

Pima County Local Drought Impact Group
(Drought Monitoring Committee)
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
2:30 p.m.
Public Works Building-3rd Floor Conference Room

Attendance: Kathy Chavez RWRD Terry Sprouse UA/NEMO
Bill Petroustson PC DEQ Chad Kahler, NOAA/NWS
Patti Woodcock, PC Health Mitch Basefsky Tucson Water
Lilian von Rago RWRD

1. Review of December 10, 2008 meeting
2. Overview of 2008-Temperature and Precipitation Data
 - Chad Kahler gave a presentation on the Tucson-area temperature and precipitation
 - Regarding temperature, the following key points were made:
 - The average temperature was 70°F which is 1.3°F above normal
 - There were 14 consecutive days above 100°F
 - Low temperatures are increasing
 - Regarding precipitation the following key points were made:
 - The total rainfall was 8.67 inches, compared to the normal of 12.17 inches
 - 2008 was the eighth straight year of below average precipitation
 - 2008 had an active monsoon season
 - There are no indications that drought conditions are subsiding
 - His presentation and additional information can be found at:
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/twc/climate/monthly/2008.php>
3. City/County Water/Wastewater Study
 - Kathy Chavez mentioned the City/County Water/Wastewater Study is into Phase II which includes an adaptive management focus. One of the topics will look into whether a consolidated drought management plan could be developed with the City of Tucson to improve drought preparedness. She will keep the LDIG informed of the progress of this effort.
4. ADWR Activities
 - Melanie Ford reported that ADWR is working with rural communities on water conservation.
 - Notices to water providers who are in non-compliance with drought reporting will be sent at the end of the month.
 - The State Drought Monitoring Technical Committee and ADWR staff are reviewing December data for the Drought Monitoring Report, which will be sent out shortly.
5. Next Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.
 - 201 N Stone-3rd Floor Conference Room
 - It was suggested that Jim Riley, UA, give a presentation on rainwater harvesting
6. Adjournment