Texas and Oklahoma Climate Extremes Workshop
Learning from the Recent Four-year Drought and Spring Flooding Events
October 13-14, 2015
Fort Worth, Texas

Day 1: October 13
12:30  Registration
1:00  Welcome & Overview
1:15  Southern Plains Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)
1:40  Drought Status & Climate Outlook
2:00  “Dipole events” – Historical Shifts From Dry to Wet
2:10  Break

Monitoring, Forecasting and Research
2:30  Small Group Discussion: Monitoring, Forecasting and Research
   - Tools: What tools did you use to monitor the drought and recovery?
   - Tool Usefulness: How did those tools perform, both going into and coming out of drought? Did you make any adjustments did you make along the way?
   - Additional Needs: Were there tools or type of data that you wished you would have access to during the event?
3:30  Summarize Key Findings from Small Group Discussion
4:00  The Drought Risk Atlas
4:20  Challenges of Seasonal Forecasting
4:40  Teleconnections: How Patterns Far Away Can Influence Our Weather
5:00  Adjourn for the evening

An informal social event will be scheduled for the evening.
Day 2 October 14

8:30 Recap from Day 1 Discussion

Engaging Preparedness Communities

8:45 Small-Group Discussion: Coordination Among Agencies
- State: How did you interact among state agencies during both the drought and flood; did you interact with some agencies in one case but not the other? Why?
- Federal: What federal agencies provided sources of information and/or support for operations? Did you establish new or strengthen existing relationships with certain federal agencies during these extreme events?
- Other: What other non-state agencies/entities were important in monitoring or managing these events?
- Challenges: What challenges did you encounter when working with other agencies/entities? Were these challenges addressed? How?
- Financial Assistance: What financial or operational assistance programs did you offer or use (state, federal, local, non-governmental, charities)? Were any new programs developed?

9:45 Summarize Key Findings from Small Group Discussion

10:15 Break

10:45 Coordination Among Texas Agencies

10:55 Coordination Among Oklahoma Agencies

11:05 Coordination Among New Mexico Agencies

11:15 Small-Group Discussion: Impacts, Successes, Challenges and Lessons Learned
- Impacts: Were there any unexpected impacts and how did you respond to them? What impacts and processes were hard to define or quantify?
- Successes & Lessons Learned: What were the successes and lessons learned responding to the drought and flood?
- Innovation: Have there been any recent changes made within your agency to improve drought mitigation and response resulting from the recent events?

12:15 Working Lunch
- Summarize Key Findings from Small Group Discussion

Education and Public Awareness

1:15 Large-Group Discussion: Public Outreach
- How did you get your messages out to the public, media, and other stakeholders?
- What worked well and what did not in communicating with the public?
- How could communication be improved in the future?

2:45 Next Steps & Recommendations

3:00 Adjourn