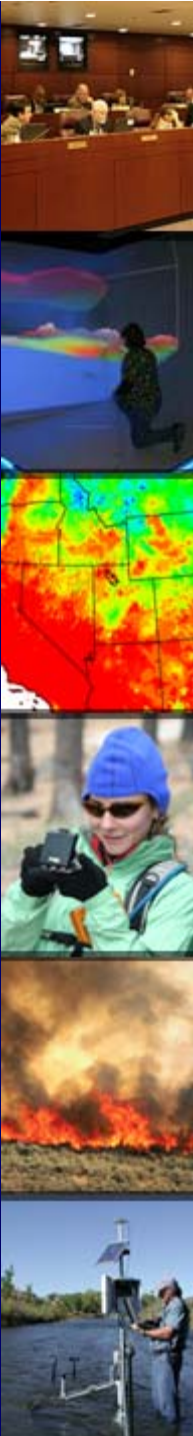


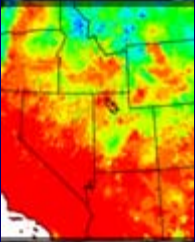
NSF Perspective (Requirement) for Developing a Strategic Plan

- Part of our Terms and Agreement
- *Within three months of the effective date of the award, the project leaders and participants will meet with a team from the NSF EPSCoR Office for a strategic planning session.*
- *A strategic plan will then be submitted for NSF approval within two months following the planning session. The NSF EPSCoR Office will respond to the submitted strategic plan within one month.*
- *A strategic plan, submitted to and accepted by NSF EPSCoR, is a prerequisite to year two funding of the RII project.*



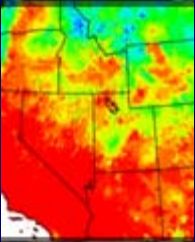
Why Develop a Strategic Plan

- 5 year project requires good planning
- Increases likelihood of meeting and exceeding goals of proposed plan by incorporating activities, details developed, and metrics
- Opportunity to further clarify the activities.
- Strategic Plan will appear at the Hill, in front of others for legislatures.



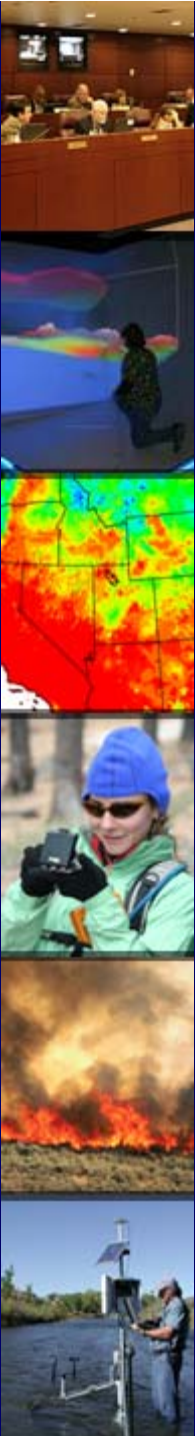
Strategic Planning Process

- September 4, 2008 Kickoff Meeting
 - Participants: PIs, Steering Committees, NEO Staff
 - All day in Reno
 - Review what was proposed (major activities)
 - Review of final budgets
 - Opportunity for Components to starting planning
 - Dialogue on project-wide issues



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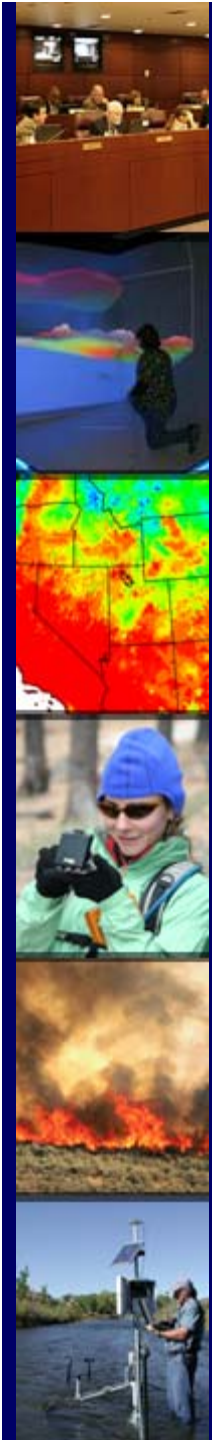
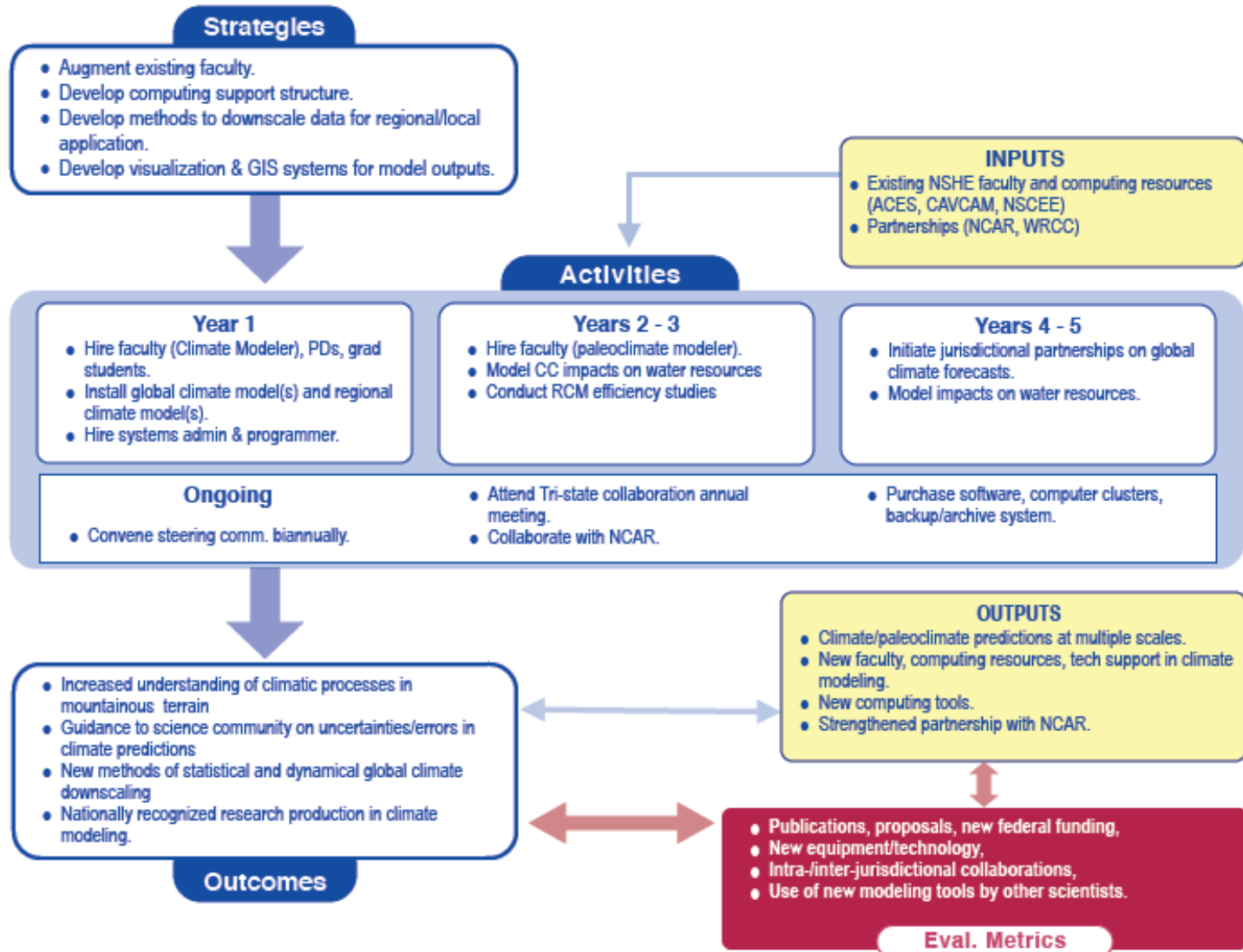
- November 21, 2008 Strategic Planning Meeting
 - Participants: NSF, PIs, Steering Committees, Evaluator, NEO Staff, Facilitator
 - NSF Perspective on Strategic Planning (Dr. Henry Blount)
 - Overview of Evaluation
 - Breakout Sessions to review/affirm strategies, outcomes, and evaluation metrics
 - Discussion on Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Current status is that Strategic Planning Document is being prepared (submittal by end of February)



Example Summary Chart for Strategic Planning

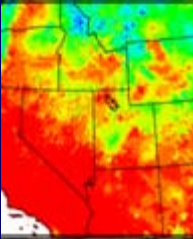
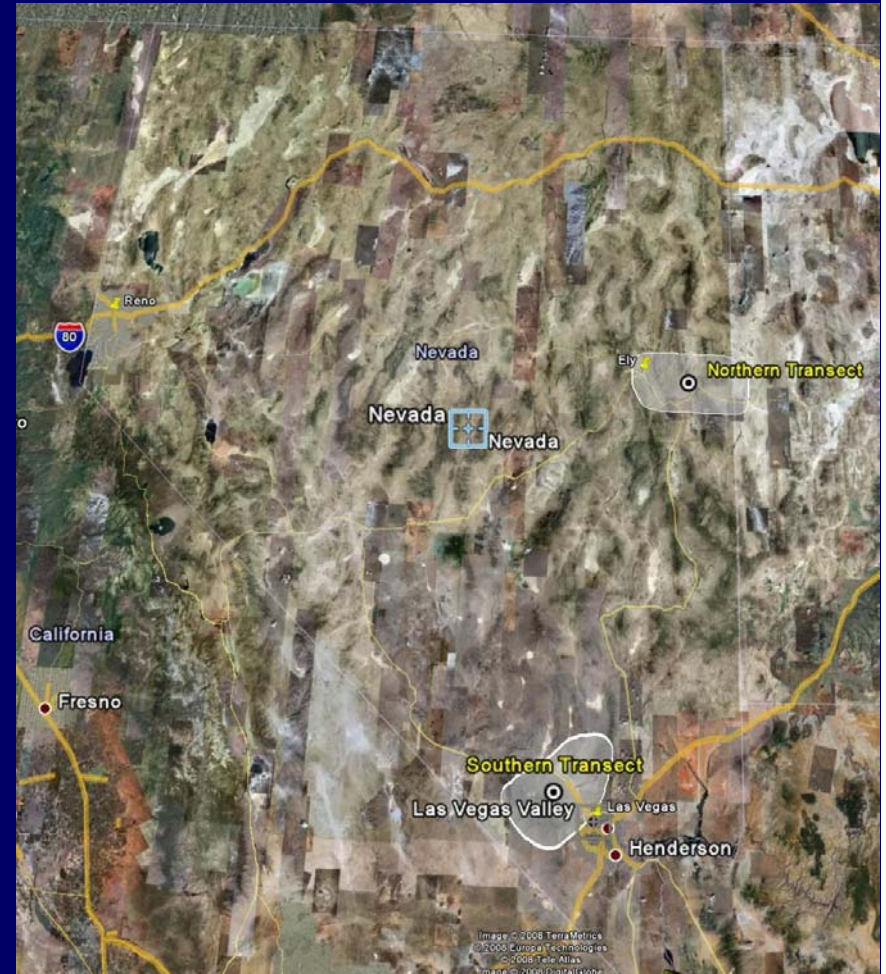
1. CLIMATE MODELING

Promote climate change scientific discovery by carrying out nationally competitive collaborative capacity building in climate modeling.



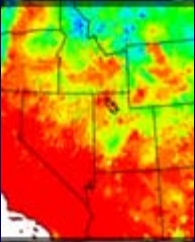
Major Revisions from Original Plan (Observational Network)

- Original Plan – full transects in the South and North
- Revised Plan – augmented transect in the South (in partnership with NRCS)
- Funds may be reallocated for additional support to install transects and/or extend northern transect



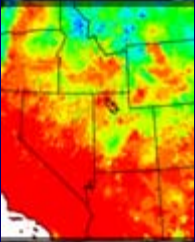
Major Revisions from Original Plan (Stakeholder Advisory Committee)

- Original Plan – Single *Stakeholder Advisory Committee* (supporting Policy and Outreach Component)
- Revised Plan – Added a *Nevada Climate Change Forum* that is project-wide. Not advisory and focused on information sharing



Nevada Climate Change Forum

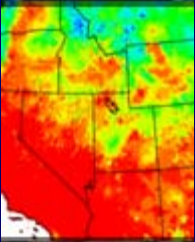
- Purpose: to accelerate dialogue between scientists working on climate change related research and decisions makers who can potentially use this research
- Goals:
 1. to provide a forum to share project information and other information from key constituents;
 2. to develop research, education, and outreach collaborations that will help to ensure the sustainability of the research infrastructure developed in this project;
 3. to facilitate the development of a more focused Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) that will work closely with the Policy and Outreach Component
 4. to formulate further study work that may address specific needs of the state.



Nevada Climate Change Forum

- Example Constituents

- Federal, State, Local Management Agencies
 - Water
 - Land
 - Environment
- Educational institutions (particularly K-12)
- Tourism Sector
- Agriculture Sector
- Energy Producers
- Native American communities
- Non-governmental organizations



Future Plans and Achieving Goals

- Project collaborations facilitated by technology
 - WebEx
 - AGN
- Finalize transects and receive appropriate permissions
- Reach out to other NSHE faculty to form interdisciplinary science teams
- Tri-State Collaborations
- Undergraduate Research Symposium (April 30 – May 1) in Las Vegas

