

Pima County Local Drought Impact Group
(Drought Monitoring Committee)
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building-3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance:	Kathy Chavez	RWRD	Val Little	WaterCASA
	Terry Sprouse	UA/NEMO	Gregg Garfin	UA/IES
	Bill Petrouson	Pima DEQ	Larry Kempton	FICO/FWC
	Chris Smith	USGS	Mitch Basefsky	Tucson Water
	Melanie Lenart	UA/IES	Jim Leenhouts	USGS
	Lilian von Rago	RWRD	Andrew Ellis	UA/IES

1. Introductions were made.
2. Review of November 12, 2008 meeting
3. Drought Index Tool (Hydroclimatic Index)
 - Gregg Garfin, UA Institute for Environment and Society explained the hydroclimatic index. It is primarily driven by temperature.
 - LDIG was asked about their perceptions of drought severity, when drought has been at its worst and if the index correlates with personal experience on the ground. Gregg showed comparisons of precipitation to the index for various time periods. Greg also asked for suggestions on how index information can better be presented.
 - Gregg asked for recommendations on potential applications. The drought monitor reports and input to the statewide drought monitoring technical committee were mentioned.
4. Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
 - 201 N Stone-3rd Floor Conference Room
 - The next several meetings will be on January 14, March 11, May 13 and July 8.
5. Adjournment