

**Water Supply Availability Committee & Drought Readiness Council Meeting**  
**December 12, 2019**

Oregon Office of Emergency Management

In-House and Phone Conference – Meeting Notes

**In-House Attendees**

Ken Stahr – OWRD (Chair)  
Nick Yonker – ODF  
Scott Oviatt – NRCS  
Jim Johnson - ODA  
Daniel Stoelb- OEM

**Phone Attendees**

Amy Burke - NWRFC  
Margaret Matter - ODA  
Carrie Boudreau – USGS  
Andy Bryant – NWS

**Presentations – update on water supply conditions**

**Scott Oviatt**

- Statewide mountain precipitation at SNOTEL sites is at 52% of normal for the water year.
- Four SNOTEL sites are at a record low as of this morning.
- Total water year SNOTEL precipitation measured at 47% of normal statewide

**Andy Bryant and Amy Burke**

- Drought Monitor as of this morning, 98% of the state is in DO (abnormally dry).
- Three month outlook for the state is slightly above average for temperature, neutral for precipitation.
- There is a slide in the presentation with a schedule for live broadcast briefings.

**Ken Stahr for Marc Stewart**

- Percent of Average Streamflow overall for November was about 50% of normal
- Some sites are close to record lows of the mean daily flow for WY 2020
  - W Fork Hood River near Dee
  - S Fork John Day R near Dayville
  - Thomas Cr near Scio

**Ken Stahr**

- USACE reservoirs are status quo, little behind. Some are lower due to maintenance that is occurring.

**Nick Yonker**

- Wildfire outlook is normal
- Prescribed burns are shifting from late October- early November to late November – December.

**Miscellaneous**

- There was discussion on the pros and cons of combining the WSAC and DRC meetings, at least occasionally. There was general agreement that people liked the combined option.
- DRC update for week of December 16: Scott Oviatt will send something out as Ken Stahr will be out of town.
  - Are there any drought impacts right now?
    - Winter recreation
    - Concerns about forest health affected by drought
- RE: soil moisture:
  - Margaret Matter mentioned that timing is also a facet of soil moisture. The soil moisture is becoming depleted; this could affect runoff in the spring.
  - Amy Burke mentioned that one also needs to be aware of elevation in regard to soil moisture. Mentioned “GRACE”, a NASA website.
- Bi-Weekly condition report: Daniel asked if this should be included on OEM’s ‘dashboard’. Ken suggested adding this question to the agenda for the next meeting. The group agreed.
  - Regarding the ‘dashboard’ everyone was asked to look at it in advance of the next meeting in preparation to discuss it. What is included? Is anything missing? Etc.
- There was some discussion on suggestions/ideas for future presentations
  - Pete Parsons – climatology related forecasts
- January 16, 2020 proposed for next meeting, to be a combined meeting again