

Pima County Local Drought Impact Group
(Drought Monitoring Committee)
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Joel Valdez Main Library

Attendance:	Kathy Chavez	RWRD	Lilian von Rago	RWRD
	Chad Kahler	NWS	Wayne Proctor	WRWD
	Bill Petroutson	PCDEQ	Melanie Ford	ADWR
	Kerry Baldwin	PCNRPR	Vicki France	Pima NRCD
	Pat Carlstad	CWGV	Mead Meir	PAG
	Linda Smith	COT-TW	Erin Westfall	UA-NEMO

1. Introductions
2. Review of July 23, 2008 meeting
3. ADWR
 - Monthly MTC meeting on July 25
 - M Ford reviewed July and August DMRs – August was a wet month
 - ASU is developing a sensitivity model for use in DMRs and will be looking for impact information
 - C. Kahler provided July, 3-month, 6-month, and 12-month average precipitation data
4. Drought Impacts Reporting System
 - K. Chavez reviewed the Arizona DroughtWatch Reporting System which can be found at <http://azdroughtwatch.org>. M. Ford described how it will be used: to develop and improve county drought plans, to supplement information to the MTC as they prepare the DRMs, for the Interagency Groups, for the Annual Drought Report to the Governor, and it is tied to the National Drought Reporter.
 - K. Chavez is looking for volunteers to participate in the reporting system. Entities that can report on aquatic, wildlife and plant species are PAG (Cienega Creek), NRPR (Agua Caliente and Open Space). NRCS can report agricultural and livestock drought impacts. TW to check to see how they can best participate.
 - The November meeting will include a hands-on workshop led by Mike Crimmins to start the reporting in the Arizona DroughtWatch Reporting System
5. Roundtable
 - NRPR is working on its environmental monitoring program and K. Baldwin would like to see quantitative measurements
 - L. von Rago reported RWRD is coordinating a segment on Tucson Vision regarding drought, developing drought educational materials aimed at elementary school-aged children and participating in Arizona Project WET to be held October 3, 2008
 - V. France would like to see more participation from the rural areas
6. Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 3 p.m. at the 5th floor PAG Conference Room
7. Adjournment