

Okanogan CD Drought Preparedness Plan – December Planning Meeting  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | 1:00pm – 3:00 pm

SUMMARY NOTES

Meeting started at pm

Attendees:

Jordana Ellis (Okanogan CD)  
Rosalie Powell (Okanogan CD)  
Jack Owen (Okanogan CD)  
Emmy Engle (Okanogan CD)  
Cindy Fabbri (WSU, WRC)  
Sandra Streiby (MWC)  
Rita Stewart (MWC)  
Mike Bastian (MWC)  
Tessa Reeder (WWT)  
Jon Yoder (WSU, WRC)  
Sarah Lane (MWC)  
Celest Acord (NRCS)  
Rowena St. Pierre (Colville Tribes)  
Nate Fuchs (Colville Tribes)

**Additional Agenda Items:**

**General Outreach Updates:**

Okanogan CD made a few outreach efforts since our last meeting.

**Survey:**

Agenda Intent: Review of the number of responses. Review preliminary data analysis.

Discussion:

Update from WSU

- Purveyor = 35
- Individual = 260
- Spanish = 3

Regionally the Columbia basin is still the most under-represented. Okanogan CD sent outreach push and had some increase in participation.

### Decision/Outcome

NA

### **Community Profile:**

Agenda Intent: Review progress from partners, ensure that everyone has what they need. Update on Ok-CD progress and ask for progress updates from MWC, WWT, and Rowena.

### Discussion:

Okanogan CD have drafted some narratives for the community profiles for 4 of the 6 sub-regions. The narratives have census info, major industry, geographic info, water sources in the area.

Update from partners: MWC – upper and lower sub-regions.

### Questions:

What will be in text vs table format? Will all of it be spelled out or will some be in graph/table form. If there is a point of comparison, we would want to put it in text, straight numbers can be in a graph or table format. How do we keep it interesting and engaging.

Data sources and processes: When it asks where we got the information we will want to include the information in each profile as to where we got the information.

Include citations: Consensus is to include each reference in cited sources. WSU noted, it is always better to cite especially when you are using it to support what you are saying.

Community profile for Colville tribe, mostly done and Rowena had a couple of questions about information requested. Statistics based info that gives data needed from census tracts. Employment, housing, “vulnerable community data”.

Overburdened communities map: WWT working on a map that shows the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). This idea was to geo-reference the info coming from surveys, lit reviews, and community profiles.

What is the role of the map, what do we want the map to tell us, and what do we need to include? What goes into creating a vulnerable community? What defines a overburdened community.

Cross referencing the community profiles with the information from the risk assessment. We want to look at survey results and id patterns in survey data that relate to the question of vulnerability and community characteristics. Are we using the updated data or older data? In order to make sure the map and the data are matching. Currently using the 2020 census data.

#### Decision/Outcome

AI: Clarify what data set we are using – what variables go into defining a vulnerable and overburdened community, and add to glossary.

#### **Risk Assessment:**

Agenda Intent: Review status of Risk assessment. Timeline for completion.

#### Discussion:

On track for finishing by July. Working with Washington state climate office on the climate data part, merging the different pieces, literature review, mapping, surveys, into one writeup. It would be good to have a cut-off date for when we want to add data to the analysis. – Are there any outreach efforts coming where we want the data for risk assessment cut off. They will update the data set but cannot update the written summaries. When is it likely that additional outreach activities will wind down to where survey response will slow down. Group went over what events are upcoming where we want info. Consensus is the end of the third week of May (22<sup>nd</sup>-ish) for updating the risk assessment.

#### Decision/Outcome:

AI: Cut off data collection from the survey that informs the risk assessment by **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Leave active for project id development.

#### **Project ID:**

Agenda Intent: Partner input from stakeholder list update. Jack added to the stakeholder list. Any edits made on the project filter?

MWC present on Kiwanis meeting draft

Discussion:

Okanogan CD and Methow WC have done targeted outreach to partners and purveyors. MWC will be sending their partner correspondence by end of next week, **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. That will look like an email or phone call that has the info in the standard messaging, and a personal message.

MWC draft on partner discussions. If any of the partners contacted want a meeting to discuss the project more, this template would be used to guide the conversation.

Decision/Outcome:

Place the template document on the Google Drive for partners to see and use if they are able to host a conversation that would be good to capture.

**Outreach updates**

Agenda Intent: OkCD has made outreach efforts since last meeting. OkCD/MWC is reaching out directly to stakeholders.

Any future outreach opportunities? Homesteading expo.

**Public meeting round 2**

Agenda Intent: Discuss messaging of meeting. Okanogan CD and MWC will present at a Methow Kiwanis meeting on the project.

- Outreach strategy – press release
- Update on scheduling radio interview
  - Twisp – July 15
  - Tonasket – July 22
  - Online – July 19\*

Discussion:

Radio interviews scheduled by end of May? In case we need to get on the calendar of the radio stations. Question of whether this is an interview or public service announcement. Discussion is that there are funds in the budget to cover either, up to the individual that is scheduling.

Decision/Outcome:

Decision: Dates that were picked previously will be used if the venue is available. The online venue will be 29<sup>th</sup>. Timeframe is 6-7:30

AI: Okanogan CD will secure location in Tonasket. MWC will secure the Grange. Okanogan CD will start outreach efforts in May.

**Action Items:**

1. OkCD to clarify what data set we are using to report on community profile statistics. Identify what variables go into defining a vulnerable and overburdened community. Add definitions to glossary.
2. Sandra and Rowena to continue developing community profile narratives as assigned and include citations.
3. MWC to finish partner correspondence by April 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. A cutoff date for data collection from the survey that informs the risk assessment is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Survey will be left active for project id development.
5. Community meeting planning: Okanogan CD will secure location in Tonasket (Community Center). MWC will secure the Grange. Okanogan CD will start outreach efforts in May for the public meetings and schedule radio interview by mid-May.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 pm.**