

Water Supply Availability Committee Meeting – July 11, 2017
Office of Emergency Management
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Ken Stahr – OWRD (chair)
Scott Oviatt - NRCS Snow Survey
Marc Stewart – USGS
Nick Yonker – ODF
Margaret Matter – ODA
Phone:
Andy Bryant – NWS
Kathie Dello – OCCRI
Mary Karen Scullion – USACE

Presentations

Scott Oviatt – Snow mostly gone. Some still lingering at high elevations especially North Cascades. Mountain precip is over 125 percent for the water year. Little to no (mountain) precip in the past 3-4 weeks

Andy Bryant- Statewide precipitation has been above average for the water year so far. Below average lately. Temperature has been above average and is predicted to continue as such. Long-term outlook is for increased probability of above average temperatures and an equal chance of above or below average precip.

Ken Stahr and Marc Stewart – Stream flows are subsiding. Still about average for June. Flows have been above average since February. Over 140 percent of average for the water year. As of late, flows are dropping to below average in some locations. Notably the Umatilla basin and coastal watersheds. Reservoir storage is above average. Reservoirs used for water supply are releasing water. Most central Oregon reservoirs filled this year with the exception of Wickiup.

Mary Karen Scullion – Westside USACE reservoirs are doing very well. Hills Creek Reservoir is being held to lower levels due to scheduled maintenance. Minimum flow requirements are projected to be met. Cougar and Blue River are scheduled for maintenance later this fall.

Kathie Dello – ENSO neutral conditions now prevalent. Potential review of US Drought Monitor may change in some areas of the state.

Nick Yonker – Fire season has started. Some smaller fires on State-managed lands. Still fewer than normal. Fire danger is extreme in some parts of eastern and central Oregon. Will send web link to fire danger map and wildfire blog to be included in the water conditions report.

