

Interagency Drought Workgroup (IDW)  
Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024

Meeting agenda:

<https://egov.ct.gov/PMC/Agenda/Download/23396>

Drought Conditions Handout:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/water/drought/2024/240606-idw-handout--april--may-2024-conditions-report.pdf>

Meeting Video:

[https://ctvideo.ct.gov/opm/Interagency\\_Drought\\_Work\\_Group-20240606\\_130030-Meeting\\_Recording.mp4](https://ctvideo.ct.gov/opm/Interagency_Drought_Work_Group-20240606_130030-Meeting_Recording.mp4)

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

DEEP: Bill Foreman, Melissa Fahnestock, Doug Hoskins\*, Olney Knight  
DEMHS: Josh Cingranelli, Doug Glowacki\*, Bob Kenny  
DoAg: Eileen Underwood\*  
DPH: Reni Axelrod, Steve Harkey, Eric Lindquist  
OPM: Martin Heft\*, Rebecca Dahl^, Bruce Wittchen  
PURA: Maria Szul\*

**Other State Agency Representatives**

None

**Federal Agency representatives:**

NWS/NOAA: Britt Westergard  
USGS: Dee-Ann McCarthy, 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. He noted that Eric Lindquist will represent DPH once his appointment notice is received. Martin also invited agency representatives to introduce new participants from their agencies.

**2. Minutes – April 4, 2024**

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

### **3. State Drought Coordinator Report**

Becca Dahl noted that conditions have remained relatively wet and she does not recommend adopting any drought stage. She invited any further updates and Britt Westergard mentioned that temperatures are more likely be above normal in the coming weeks and precipitation to be below normal. Dee-Ann McCarthy pointed out that only a few USGS wells are below normal and Tim Sargent added that few streams are below normal.

### **4. Business**

Becca provided an update regarding state agency staff planning for an upcoming drought tabletop exercise mentioned at the previous meeting

Becca mentioned an upcoming meeting regarding the upcoming update of the USGS WaterWatch system. Dee-Ann McCarthy provided further details and provided John Mullaney's email address for anyone else interested in participating.

### **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 July 11, 2024.

### **7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.