

**Drought Readiness Council Meeting**  
**Oregon Office of Emergency Management**  
**July 11, 2019**

**Present:**

Ken Stahr - Co-chair, OWRD  
Eric Rau – OEM  
Daniel Stoelb - OEM  
Jim Johnson - ODA

**On the phone:**

Roxy Nayar - DEQ  
Kari Salis - OHA  
Nick Yonker – ODF  
Larry O’Neil - OCCRI

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Agenda Review**

No changes

**Approval of Meeting Notes**

May and June approved

**Update on Water Conditions - Oregon**

Ken Stahr: Regarding snowpack, most of the snow at NRCS SNOTEL sites is gone. For precipitation, the state is at 93% of normal for the water year. For temperature, readings above normal from the southwest to the north central regions of the state. The Drought Monitor shows the NW corner of the state in D1 (Moderate Drought). The three month outlook is for above normal temperatures and equal chances of above or below normal precipitation. Statewide streamflows for June were at 84% but streams west of the Cascades are low (42%) for this time of year. Most reservoirs filled this year, most are drafting meet seasonal demands. The USACE Willamette Basin project is at 66%.

Nick Yonker: Wildfire conditions have been somewhat alleviated due to the cooler, showery weather. Expect a return to average to above-average wildfire conditions with the return of hotter weather ahead.

**Drought Declarations**

There are no new requests. Lincoln County was expected but the cooler temps and rain has postponed the request. Wheeler Co. is still tabled. The DRC will follow up with the new Wheeler County emergency manager on the status of the request.

**Announcements**

Eric Rau announced that Sonya Andron has accepted a new position at OEM and will no longer co-chair the Drought Readiness Council. It is anticipated that Matt Marheine will temporarily represent OEM on the Council.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is at OEM August 15, 2019 from 10:00 to noon.