

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Statewide Water Conservation and Strategic Planning Division
3550 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012
Telephone (602) 771-8441
Fax (602) 771-8681



Janet Napolitano
Governor

Herbert R. Guenther
Director

August 1, 2006

Re: Pinal County Drought Impact Group

Dear Interested Party:

The Pinal County Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) held its first meeting on July 18, 2006. For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, we missed you and hope that you will join us for the next meeting on September 6, 2006. The formation of these local area drought groups was recommended by the Governor's Drought Task Force and outlined in the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*. These county drought groups coordinate drought public awareness, provide impact assessment information to local and state leaders, and develop and implement local mitigation and response options. During the meeting, information was provided on: the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*, the role of LAIAGs, local area drought monitoring, and development of a regional drought plan. The group's organizational structure (see enclosed information) was also defined.

Your participation is key to the success of this local drought group. Please consider applying to serve on the steering committee and/or participate in a workgroup. Representatives from each water-use sector will be instrumental in assisting the LAIAG, so encourage others to get involved. A Steering Committee & Workgroup Participation Form is enclosed and is due by August 11th, 2006 (note that the date for submittal was extended), to Pete Weaver, Emergency Manager/LEPC Coordinator, at P.O. Box 727, Florence, Arizona 85232. The steering committee will be appointed by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors on August 30th.

Please get involved and encourage others to take an active role in local drought preparedness. Mark your calendars now to attend the next LAIAG meeting on September 6, 2006, from 3 - 5 p.m. at Central Arizona College in the Student Services Building, room M101, located at 8470 North Overfield Road in Coolidge, Arizona. During the meeting, the steering committee appointees will be announced and workgroups will be formed. In addition, we hope to get started with discussions focused on conservation and drought planning. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Susan Craig, State Drought Coordinator, at (602) 771-8533 or, via e-mail, smcraig@azwater.gov. You may also contact one of the local coordinators listed below.

Rick Gibson, Pinal County Extension Director
Arizona Cooperative Extension
(520) 836-5211, Ext. 227
gibsonrd@ag.arizona.edu

Pete Weaver, Emergency Manager/LEPC
Coordinator
Pinal County Public Works
(520) 866-6415
pete.weaver@co.pinal.az.us

Sincerely,

David Snider, Supervisor
Pinal County District 3

Sincerely,

Herbert R. Guenther, Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources

Enclosures