

Drought Resiliency for Jefferson County Agriculture (“Ag Drought Group”)

Meeting #8 = Prioritize tools; agree on activities to move forward

Monday, June 6, 2023; 1-3pm

Madras Airport: 2028 NW Berg Dr, Madras

video = <https://meet.goto.com/944180109>

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<https://www.jeffswcd.org/managing-for-drought>

***Vision:** Jefferson County agriculture will thrive by adapting successfully to drought, and will support its people, animals, economy, environment, and culture.*

***Group Mission:** to help agriculture create a sustainable, livable future for Jefferson County by adapting successfully to drought with support from Deschutes Basin stakeholders. We promote innovative solutions to proactively improve watershed health and increase the effective management of water.*

12:45 pm Arrive early to look at matrix if you haven’t reviewed the emailed version

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

New members: Damon Brosnan (NRCS Basin Team Leader), Michael Kluz (Wy’East RC&D), Thomas Elzinga (Central Electric Coop)

1:10 More Data (see end of agenda)

1:20 Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance Conference presentation (May 3)

1:25 Improved Matrix (attached).

Note that at the Group’s suggestion, Ellen added a column called Type to sort the tools into logical categories (Regulatory Drought, All Ag, Irrigated Cropland, Rangeland) and then sorted on Type and on Priority.

- Agree on general priorities
- Agree on lead entities (responsible for working with appropriate people to identify 1) what is currently happening or not, 2) research, communication, staffing, funding, etc needs, and 3) how to get needs met)
- Volunteer for helping implement Tools

2:00 Moving Forward: 2 proposals that can be shot down and replaced with better ideas

Option 1

- The Group provides oversight and meets as needed (at least every 3 months)
- Leads report to the Group and get feedback
- JCSWCD coordinates Group and leads

Option 2

- A subset of the Group oversees the process and meets as needed (at least every 3 months)
- We have sub-groups for Irrigated Lands, Dryland, and Range that work on implementing the tools
- Sub-groups report back to the oversight group and get feedback
- JCSWCD coordinates all this

Option 3?

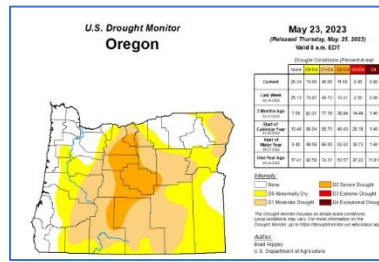
2:45 Next steps

- Outreach Plan for non-ag: Volunteers needed to work with Ellen
- Ellen is behind on drafting the document...

Next Meeting = ???

DATA

1. Drought Status: the reservoirs may be filling, but ...



2. Irrigation Type (in NUID)

