

LDIG Roles & Responsibilities – The Vision

The following responsibilities are provided as examples only. The steering committee and workgroup activities and objectives should be tailored to each county's needs.

Think Action

Think Preparedness

Reduce Drought Vulnerabilities

STEERING COMMITTEE

Responsibilities:

- Identify tasks and make recommendations to the LDIG at large
- Coordinate and monitor efforts/progress of the LDIG and workgroups
- Recruit members to workgroups - assure adequate representation from various areas
- Convene the LDIG when needed
- Determine frequency of LDIG meetings
- Develop and submit an annual report to the Governor, including:
 - Drought mitigation and response efforts (including emergency response activities)
 - Identification of needs (e.g. legislative, financial, etc.)
 - Recommendations for changes to the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*

Select chairs – coordinate meetings and report to LDIG

WORKGROUPS

Responsibilities:

Outreach & Education

Goal – Improve public awareness regarding drought, wise water use habits and conservation practices. Communicate current drought conditions and reasons that mitigation and response measures are necessary and/or beneficial.

- Improve effectiveness of drought education and awareness
- Ensure timely delivery of tailored messages
- Hold public meetings/workshops
- Work with media to increase the quantity and quality of press releases
- Communicate drought conditions to local authorities
- Build capacity, improving the LDIG's ability to achieve its goals
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response – legislation, funding, etc.

Workgroup Lead –

- Organize workgroup meetings
- Communicate with steering committee, workgroups and LDIG
- Work closely with Mitigation & Response Workgroup
- Present information to LDIG at meetings
- Assist with annual report to Governor

Monitoring

Goal – Help the community, local and state government define societal and economic impacts of drought for better planning and response

- Collect data – qualitative and/or quantitative
- Identify tools for monitoring (checklist & Drought Impact Reporting System)
- Review water provider information on water usage and drought planning
- Submit data to the State Drought Monitoring Technical Committee (MTC) to confirm drought status in each watershed
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response – legislation, funding, etc.

Data Use

Short-term – provide a write-up of drought impacts in the areas of the state where data are available (a situation or impact report)

Long-term – map of state with icons identifying where impacts are occurring and what impacts are taking place

Workgroup Lead –

- Attend the monthly MTC meeting (if needed or time permits)
- Collect all data from workgroup participants
- Summarize checklists and submit to ADWR's Statewide Drought Program
- Organize workgroup meetings
- Communicate with steering committee, workgroups and LDIG
- Present information to LDIG at meetings
- Assist with annual report to Governor

Mitigation & Response

Goal – Develop mitigation and response strategies to reduce drought impacts on water users

- Develop mitigation strategies for different drought stages to reduce vulnerability
- Develop response strategies for different drought stages
- Identify unmet needs or needs for response – legislation, funding, etc.
- Develop county drought mitigation and response plan (recommended actions)
- Coordinate with community water systems
- Prioritize drought vulnerability in coordination with water use sectors to steer monitoring and planning efforts

Workgroup Lead –

- Organize workgroup meetings
- Assemble drought mitigation and response plan
- Present information to LDIG at meetings
- Assist with annual report development
- Communicate with steering committee, workgroups and LDIG