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Drought Impact Group to Meet in Bisbee October 27

The Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) for Cochise County will meet October 27 to begin work on a response plan for drought conditions.

Creation of a LAIAG in each county is an element in the state's Drought Preparedness Plan, issued by Gov. Janet Napolitano in 2004. A key part of the drought plan is establishment of an organizational structure for addressing drought conditions and effects.

The role of each local group is to:

- Identify local impact and vulnerabilities to drought,
- Develop local approaches to mitigate or reduce vulnerability to drought, and
- Assist in identifying what is needed to better monitor local conditions.

Assisting the LAIAG are the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Cochise County Cooperative Extension Office, and the Cochise County Emergency Management Office.

The initial meeting of the Cochise County LAIAG will be held:

- 1 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, October 27, 2005
- Cochise County Supervisors Hearing Room (Building G)
1415 Melody Lane
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Those who plan to attend are requested to RSVP to Extension Director Susan Pater.

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