

Interagency Drought Workgroup (IDW)
Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

Meeting agenda:

<https://egov.ct.gov/PMC/Agenda/Download/23394>

Drought Conditions Handout:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/water/drought/2024/2024-04-04-idw-drought-conditions-report--jan-thru-mar.pdf>

Meeting Video:

https://ctvideo.ct.gov/opm/Interagency_Drought_Work_Group-20240404_130034-Meeting_Recording.mp4

Members and Agency Staff | * - denotes Voting Member | ^ - denotes Drought Coordinator

DEEP: Doug Hoskins*
DEMHS: Doug Glowacki*
DoAg: Eileen Underwood*
DPH: **None**
OPM: Martin Heft*, Rebecca Dahl^, Justine Phillips-Gallucci, Bruce Wittchen
PURA: Maria Szul*

Other State Agency Representatives

None

Federal Agency representatives:

NWS/NOAA: Joe Dellicarpini
USGS: Dee-Ann McCarthy, John Mullaney, Tim Sargent

Other participants:

None

1. Call to order & Seating of voting members

Martin Heft called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and confirmed the quorum of agency representatives: DEEP – Doug Hoskins; DEMHS – Doug Glowacki; DoAg – Eileen Underwood; OPM – Martin Heft; and PURA – Maria Szul.

Note: DPH was not represented at this meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

2. Minutes – August 3, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the [1/4/2023](#) meeting minutes and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. State Drought Coordinator Report

Becca Dahl mentioned that she had distributed summaries of January, February, and March data and provided a brief recap of conditions. Recap highlighted the abnormally wet conditions throughout the winter months and through March. Expecting relatively normal conditions over the next two weeks. No recommendation or motion made to adopt any drought stages.

4. Business

Becca provided an overview of the recent meeting among agency staff, to continue planning for an upcoming drought tabletop exercise. The group recommends the exercise take place in early 2025 to accommodate scheduling conflicts for some of the involved agencies. Martin noted potential legislative conflicts in early 2025. Becca explained the goals of the Drought Tabletop Exercise, which include testing the higher stages of the State Drought Response Plan.

5. Public comment

There were no public comments.

6. Next Meeting – May 9, 2024

Martin Heft noted that the next meeting is scheduled to be May 9, 2024.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.