

Nevada Drought Planning Workshop: Thinking Ahead for Dry Times

Tuesday, September 27th
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Desert Research Institute
Stout Conference Rooms A/B
2215 Raggio Parkway
Reno, NV 89523

Motivation & Outcomes

Nevada's variable climate makes drought preparedness important but challenging. The California-Nevada Adaptation Program (CNAP) at the Desert Research Institute (DRI), the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) program, the Nevada Division of Water Resources, and the Nevada State Climate Office are co-hosting a workshop to address some of the drought planning challenges. This workshop builds on the momentum from the 3-part [Drought in Nevada Workshop Series](#) and will encourage collaboration between stakeholder agencies at the federal, state, and community level. It will be centered around drought tabletop exercises.

By identifying needs for drought preparedness, stakeholder agencies can work together to determine the next steps needed to continue moving Nevada and its communities towards drought resiliency. This workshop is open to state, local, tribal, and federal stakeholders involved in drought planning, mitigation, and communication related to Nevada.

Workshop outcomes include:

- *Discover gaps in planning and preparedness for the current and future drought including tipping points and interdependencies*
- *Raise awareness of plausible drought scenarios*
- *Network across silos and strengthen partnerships*
- *Encourage deeper dives into potential follow-up actions*

Workshop organizers will provide a 1-2 page summary of the workshop.



Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions <i>Tamara Wall, DRI/California-Nevada Adaptation Program</i>
9:10 a.m.	Small Group Exercise/Ice Breaker
9:30 a.m.	Presentation: Looking back at the past and toward the future <i>Dan McEvoy, DRI/Western Regional Climate Center</i>
10:15 a.m.	Introduction to the Drought Tabletop Scenarios <i>Tamara Wall, DRI/California-Nevada Adaptation Program</i>
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m.	Scenario 1: Drought vs. Deluge
12:00 p.m.	Working Lunch (Boxed Lunch)
1:00 p.m.	Scenario 2: A Decade and a Half without a Wet Year
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:50 p.m.	Reflections Panel and Group Discussion <i>Moderator: Tamara Wall</i> <i>Invited Panelists: Ed James (Carson Water Subconservancy District), Bill Elliott (Nevada Division of Emergency Management), and Carlie Henneman (Walker Basin Conservancy)</i> <i>Panelists provide reflections on the scenarios and discuss suggestions to move Nevada forward on drought resilience.</i>
3:40 p.m.	Wrap-up including action items (individual and group)
4:00 p.m.	Workshop Close