

Okanogan CD Drought Preparedness Plan – December Planning Meeting
July 13th, 2026 | 1:00pm – 3:00 pm

SUMMARY NOTES

Meeting started at 1:01 pm

Attendees: (double check)

Jordana Ellis (Okanogan CD)
Jack Owen (Okanogan CD)
Davis Clark (Okanogan CD)
Emmy Engle (Okanogan CD)
Cindy Fabbri (WSU, WRC)
Sandra Streiby (MWC)
Mike Bastian (MWC)
Karin Bumbaco (Washington State Climate Office)
Elianna Rosenthal (WDFW)
Rita Stewart (MWC)
Tessa Reeder (WWT)
Josie (WDFW)
Rodney Cawston (Colville Tribe Environmental Trust Dep)
Stuart Crane (Yakama Tribes)

Additional Agenda Items:

Previous Action Items Review:

AI: Sandra will add to the list the literature to reference for groundwater supplies data.

AI: Add context to what is meant by “disproportionately high” to overburdened community definition. Incorporate threshold language from Jack’s community profile mapping model.

AI: All team members welcome to provide feedback. Please visit the [document in the google drive](#) and track any changes. *Feedback due by June 19th.*

AI: All team members welcome to provide feedback. Please visit the [document in the google drive](#) and provide additional feedback on Community Profile mapping. *Feedback due by June 19th.*

AI: Okanogan CD staff to send press release for community meetings.

AI: Okanogan CD staff to schedule radio interviews to promote community meetings.

AI: Okanogan CD staff will schedule meeting with Methow Watershed staff to plan presentation to Ok Co Board of Commissioners.

AI: Rita will share with group Google form for submitting project ideas. *Feedback is due to Rita by June 19th.*

Definitions:

Agenda Intent: Check in on group feedback for “overburdened communities” definition

Discussion:

Jack notified the group that he will organize a work session for those interested in finalizing definition for overburdened communities.

Decision/Outcome

Community Profile:

Discussion:

Mapping question from WWT on templates. Tessa presented what she has generated so far. The group offered feedback. The template shared appeared visually clean and appropriate for inclusion in a printed report. Question of how detailed to be with listing of smaller towns and communities. The group discussed including some smaller towns and wondering where to draw the line so as not to include too much. Simplify where we can. Discussion on different partners creating maps in tandem and wanting consistency across different maps. Create a style standard for maps to have consistency.

Decision/Outcome:

AI: Okanogan CD staff will share the towns and cities layer used in CWPP mapping.

AI: Okanogan CD staff will review style standards. Fonts, towns, color schemes.

Risk Assessment:

Discussion:

Cindy reviewed the work done to date on risk assessment. Sources of information, public meetings, survey, literature review, spatial analysis, climate outlooks. The risk assessment draft is being finalized now and will enter review internally at WSU. Then it will be ready by the end of the month for review. The list of risks was shared and reviewed. The group should provide feedback on if all 8 risks will be used going forward. Cindy stressed that this is very much a draft and not fully informed by all the information streams and this will need to be expressed to public if used in meetings.

Question of how the risk assessment timeline will work with the project development. The identified risks will be used and inform the discussion for project ideas.

Decision/Outcome

AI: Partners review risks as proposed and provide feedback before the next planning meeting.

Project list:

Agenda Intent: Jack shared a draft project list structure/Draft.

Discussion:

The draft table organizes projects by mitigation approach, and what risks are assessed based on risks identified to date from the risk assessment. Jack will upload to the google drive and requesting feedback. Mike discussed that restoration would be a mitigation. How will those be listed if a project is not location specific, maybe that is the project of identifying locations where projects of those nature would be beneficial. Sandra wanted to make sure that previously noted projects will be included. Any and all projects can be suggested. Methow Watershed Council staff entered some projects into the previous list, and those will be incorporated into the new project list. Question on timeline for project benefits, and if there is a way to ensure consistency with other local plans. Recommendation to include partnership building to projects. Recommendation to add who is responsible. Caution to not be restrictive on adding "Who is responsible". Mike suggested having a forward-facing vision on what the plan will be used for "implementation" wise will help determine how we write the plan. Suggested a

ranking tool for future implementation that highlights priority. How do we ensure the momentum of creating this plan is carried forward to action on the ground and in community.

Decision/Outcome

AI: Partners review project table draft and provide feedback by next planning meeting on the legends, and in the design of the table before it is fully filled in with all project ideas.

AI: Project Ideas cutoff due September.

AI: Okanogan CD staff will contact the grant admin on if we can expand the table portion of the report.

Outreach:

Discussion:

Presentation on project in general, and where we are in project. Majority of time will be spent on activity. For 30 min folks can walk around and list ideas for projects. Flip charts around the room with Risks, one chart each risk. Group discussion around project development. Survey is still open for project id.

Virtual meeting will vary slightly to be a panel to discuss the project ideas that were listed and generate more project ideas.

Discussion about who will be there. Should we have prompts and questions ready to “pollinate” discussions. Have examples that show different types of projects and assist generating those discussions. Having a single moderator would be great.

Question of agenda. – email to team once we finalize.

MWC: Sandra, Rita, Mike, Sarah

WWT: Tessa Reeder

Ok CD: Jordana Ellis, Davis Clark.

Decision/Outcome

AI: Okanogan CD staff will purchase refreshments and snacks.

AI: Update website meeting dates and publish an agenda.

Public meeting round 2

Agenda Intent: Finalize roles and responsibilities; agenda and activity.

- Twisp – July 15: @ Twisp Grange, location confirmed
- Tonasket – July 22: @ Community Cultural Center, location confirmed
- Online – July 29*

Discussion previous planning meeting:

The team is still organizing the agenda and activity. Rita described an idea to invite experts for Q&A and to be on hand to help workshop ideas or act as “pollinators” to “germinate” small group conversations. Types of experts = Irrigators, Recreation purveyors, Community Water Systems, Municipalities, Conservation, Water Law.

One idea presented to the group is to create an “Interview Series” with experts to post online in segments and to store on our YouTube channel so all available and viewable at any time.

Decision/Outcome:

Decision: In person is only in person – virtual is only virtual.

AI: Okanogan CD will organize an outreach planning session.

Additional Agenda Items:

Meeting with Okanogan County Board of Commissioners – Methow Watershed Council is preparing to present to the Commissioners an update on the planning process and to gather feedback on project ideas. JLE will schedule a meeting to discuss next week.

Google form to submit projects – drop down menu for Risks - Asked Cindy for info on the idea of risks – Put on Google drive for review and feedback – June 19th.

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AI: Okanogan CD staff will follow up with County Commissioners in an email to recap presentation, list the ideas we heard, and request additional project ideas.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:34 pm.