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## Identifying Water Managers

Lists of water information user groups and managers have been compiled. Additional users will be identified with the help of local National Weather Service hydrologists to make sure we are addressing local issues as well as regional problems.

Contact information compiled so far for:  
State Dam Safety Programs  
US Army Corps of Engineers (Mobile and Savannah Districts)  
Emergency Management  
Florida Water Management Districts  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Power companies  
USGS

The National Weather Service/Southeast River Forecast Center has also provided us with a list of e-subscribers to their water outlook newsletter.

## Interviewing Process

Todd Crane (UGA) has provided his script for AgClimate interviews to modify for use in addressing the specific needs of water resource managers. This will ensure uniformity of information-gathering. A sample HydroClimate outlook is in preparation to use as a straw man to determine usefulness of presentation.

## Website issues

### Domain name:

"Hydroclimate.org" is already taken—we need something appropriate and catchy

### Format:

We need to determine how the website will look as well as the content once we know the content

## How do we make Hydroclimate.org the most useful site available?

### Goal:

To provide timely, useful climate information that can be used by water managers to make decisions on water use which incorporate the effects of El Nino and other climatic factors

### Methods:

Interview water managers on their current decision-making processes and how they presently include climate forecasting (if at all).

Develop planning and analysis tools which can aid them in their water management decision processes

## Outreach and Education Activities

- Exhibit and attendance, GA Water Resources Annual Conference, March 27-29, 2007
- Presentation at AgClimate training session, Griffin, GA Feb. 7, 2007
- Surface-Water Data Coordination Meeting, USGS, Feb. 28, 2007
- Presentation to NWS service hydrologists, April 17, 2007
- Coordinating meeting with Carolinas RISA, April 19, 2007
- Coordinating meeting with National Weather Service and Southeast River Forecast Center in Peachtree City, April 27, 2007
- NWS Southern/Eastern Climate Services Meeting, June 20-21, 2007 (coming up!)



## Partnership with NWS/RFC

The National Weather Service Southeast River Forecast Center are very interested in being partners with SECC on Hydroclimate.org.



Each NWS office has at least one service hydrologist who deals with local water managers and the public. They will work with us to identify decision-making processes and tools that can benefit from SECC expertise. The River Forecast Center deals with major water management organizations and will help us identify groups and individuals to contact for assistance.

## Inter-RISA cooperation

The RISA for North and South Carolina has been very involved in working with the FERC relicensing project for several hydropower dams in the Carolinas. They are interested in working with us to do a cooperative climate project on the Savannah River basin. We are in the process of scheduling a joint meeting with the Carolinas RISA group and the Army Corps of Engineers. In this meeting we hope to identify problems in climate and water management issues that we can work on together. This initial meeting will probably take place in June 2007.



### Sponsors

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- \*US Department of Agriculture – Risk Management Agency (RMA)
- \*US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

### Key Partners

- \*The State Offices of Climatology for Alabama, Florida and Georgia to define research priorities and disseminate climate outlooks and forecasts
- \*The Cooperative Extension Services for Alabama, Florida and Georgia and their network of extension specialists and county agents.