

MINUTES OF THE MOHAVE COUNTY
LOCAL DROUGHT IMPACT GROUP AND STEERING COMMITTEE
April 15th, 2009

1. Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Amanda Kaufman at 1:00 pm at the Mohave County Sheriffs Office Training room, 600 W. Beale St. Kingman Az. The following members were in attendance:

Amanda Kaufman, Brown Drilling
Doyle Wilson, City of Lake Havasu
Bob Celaya, State Forestry
Rob Grumbles, University of Arizona
Alan McBee, USDA
Meghan Curry, USDA
Linda Reddick, Self
Ron Bowen, Self
Jim Kanelos, SVS
Val Starr, SVS
Zelda Wright, Public Works
Mike Gross, Self
Jack Hommel, So Hi Water
Jeanne Kentch, CBWCD
George Sedich, City of Kingman
Byron Steward, Emergency Management
Liz Durst, Emergency Management

2. Approval of January 20, 2009, Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were reviewed. Val Starr noted his name was omitted from the attendance list for the previous meeting. Jeanne Kentch moved to accept the minutes with corrections, Amanda Kaufman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was accepted.

3. Report from the Drought Monitoring Workgroup.

Jack Hommel reported that the monitoring group will be meeting monthly and that information collected by the group will be passed on. Mr. Hommel did not want the group to become an information choke point.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Changes to the Bylaws for Drought Monitoring Workgroup Working Sessions Notices and Regular Meeting Dates of the LDIG.

Byron Steward outlined the following changes:

Article V. Section 1. Change meeting date to third Wednesday and add allowance for members to attend meetings via video or teleconference.

Section 2. Add working group sessions without a majority of the Steering Committee in attendance to the list of open to the public meetings.

Section 9. Add attendance via video and teleconferencing.

Doyle Wilson moved to accept the bylaws as amended. George Sedich seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Use of DroughtView in Monitoring Climate Change
Barron J. Orr, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Geospatial Extension Specialist
Associate Director, UA/NASA Space Grant Program
Associate Director, Arizona Remote Sensing Center
Office of Arid Lands Studies
University of Arizona

Item tabled. Presenter not available.

6. Current State Forestry Land Conditions in Mohave County

Bob Celaya with the Arizona Forestry Division gave a presentation on the land conditions in Mohave County which included historical and current information on the drought status in Mohave County, forest health, invasive plants and the role of fire.

Several fire related questions were asked. Byron Steward advised the group about the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Mohave County. Mr. Steward further advised that a presentation on fire could be scheduled.

7. Call to the Public.

None.

8. Adjournment.

Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting. Doyle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. The next meeting will be held on July 15th.