



Consortium Technical Committee Summer Supply Check-In

JULY 14, 2021 VIA ZOOM/TELECONFERENCE

Summer Supply Roundtable Discussion

Rebecca provided the following links from Andy Bryant, NOAA's National Weather Service regarding conditions and forecasts.

[Drought Monitor for Western U.S.](#) [Drought Monitor for Oregon](#)

Drought conditions in Oregon keep intensifying. (If you scroll down on either of these pages, you can see a table showing percent of area for each drought category and the change over the past several months.)

[State of Oregon Fires and Hotspots Dashboard](#)

Several small fires in NW Oregon, with larger fires in other parts of the State.

[Outlook for the next 10 days](#)

No rain is expected. Temperatures will be near to a little below average.

[July-August-September outlook from the Climate Prediction Center](#)

Bull Run:

- **Portland** – Dry spring weather and above average temperatures have resulted in an early start to reservoir drawdown for 2021. As of July 12, approximately 8.5 billion gallons of drinking water in Bull Run Reservoirs. Planning to do annual Ground Water maintenance run in August but will do sooner if determined need to supplement supply with groundwater. No anticipated supply concerns. Continuing with standard summer conservation messaging and responding to Governor's Executive Order regarding drought messaging. Will share seasonal supply

messaging with members.

- Gresham – Staff back in office. Demand maxed out at 10.5 MGD during heat wave, averaging 8-9 MGD. Continuing usual summer messaging – water wisely. Will augment with groundwater if need to meet demand. Monitor situation closely.
- Rockwood Water PUD – Approximately 60-75% of water coming from Portland; remainder from groundwater. No specific supply concerns. Broke record in June for amount of groundwater used to supplement supply, highest daily demand, and peak day demand. Continuing standard summer conservation messaging.

Clackamas River:

- Lake Oswego/Tigard – Supply steady for now. Conservation team is currently meeting to discuss messaging and calculate whether in stage 1 or stage 2 curtailment as outlined in conservation plan. Daily discharge beginning to drop below 2015, bit earlier than usual. Envision first level voluntary curtailment in next few weeks. Same messaging as was promoted during chlorine shortage.
- Oak Lodge Water Services District – Developing talking points to address Governor's state-wide drought declaration. Supply currently good. Will monitor closely. Updating messaging on website.
- CRW - Continue to watch river flows but haven't been changing from typical summer conservation messaging. Will be starting up the CRWP "Fish on the Run" messaging in mid-August.

Trask/Tualatin Rivers:

- Hillsboro –Barney and Scoggins reservoirs trending along 2015 numbers. Scoggins currently 74% full. Water supply good now. Customers seemed more concerned, receiving more calls, about water supply especially in light of the Governor's Executive Order and drought declaration. Working on talking points. Had done conservation messaging around chlorine shortage and several large industrial users shut off their irrigation systems. Now turning back on but still recommending wise water use, usual summer outdoor water conservation messaging.
- TVWD – Doing well with supply. Consistent water use – 35 to 37 MGD. Do not anticipate supply issues this summer.
- Beaverton – Releases trending with 2015 levels. Pushing ASR; currently about one-third of supply. Planning to double ASR capacity which is under construction now and hopes to be in place by next summer. Usual summer messaging.
- Forest Grove – Still drawing out of coastal range; have not been regulated off yet. Drafting off JWC.
- Tualatin – Turned ASR on approximately two weeks ago. Averaging about 7 MGD daily which is a little higher than normal. Messaging – general summer conservation messaging.

Consortium Summer Supply Messaging

- Continuing annual television outdoor water conservation campaign – KATU, KUNP and Garden Time.
- Continuing annual radio outdoor water conservation campaign on seven local radio stations. Spanish radio begins this week.
- Digital campaign promoting Weekly Watering Number.
- Completed KINK radio interview in June. This week completed two television interviews with KATU at the TVWD demonstration garden. Will do several additional television interviews in July, August and September which will allow flexibility to change up messaging if needed.
- Messaging is focused on using water wisely outdoors but also reminding folks to use water wisely indoors as well.
- Will add messaging to Consortium summer supply webpage about State declaration. Will vet with Water Communicators Network.
- Members that have or are working on talking points on drought declaration will send them to Rebecca and Bonny so they can share out to other members.
- Was suggested information on plant loss due to recent heatwave could be added to the Consortium summery supply webpage.

Additional Items

- Tomorrow, Bonny will attend a State agency meeting regarding drought messaging. Will be discussing State-level messaging.
- Next summer supply check in meeting is Wednesday, August 11.
- Topics for the next emergency prep table top exercise were suggested including chlorine shortage scenarios, boil water nexus, and stranded worker agreement.

Attendees:

David Winship – City of Beaverton; Greg Robertson – City of Forest Grove; Jessica Dorsey – City of Hillsboro; Andrew Degner– City of Gresham; Erica Rooney and Bret Bienerth – City of Lake Oswego; Alexa Morris– Oak Lodge Water Services District; Sarah Santner – City of Portland; Kari Duncan – Rockwood Water PUD; Wyatt Parno – South Fork Water Board; Brian Rager – City of Tigard; Nic Westendorf – City of Tualatin; Carrie Pak – Tualatin Valley Water District; Mike Grimm – West Slope Water District; Rebecca Geisen, Bonny Cushman, Riley Berger and Patty Burk – Consortium Staff.