

Water and Climate the Focus of the 2017 Advanced Institute of Excellence

The 2017 Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) - Institute of Excellence, Advanced Institute will be Thursday, November 9th in Kearney from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus. This year Nebraska Extension and the National Drought Mitigation Center will team together to focus on current and future climate and water issues in the state. Because of the importance of this year's workshop theme, the event will be open to all NACO members and officials/staff from municipalities and other government agencies.

The goal of the Advanced Institute is to create a greater awareness of the complex issues facing Nebraska's counties and help decision-makers make more informed decisions. Topics covered will include: a Nebraska climate and drought overview; current and future drought and water impacts; drought and recreation; water and leadership; planning for the future; and more. Presenters will include individuals from: The National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Central Platte Natural Resource District, and officials from county government.

The cost of the workshop will be \$60 per individual. NACO will bill counties after the event according to participation. To cover travel and program costs a minimum of 30 participants is required to hold the training. To register or for more information contact Nebraska Extension Educators: Carroll Welte in Burt County (cwelte1@unl.edu or 402-374-2954) or Jessica Jones in Johnson County (jjones12@unl.edu or 402-335-3669).