

Survey Questions for South Dakota Drought Mitigation Plan

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Background: The State of South Dakota is developing a Drought Mitigation Plan in 2015 under the guidance of the State Drought Task Force. The purpose of this survey is to collect information from the public and stakeholders to better understand drought vulnerabilities within the state as well as solicit input on needs to best mitigate, or reduce, the impacts of drought. Please complete this survey by August 31, 2015. Hardcopies of the survey can be faxed to 303-442-0616 or scanned and emailed to jeff.brislawn@amecfw.com.

1) Please specify the county in which you are located.

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2) Select affiliation

- Member of the Public
- Private Industry
- Nonprofit
- Government – Local
- Government – State
- Government – Federal
- Tribal

3) Specify if you are associated with any of the following sectors that could be impacted by drought:

- Recreation and Tourism
- Agriculture – Crops
- Agriculture – Livestock
- Agricultural Industry – Other
- Water Provider (rural water, municipal, etc.)
- Wildland fire suppression
- Wildlife management
- General public
- Other:

4) Were you adversely affected by the 2012-2013 drought?

- Yes
- No

5) During the 2012-2013 drought which impacts did you most frequently experience? Please rank them according to level of impact with high, medium or low or N/A.

- Loss of income
- Crop loss
- Lack of water for livestock
- Lack of water for domestic, municipal and industrial uses
- Increased number of wildfires
- More severe wildfires
- Decreased water quality
- Decreased groundwater availability or a drop in groundwater levels
- Decreased surface water availability or a drop in surface water levels
- Poor hunting or fishing quality

- Fewer/poorer quality recreational opportunities (e.g., boating, snowmobiling, etc.)
 - Reduction in recreation or tourism-based revenue
 - Reduction in agri-business revenue
 - Depression, anxiety, or other behavioral health issue (survey results are anonymous)
 - Other: _____
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6) How would you characterize the drought vulnerability of your organization and/or county in 2012-2013 compared to previous droughts? Select the option that most accurately reflects your current situation.

- Our organization/county was more susceptible to drought impacts in 2012-2013 than in previous droughts because the supply/storage situation was more severe.
- Our organization/county was less susceptible to drought impacts in 2012-2013 than in previous droughts because the supply/storage situation was less severe.
- Our organization's/county's susceptibility to drought impacts was about the same in 2012-2013 as in previous droughts.
- The supply/storage situation in 2012-2013 and in previous droughts was very similar. However, our organization/county is less susceptible to drought impacts than in earlier droughts because we have applied the lessons learned from other droughts and are better prepared for mitigating drought.
- Unsure
- N/A

7) Please list up to three projects implemented by you, your organization, county, or other state or federal agency over the past five years that you consider the most worthwhile for reducing drought impacts.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- N/A

8) What projects would help you, your organization, or your county reduce impacts from future droughts? Place a check next to the types of mitigation actions that would be most desired.

- Public education and outreach
- Wildfire mitigation
- Improving awareness of/participation in federal aid programs
- Economic diversification
- Increased behavioral/mental health resources
- Developing local or organizational -level drought mitigation plans
- Diversification of water supplies
- Workshops/information on agricultural best practices
- Workshops/information on water efficiency/conservation practices

- Increased crop insurance
- Improved drought monitoring/early warning
- Other: _____

9) How likely are you to improve your personal level of drought preparedness following the 2012-2013 event?

- Not likely, what we have is sufficient
- Not likely, what we have is not sufficient but resources are limited
- Somewhat likely
- Likely, it is part of our long range planning but we haven't implemented any activities yet
- Likely, and the process is underway

10) Is there sufficient funding to support drought planning within your organization or county? Select one option.

- Yes, there is sufficient funding from local resources
- Yes, there is sufficient funding with State and Federal financial assistance
- No, additional State and Federal financial assistance is needed.
- Unknown

11) Are you interested in receiving future correspondence from SDOEM reading the 2015 South Dakota Drought Mitigation Plan? If yes, please provide an email address below.

- Yes (email: _____)
- No

12) Please provide any remaining comments here:
