

Water Supply Availability Committee/Drought Readiness Council Meeting – November 19th, 2025

Phone Conference – Meeting Notes

Attendees

Cameron Greenwood – OWRD
Jason Ward – NRCS
Tanja Fransen – NWS
Henry Pai – NWRFC
Carrie Boudreau – USGS
Corinne Horner – USBR

David Weidinger – USBR
Chantal Wikstrom – OHA
Nick Sirovatka – ODA
Tom Elliot – ODOE
Shane Cossel – ODEQ

Conditions Updates

Jason Ward, NRCS

- Snowpack
 - As of 11/18, statewide snowpack was 12% of the historic median.
 - Warmer than normal temperatures have resulted in melting out of snowpack that accumulated in October.
- Precipitation
 - As of 11/18, statewide precipitation was 95% of the historic median.
 - WYTD precipitation (as of 11/18) was variable across the state. In southern basins and in the Hood-Sandy-Lower Deschutes basin, WYTD precipitation has been normal to above normal. Elsewhere in the state precipitation has been below normal.
 - Precipitation in October was above normal in western, southern, and parts of central Oregon. Elsewhere in the state precipitation was normal, except for the Malheur Basin where conditions were below normal.
 - Precipitation thus far for November has been more variable with conditions ranging across the state from well below to well above normal.
- Soil Moisture
 - In northwestern and eastern Oregon, soil moisture conditions have generally been below normal. Elsewhere in western Oregon conditions are normal to above normal.

Tanja Fransen, NWS

- Precipitation
 - Precipitation from 1/1 to 10/19 was below normal for most of western, northcentral, and northeastern Oregon. In southcentral and southeastern Oregon, precipitation was normal to above normal.
 - Precipitation for WY 2025 was generally above normal for the southern half of the state and below normal to normal for the northern half of the state.
 - Precipitation over the last 30 days has been above normal in coastal Oregon and in parts of northcentral and southcentral/eastern Oregon. Elsewhere in the state, conditions have been below normal to normal. The most notable precipitation deficits over this period were in parts of central and eastern Oregon.
- Temperature
 - Temperatures from 1/1 to 10/31 were generally above normal statewide.
 - Temperatures for WY 2025 were generally above normal statewide.
 - Temperatures over the last 30 days were above normal statewide.
- Outlook

- 10-day precipitation forecast through 11/28 indicates below normal precipitation statewide, ranging from 0.25 to upwards of 3 inches in western Oregon and 0.25 to 0.5 inches in central and eastern Oregon.
- 8-14 day outlook indicates probabilities leaning towards above normal precipitation statewide and below normal temperatures statewide.
- 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 continue into the Northern Hemisphere winter, with a transition to ENSO-neutral most likely in January-March 2026 (61% chance).

Henry Pai, NWRFC

- As of 11/18, the seasonal forecast for April through September is indicating below to above normal conditions in western Oregon and below normal conditions in central and eastern Oregon.
- As of 11/18 observed runoff was generally below normal in western and northeastern Oregon, with closer to normal and above normal flows recorded in parts of southern and eastern Oregon.
- Western Oregon
 - Willamette at Salem
 - Apr-Sep: 88% of normal
 - WY: 79% of normal
 - Rogue at Raygold
 - Apr-Sep: 98% of normal
 - WY: 88% of normal
- Eastern Oregon
 - Umatilla near Umatilla
 - Apr-Sep: 81% of normal
 - WY: 76% of normal
 - Owyhee Dam
 - Apr-Sep: 77% of normal
 - WY: 91% of normal
- Columbia Main Stem
 - Columbia at the Dalles dam
 - Apr-Sep: 88%
 - WY: 86%

Carrie Boudreau, USGS

- 28-day average streamflow conditions in western Oregon are generally below normal to normal with some gages recording above normal conditions. In central and eastern Oregon conditions are more variable ranging from well below to above normal.
- 7-day average streamflow conditions are showing mostly below normal conditions in western Oregon, with some normal to above normal flows, especially in southwestern Oregon. In central and eastern Oregon, conditions are more variable ranging from well below normal to above normal.
- Northeastern Oregon
 - John Day River: just below normal

- Mecham Creek: well below normal
- Northwestern Oregon
 - Wilson River: normal conditions
 - Siletz River: normal conditions
- Southwestern Oregon
 - Chetco River: normal conditions
 - South Umpqua River: below normal conditions
- Upper Klamath Lake – elevation currently 4139.6ft
 - Williamson River: below normal conditions.
 - Link River: normal conditions
- Southeastern Oregon
 - Donner und Blitzen River: above normal conditions
 - Owyhee River: normal conditions.
- Duration hydrograph of 7-day average for Oregon shows just below normal conditions.

Cameron Greenwood, OWRD

- Streamflow conditions in October were mostly 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 above normal for most of southern Oregon and below normal to normal for the rest of Oregon.
- Recent streamflow conditions over the last seven days have been below normal for much of western and northeastern Oregon. The rest of the state recorded below normal to normal conditions.
- Recent streamflow conditions over the last 28 days have generally been closer to normal but below normal conditions were still recorded in parts of western and northeastern Oregon.
- Nehalem River – North Coast Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Alsea River – Mid Coast Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- Deep Creek – Willamette Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- South Umpqua River – Umpqua Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.
- Sycan River – Klamath Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are just below normal.
- Metolius River – Deschutes Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are normal.
- Umatilla River – Umatilla Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are just below normal.
- Grande Ronde River – Grande Ronde Basin
 - Streamflow conditions are below normal.

Corinne Horner, USBR

- Operation Activities
 - Irrigation season has concluded.
 - Reservoirs are filling.
 - Anticipating WY2026 FRM season
- Water Supply Notes
 - Near to above normal carryover in most reservoirs.

- Healthy storage water supply across USBR projects in Oregon.