

Interagency Drought Workgroup (IDW)

November 4, 2021, 2:00 PM Teleconference

Meeting agenda:

<https://egov.ct.gov/PMC/Agenda/Download/10270>

Drought Conditions Report:

None for this meeting

Meeting Recording:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Water/Drought/2021/2021-10-14_IDW_Audio.m4a

CT Agency representatives:

DEEP: Doug Hoskins
DEMHS: Doug Glowacki
DoAg: Steve Anderson
DPH: Steve Harkey, Lori Mathieu
OPM: Martin Heft, Eric Lindquist, Bruce Wittchen
PURA: Ally Ayotte, Linda King-Corbin, Cathy Pedemonti

Other participants:

USGS: John Mullaney, Tim Sargent

1. Call to order

Martin Heft called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. Seating of Voting Members

Doug Hoskins of DEEP, Doug Glowacki of DEMHS, Lori Mathieu of DPH, Martin Heft of OPM, and Steve Anderson of DoAg were identified as a quorum of voting members present at the beginning of the meeting.

3. Review of the Draft Minutes of the 10/14/2021 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the [draft minutes of the 10/14/2021 meeting](#) and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Review of Hydrologic Conditions

Martin Heft invited agency comments regarding current conditions and Steve Harkey said reservoirs and streams are above normal. Eric Lindquist said Nicole Belk of the NWS reported that precipitation ranges from 100-200% of normal across the state for the past month and for the past three months. John Mullaney said

ground water ranges from normal to above normal across the state and he noted that the state experienced ground water recharge during July – September, which is unusual.

5. Review of CT Water Planning Council’s State Water Plan Implementation Workgroup Report on recommendations to the CT Drought Preparedness and Response Plan

Martin Heft said the group has completed its review of the recommendations of Charges 1, 2, and 3 and will proceed to Charge 4. There was a discussion of color coding added to the spreadsheet reflecting whether a recommended change has already been adopted, whether it overlaps with one already addressed as part of Charge 1, 2 or 3, or whether it is an especially significant issue.

The outcome of the day’s discussion of each recommendation is reflected in the interim spreadsheet. At 3:55, the group decided to defer work on the remaining Charge 4 recommendations to the next meeting.

6. Next meeting – December 2, 2021

The next scheduled meeting is the regular meeting of 12/2/2021.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:57.