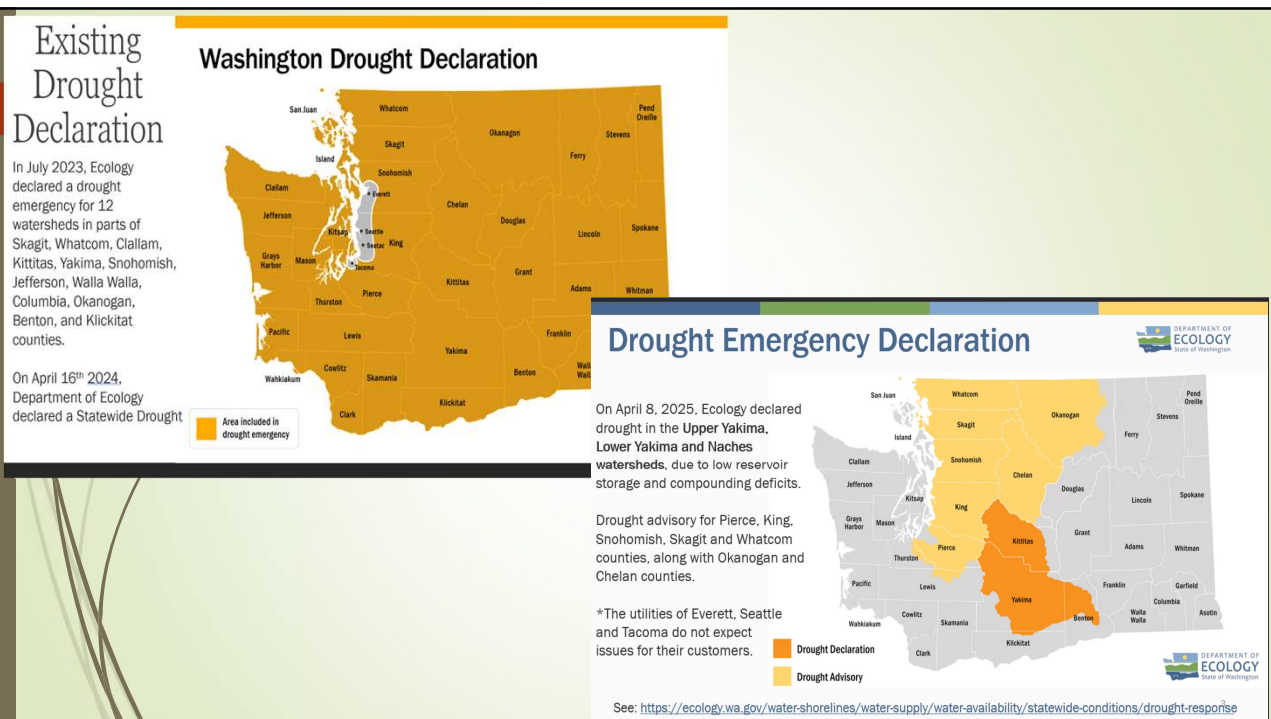


Introductions



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Overview

Pilot Competitive Drought Planning & Preparedness Grant

Department of Ecology – Water Resources

Timeline: 12/1/2024 – 12/1/2026

Budget: \$484,122.00

Okanogan Conservation District and its partners will create a county wide plan to address the threat of drought to our communities. The countywide plan will identify hardships associated with water supply and catalogue projects that will mitigate risks or improve resiliency.

Create a county wide plan that is a conglomeration of six smaller plans, each focusing on an area that can be geographically and demographically combined.

Focus Areas

- Upper Methow
- Lower Methow
- Upper Okanogan
- Lower Okanogan
- Colville Reservation
- Columbia Basin: Pateros-Brewster

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Components

- Introduction
 - Planning Process
 - Community Profile
 - Current Plans/ Information
- Risk Assessment
- Project List
- Outreach



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Introduction

Task Expected Outcome:

Conduct a collaborative engagement framework that defines roles and responsibilities and is agreed upon by all entities. Provide introductory and summary of plan findings relating to the watershed or sub-watershed conditions, recommended improvements, and relations to climate change.

- Description of the projected impacts of a changing climate and drought on water supplies within the planning area.
- Description of the entity(s) authorizing the LDPP. Includes an explanation as to why they are properly situated to accomplish the preparation of this LDPP for the project area.
- The extent to which this project area has existing plans or documents related to drought planning and preparedness. This item will include a list of documents with hyperlinks.

Timeline: Draft due July 1, 2026. Final due Dec 1, 2026

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Planning: Part of Introduction

Description of the process for completing this LDPP.

Describe the partnership structure and decision-making process between all entities.

- OCD: Proposes to use the RACI framework.
 - ❖ Responsible – Okanogan Conservation District
 - ❖ Accountable – Contracted Partners
 - ❖ Consulted – Stakeholders
 - ❖ Informed – Stakeholders & Public

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Community Profile:

Part of Introduction - One for each Focus Area

- Describe your geographic jurisdiction
 - Including the types of water users and uses.
- Include a key demographic table
 - Population
 - Number of households
 - Race
 - Income
 - Gender
 - Age
 - Employment
- Describe the data used to identify the overburdened communities
 - Explain your approach for prioritizing your overburdened communities.

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Risk Assessment

Task Expected Outcome:

The assessments will describe the risks and vulnerabilities each area is facing regarding water security and categorize each risk or hardship by user group and level of impact as they relate to historical, current, and future projections of water supply and demand.

- Identify User Groups: Each Focus area and major users in those areas.
- Risks and Vulnerabilities of those groups
- Summarize available information on water supply factors in the planning area.

Timeline: Draft Due July 1, 2026. Final Due December 1, 2026

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Survey:

Not a Grant deliverable or plan component.

- Component of data gathering for risk assessment and project development.
- Development of survey questions and structure
- Compilation of responses
- Data processing
- Summary of statistics in report/graphics/tables
- Analysis of Users and Uses on flow impacts
- Map representation of above analysis

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Project List

Risk	Mitigation Approach	Specific Project	Cost	Timeline for Completion	Project Rational	Funding Status	Project part of Existing Plan?

Timeline: Draft by Aug 28th, 2026. Final due December 1, 2026

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Outreach

- Planning meetings (Partners and Stakeholders) – Monthly
 - 2nd Monday every month 1:00 – 3:00 = 2 hours
- Public meetings – (5-10)
 - One in each Focus area for Risk assessment and Project development. = 2 in each planning unit
 - *First round of community meetings July – August 2025*
- Educational/ informational handouts
- Newsletters (3-6)
- Social posts (5-10)
- Radio interviews
- Newspaper articles
- Website updates

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Contracted Partners

Okanogan Conservation District

Washington State University – Washington
Water Research Center

Washington Water Trust

Methow Watershed Council

Trout Unlimited

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Key Partners & Stakeholders

Government / Agency:

- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Department of Ecology
- U.S. Forest Service
- Washington State Conservation Commission
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

City / Towns:

- Brewster
- Okanogan
- Omak
- Oroville
- Pateros
- Tonasket
- Twisp
- Winthrop

Non-Profit Conservation Organization:

- Methow Salomon Recovery Foundation
- Methow Conservancy
- Okanogan Land Trust

Purveyors:

- Chewuch Canal Company
- Methow Valley Irrigation District
- Okanogan Irrigation District
- Oroville Tonasket Irrigation District
- Twisp Valley Power Irrigation Company
- Wolf Creek Reclamation District

Agriculture & Business:

- Agriculture - Large and small scale
- Guides and Rafting
- Resorts and campgrounds
- Ski

Who are we missing?

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Questions ?

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