

Water Supply Availability Committee/Drought Readiness Council Meeting – October 22nd, 2025

Phone Conference – Meeting Notes

Attendees

Cameron Greenwood – OWRD
Curtis Peetz – OEM
Tanja Fransen – NWS
Henry Pai – NWRFC
Larry O’Neill – OCS
Corinne Horner – USBR

David Weidinger – USBR
Chantal Wikstrom – OHA
Nick Sirovatka – ODA
Tom Elliot – ODOE
Steve Parrett – ODEQ
Spencer Sawaske – ODFW

Conditions Updates

Tanja Fransen, NWS

- Precipitation
 - WY 2025 precipitation conditions were generally above normal for southern portions of Oregon and below normal to normal for northern parts of the state.
 - Precipitation conditions since 1/1/2025 have generally been below normal for most of the state with the exception of parts of southern Oregon that received above normal precipitation.
 - Precipitation conditions from 9/20 through 10/19 were mostly below normal with the exception of parts of southwestern, southeastern and central Oregon where conditions were above normal.
- Temperature
 - WY 2025 temperature conditions were mostly above normal statewide with parts of south-central and western Oregon recording closer normal temperatures.
 - Temperature conditions since 1/1/2025 have generally been above normal with parts of western and south-central Oregon recording below normal to normal conditions.
 - Temperature conditions from 9/20 through 10/19 were below normal to normal for most of the state with the exception of parts of western and eastern Oregon where temperature conditions were above normal.
- U.S. Drought Monitor
 - Drought emerged in Oregon in northwestern Oregon (as of 4/29) and evolved across most of the state, excluding south-central and southeastern Oregon. By the beginning of WY 2026, moderate and severe drought were present across most of western and northeastern Oregon with some extreme drought present in northeastern Oregon.
- Outlook
 - 10-day precipitation forecast through 10/31 indicates above normal precipitation for most of the state excluding parts of northeastern Oregon where precipitation outlooks range from below normal to normal.
 - 8-14 day outlook indicates probabilities leaning towards above normal precipitation statewide and near normal temperature conditions for most of the state excluding parts of southwestern Oregon where probabilities are leaning towards above normal temperatures.
 - Seasonal outlooks for winter months generally indicate probabilities leaning toward below normal temperatures for northern parts of the state (particularly from January through April) or equal chances of below normal, normal, or above normal temperatures for the rest of the state. The seasonal outlook also indicates probabilities leaning towards above normal precipitation statewide for December through February and equal chances

of below normal, normal, or above normal precipitation for most of the state from January through April.

- ENSO
 - La Niña is favored to persist through December 2025 – February 2026, with a transition to ENSO-neutral likely in January – March 2026 (55%).

Henry Pai, NWRFC

- As of 10/21 observed runoff was generally below normal in western and central Oregon with variable conditions in eastern Oregon, ranging from well below normal to well above normal.
- As of 10/21, the seasonal forecast (Apr-Sep) indicates just below normal to normal conditions in western and central Oregon with more variable conditions in eastern Oregon, ranging from below normal to above normal.
- Western Oregon
 - Willamette at Salem
 - Streamflow conditions were near to above normal from Oct-Apr and below normal from May-Sep.
 - Nov-Sep forecast is generally just below normal to normal.
 - Rogue at Raygold
 - Streamflow conditions were near to above normal for most of WY 2025.
 - Nov-Sep forecast is generally just below normal to normal.
- Eastern Oregon
 - Grande Ronde near Troy
 - Streamflow conditions were generally below normal for most of WY 2025, with the exception of January and March which recorded above normal streamflow conditions.
 - Nov-Sep forecast is generally just below normal.
 - Owyhee Dam
 - Streamflow conditions were generally just below to above normal for Oct-Mar. From Apr-Sep conditions were generally below normal, excluding Jul-Aug.
- Columbia Main Stem
 - Columbia at the Dalles dam
 - Streamflow conditions were generally below normal for most of WY 2025 with the exception of March, which recorded above normal streamflow conditions.
 - Nov-Sep forecast is below normal to just above normal.

Larry O'Neill, OCS

- USDM
 - As of 10/14, 43% of Oregon is either in moderate or severe drought. This is down from 51% last month.
 - As of 10/14, 61% of the US West is in drought.
 - Drought severity and extent has reduced slightly in most of the US West, including Oregon.
- Precipitation
 - From 9/16-10/16, precipitation in Oregon was generally below normal with the exception of parts of southwestern and southeastern Oregon where precipitation was above normal.
 - From 7/16-10/16, precipitation was above normal for most of central and eastern Oregon in addition to parts of southwestern and northeastern Oregon. For most of western Oregon, precipitation was below normal.
 - From 4/16-10/16, precipitation was below normal for most of the state.

- SPI/SPEI
 - 1-month SPI and SPEI values are indicating wetter than normal conditions in parts of southeastern and southwestern Oregon, with drier than normal conditions in parts of central and eastern Oregon.
 - 6-month SPI and SPEI values indicate drier than normal conditions for most of the state, excluding parts of southern and southeastern Oregon where conditions are normal.
 - 12-month SPI and SPEI values indicate wetter than normal conditions across the southern half of Oregon and drier than normal conditions in parts of northwestern and northeastern Oregon.
- ENSO
 - Weak La Niñas tend to have cooler than normal temperatures.
 - Weak La Niñas do not have much of a preference for wetter or drier conditions for the complete water year. Winter (DJF) has a slight preference for wetter than normal conditions in western Oregon.
 - Weak La Niñas tend to have above average SWE in most basins in Oregon.
 - Weak La Niñas tend to have higher than average basin runoff in most of Oregon.

Cameron Greenwood, OWRD

- Streamflow conditions in September were below normal for most of western and northeastern Oregon. Conditions for the rest of the state were normal to above normal.
- Streamflow conditions over the water year to date have been below normal for most of the state, most notably in coastal, northwestern, and northeastern Oregon.
- Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days have generally been normal for much of the state with some below normal flows in western and northeastern Oregon.
- Recent streamflow conditions over the last 28 days have also generally been normal for much of the state with below normal flows in northwestern, north-central, and northeastern Oregon.
- Nehalem River – North Coast Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- Alsea River – Mid Coast Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Chetco River – South Coast Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Mohawk River – Willamette Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Sycan River – Klamath Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- Metolius River – Deschutes Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Grande Ronde River – Grande Ronde Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- Meacham Creek – Umatilla Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are well below normal.

Corinne Horner, USBR

- Operation Activities
 - Irrigation has ended in most basins and reservoirs are beginning to fill.
 - Preparing for WY 2026 flood risk management season.
- Water Supply Notes
 - WY 2025 inflow volume was generally normal to much above normal across USBR projects in Oregon.

- Near to above normal carryover in most reservoirs, excluding Scoggins.
- Healthy storage supply across USBR projects in Oregon.