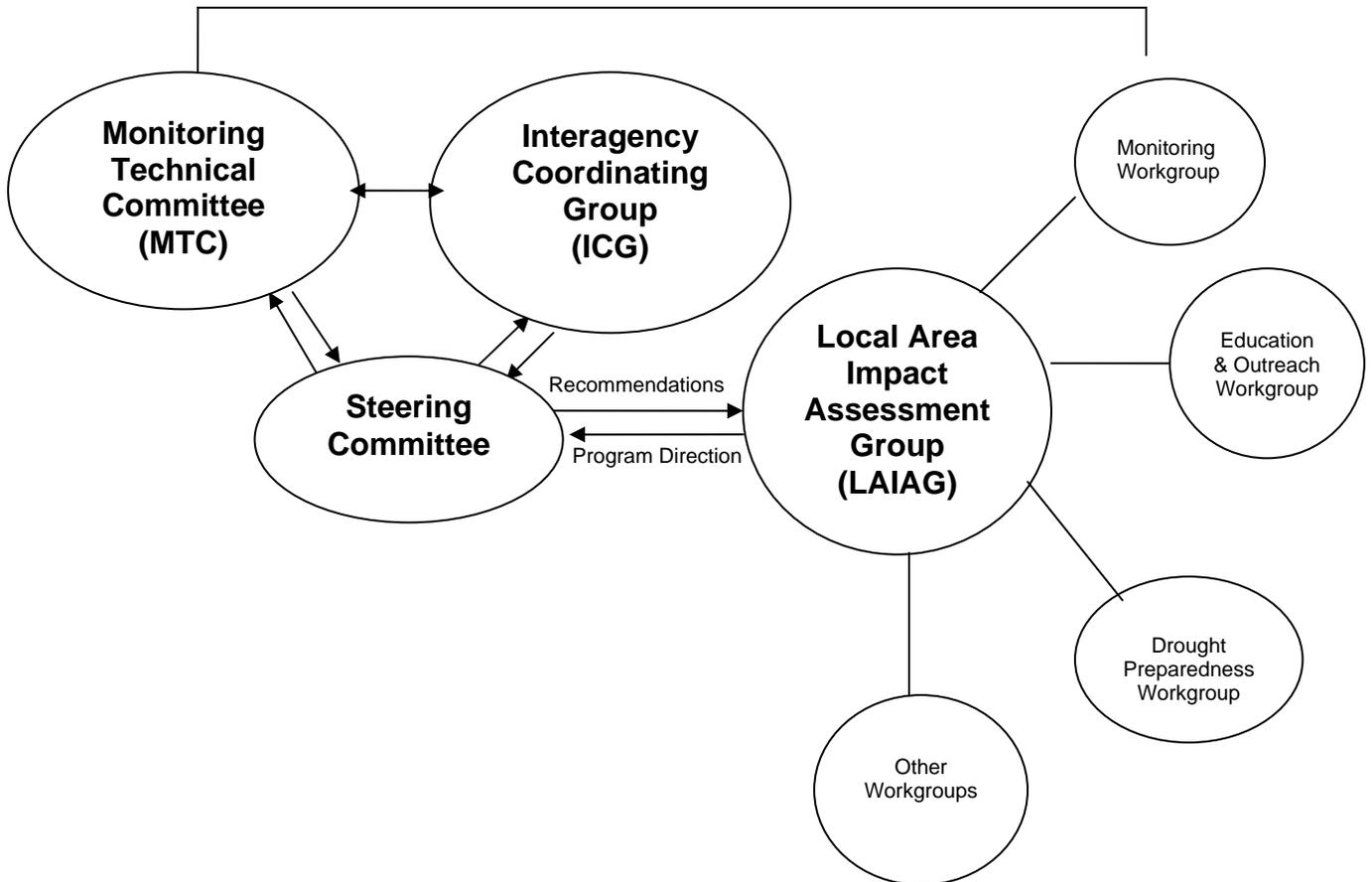


Drought Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) -Located Within Pinal County

Proposed Organizational Structure



Proposed Roles

Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) – All interested persons/organizations.

- Identifies priorities, sets program direction and approves decisions as needed.
- Members of the LAIAG serve on various work groups to accomplish tasks.
- All individuals interested in participating in the meetings would have a vote.

Steering Group – Nine member group appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

- Identifies how to accomplish tasks, makes recommendations to LAIAG.
- Coordinate and monitor efforts/progress of the larger local area impact assessment group (LAIAG) and sub-groups.
- Recruits members to work groups, assures adequate representation from various areas.

- Convenes LAIAG when drought triggers occur and when input/approval is needed.
- Determines frequency of LAIAG meetings.

Steering group composition: (terms staggered to start, then all 2 year terms)

2 year terms

- 1 Pinal County Government Alliance rep.
- 1 Zone 7 NRCD rep.
- 1 Farm Bureau rep.
- 1 Water Provider rep.
- 1 County government rep.

1 year term

- 4 At-Large reps.

Appointment process:

- Individuals will complete an application of interest to serve by August 1, 2006.
- The Board of Supervisors will then review and appoint the nine member steering group.
- The steering group will select their chair and vice-chair.

Workgroups

- Workgroups to be identified as needed.
- Responsible for specific tasks to work on and complete.
- Workgroups will report directly to the Steering Group.

Monitoring Workgroup

- Identify and recruit “impact reporters” from various areas in each watershed.
- Collect and submit credible information on local impacts.
- Submit precipitation totals through the Volunteer Rain Gauge Network to document spatial variability.
- Verification of the State Drought Technical Committee analysis and interpretation.

Outreach & Education Workgroup

Mitigation & Response Workgroup

Other Workgroups