocate the funds?

- Web resources
- Public outreach programs
- Improved monitoring
- Improved prediction
- Improved impacts reporting
- Research on effectiveness of programs
- Working with the legislature