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## Drought reporting system workshop set for May 14

*Local involvement sought to support planning effort – “A couple of minutes a month...”*

The Arizona Department of Water Resources will hold a workshop May 14 in Cottonwood to explain a new drought reporting system and solicit local resident involvement.

The workshop is sponsored by the Yavapai County Local Drought Impact Group (LDIG), one of a number of drought impact groups created statewide. At the workshop, ADWR staff will explain the new Arizona Drought Impact Reporting System (AzDIRS). The system is a web-based tool designed to collect and display timely observations of drought impacts across Arizona.

“Providing local input on drought conditions is important so that state-level drought monitoring and reporting activities can be verified against actual on-the-ground observations,” said ADWR Director Herb Guenther.

To support drought preparedness efforts, the Yavapai County LDIG is asking for assistance from professionals and local residents. They will be asked to provide feedback on conditions throughout the county by logging monitoring data into AzDIRS. These data will be reflected in the monthly drought status maps for Arizona and in the National Drought Monitor.

“A couple of minutes a month is all it will take,” said Susan Craig, ADWR manager for community water planning. “You can make observations while on the job or just out walking. Are you a local farmer who is feeling the impact of drought on your crop yields? When you’re on your weekly hike, have you noticed trees turning brown? The AzDIRS drought survey is a great way for you to document and share that information with others. More information will lead to better drought preparedness and response now and in the future.”

The workshop is:

10 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, May 14

At the Yavapai County building, 10 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Cottonwood

There is no fee to attend and all eligible participants will receive a free rain gauge.

To RSVP for the workshop or join Yavapai County’s LDIG efforts, please contact:

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