

Local Drought Impact Groups

Schedule for group formation

Timeline	Counties
Established groups	Cochise Yavapai Santa Cruz Pinal Pima Graham/ Greenlee Navajo
In progress	Apache Mohave
2008—2009	Coconino Maricopa La Paz Yuma Gila

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ADWR Statewide Drought Program
Providing statewide assistance for drought preparedness, mitigation and response

Encourage regional coordination for drought and conservation planning

Local Drought Impact Groups (LDIGs) are county-level groups created voluntarily to coordinate drought public awareness, provide impact information to local and state leaders, and develop and implement local mitigation and response options.

- ◇ *Local Coordinators - County Extension Agent & County Emergency Manager*
- ◇ *Support & Statewide Coordination - AZ Department of Water Resources*

Objectives

- Identify local drought-related impacts
- Define and assess societal impacts, severity, loss and costs associated with impacts
- Identify response options
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response
- Identify and facilitate efforts to mitigate impacts focusing on preparedness and reducing drought vulnerabilities

Participation

- Local/County Governments
- Municipal/Private Water Companies
- Other Local Water Providers
- Irrigation Districts
- Tribal Governments
- Watershed Groups
- Natural Resource Conservation Districts
- Local Non-Government Organizations
- State/Federal Agencies



Background Information

The Governor's Drought Task Force, established in March 2003, developed the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* to address drought issues facing Arizonans. As a result, Local Drought Impact Groups are being created across Arizona to identify drought impacts and initiate mitigation or response options at the local level. In addition, two other committees, the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, are assisting with implementing the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*.

Key to the implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* is the creation of three groups

Monitoring Technical Committee

- Tracks changes in climate and physical conditions
- Forecasts likely future conditions
- Provides early warning and detection
- Determines drought conditions based on monitoring data



Interagency Coordinating Group

- Advises Governor of changes in drought conditions
- Reviews state plan based on information from Monitoring Technical Committee and Local Drought Impact Groups
- Provides recommendations for improving monitoring, implementation and response

Local Drought Impact Groups

- Report drought impact information
- Develop local mitigation and response options
- Educate the public & raise drought awareness

ADWR serves as facilitator of the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, provides staff support and web services, and assists with report development and public outreach. ADWR acts in a coordinating role for establishing local drought impact groups and provides assistance and support once they are developed.

