

# Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group

May 1, 2006

To: Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group Participants

Re: Steering Group Application & Next Meeting

In May 2003, Governor Napolitano established the Governor's Drought Task Force to develop a Drought Plan for the State of Arizona. As a result of the Task Force effort, Arizona adopted the Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan in the fall of 2004.

[http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Find\\_by\\_Program/Drought\\_and\\_Conservation/](http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Find_by_Program/Drought_and_Conservation/).

Key to the success of the Plan is the creation of Local Area Impact Assessment Groups (LAIAG) identified for each county in the State. The LAIAG's role in this effort is to identify local impacts and vulnerabilities to drought, develop approaches at the local level to mitigate or reduce the vulnerability to drought in the region and to assist the Monitoring Technical Committee with identifying monitoring needs for assessing drought conditions in the region.

Cochise County was selected as the first county to initiate a LAIAG. At our third meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup> we were able to further define the organizational structure (see enclosed information). The next step is to establish a Steering Group. Your help is needed to identify and encourage persons to apply for consideration to serve on the steering group. The group will be appointed by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors by June 15<sup>th</sup>. An application is enclosed and is due by May 25, 2006. Feel free to duplicate this form as needed.

In case you haven't been able to make it to a meeting recently the notes from previous meetings and general information can be found online at:  
[http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Hot\\_Topics/Agency-Wide/Drought\\_Planning/default.htm](http://www.azwater.gov/dwr/Content/Hot_Topics/Agency-Wide/Drought_Planning/default.htm)

Mark your calendars now to attend the next LAIAG meeting on **June 22, 2006**, from 1-3 pm at the Douglas Visitor Center, 345 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

We hope you will consider applying to serve on the steering group and will also help recruit others to apply. Please contact any one of the following if you have any questions.

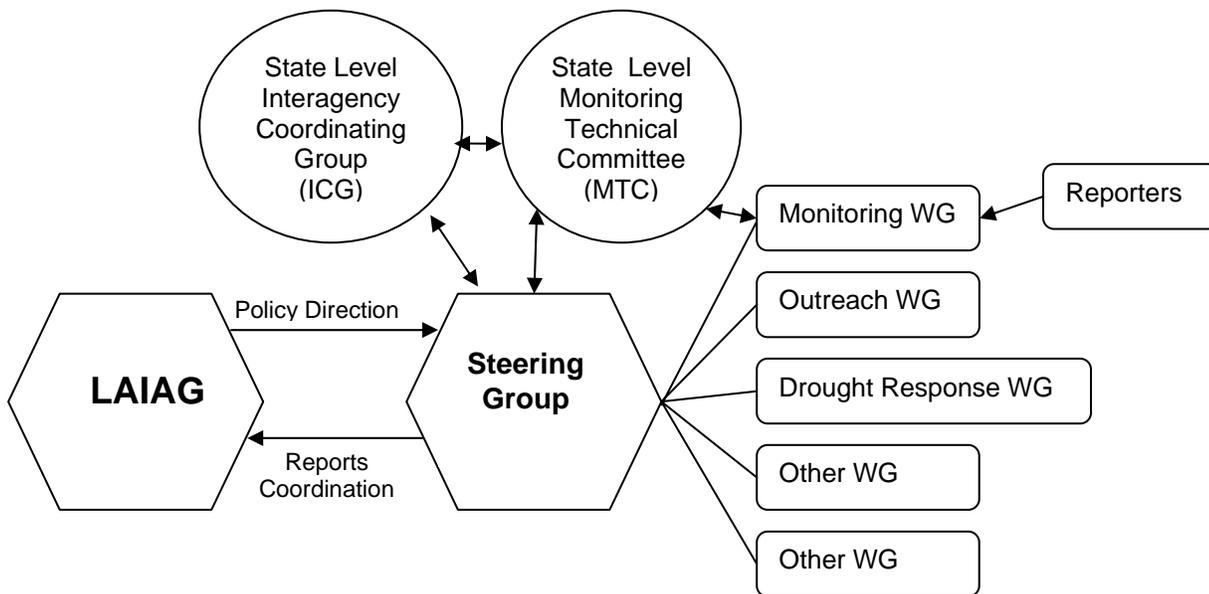
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# COCHISE COUNTY LOCAL AREA IMPACT ASSESSMENT GROUP STRUCTURE

## ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART



**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 representative from:

City Government

NRCD Zone 8

Farm Bureau

Water Provider

Ft. Huachuca

County Government

1 year term

3 At-Large Representatives

**Appointment process:**

- Individuals will complete an application of interest to serve by May 25, 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.

**Work Groups (WG)**

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

**Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG)  
Application & Statement of Interest to Serve on the Steering Group**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the group that you would be representing:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City Government     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ft. Huachuca   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government   | <input type="checkbox"/> NRCD Zone 8    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Bureau         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List) |   |

Why are you interested in serving on the LAIAG Steering Group? Please include any relevant background and/or special skills/experiences that will be beneficial to serving on the LAIAG:

Return Completed Application by **May 25<sup>th</sup>** to:  
Cochise County Cooperative Extension, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox AZ 85643