

Water Resources Department

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Water Supply Availability Committee

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Draft Agenda Wednesday, March 16, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions Committee members introduce themselves Ken Stahr, Committee Chair Alyssa Mucken, OWRD Drought Coordinator

II. Agenda Review

- **III. Super Short Updates on Conditions** Scott Oviatt and Andy Bryant
- **IV. Role of Water Supply Availability Committee** Group discussion
 - Question 1: Can we confirm the objective of this group?

"To establish the scientific foundation decision-makers need to identify and respond appropriately to drought."

- Question 2. When this group reports out, could we quantify and organize data that describe:
 - o Meteorological Conditions
 - Temperature
 - Precipitation
 - o Hydrological Conditions
 - Snowpack (SNOTEL)
 - Snow Water Equivalent
 - Surface Water Supply Index
 - Streamflow
 - o Agricultural Conditions
 - Reservoir Levels
 - Soil Moisture
 - Fuel Moisture

- Question 3. What geographic scale, time scale, and units should we use for each data element?
- Question 4. When should we collect this data from group members?
- Question 5. How could we set thresholds for each data element that indicate stages of drought?
- Question 6. What are the stages of drought?
- Question 7. Form a subcommittee to further develop an index, GIS product, input interface?
- Question 8. We're re-vamping the listserv that receives report-out from these meetings, to include county and tribal emergency managers. Any other groups we should be sure to include?

V. Announcements & Next Meeting

- Drought Annex now available
- Drought Readiness Council updates
- Governor's Office Executive Order and Drought Task Force
- Next meeting April 13 or 15 (?)

Meeting Objectives:

- Get brief report on current conditions
- Confirm the objective of the group
- Develop a template for future report outs
- Begin to draft a drought index
- Form a technical subcommittee

Water Supply Availability Committee Chair:

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Committee Members and Back-ups:

NOAA – Andy Bryant and Kevin Berghoff NRCS – Scott Oviatt, Julie Koberle and Melissa Webb OCCRI – Kathie Dello ODA – Margaret Matter ODF – Nick Yonker OEM – Matt Marheine and Eric Rau OWRD – Ken Stahr, Alyssa Mucken, Brenda Bateman, Diana Enright, Racquel Rancier USACE – Tina Teed USBoR - TBD USGS – Keith Overton and Marc Stewart