

Tabletop Exercise – Discussion Questions

Single-Year Drought

When April/May forecasts come out (Spring):

- What data are you paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
- What coordination activities need to take place?
- What mitigation actions should be considered?
 - What mitigation actions can individual organizations take to lessen the effects?
 - What are the ripple effects of these actions? (Downstream, across NRDs, between communities and ag users, etc.)
 - What policies, projects, and/or coordination activities are needed to make the mitigation actions work?
 - How will these mitigation actions support or conflict with existing plans (NRD plans, City plans, etc.)?
- What are the specific triggers for each mitigation action?

NOTES:

When drought is starting (Summer):

- What data are you now paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
- What were the resulting effects of the mitigation actions taken following the spring forecasts?
- What response actions should be considered?
 - What response actions can individual organizations take to get through the next several weeks?
 - What are the ripple effects of these actions? (Downstream, across NRDs, between communities and ag users, etc.)
 - What policies, projects, and/or coordination activities are needed to make the response actions work?
 - How will these response actions support or conflict with existing plans (NRD plans, City plans, etc.)?
- What are the specific triggers for each response action?

NOTES:

For additional consideration

- Which of the mitigation and response actions from the scenario are things that can be implemented relatively easily?
- Which of the mitigation and response actions from the scenario may need additional time, resources, and/or funding?

Multi-Year Drought

When April/May forecasts come out (Spring):

- What data are you paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
- What coordination activities need to take place?
- What mitigation actions should be considered?
 - What mitigation actions can individual organizations take to lessen the effects?
 - What are the ripple effects of these actions? (Downstream, across NRDs, between communities and ag users, etc.)
 - What policies, projects, and/or coordination activities are needed to make the mitigation actions work?
 - How will these mitigation actions support or conflict with existing plans (NRD plans, City plans, etc.)?
- What are the specific triggers for each mitigation action?

NOTES:

When drought is starting (Summer):

- What data are you now paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
- What were the resulting effects of the mitigation actions taken following the spring forecasts?
- What response actions should be considered?
 - What response actions can individual organizations take to get through the next several weeks?
 - What are the ripple effects of these actions? (Downstream, across NRDs, between communities and ag users, etc.)
 - What policies, projects, and/or coordination activities are needed to make the response actions work?
 - How will these response actions support or conflict with existing plans (NRD plans, City plans, etc.)?
- What are the specific triggers for each response action?

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Early in drought, following summer of year 1 (Fall):

- What data are you now paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
 - What triggers are used to make decisions for the following year?
- What actions were taken during historic multi-year droughts?
- What additional coordination activities need to take place?
- What additional response actions should be considered?

NOTES:

When drought moves into multiple years:

- What data are you now paying close attention to?
 - Where are you accessing that data?
- What additional coordination activities need to take place?
- What additional response actions should be considered?
 - What policies projects, and/or coordination activities are needed to make additional response actions work?
 - How will these response actions support or conflict with existing plans (NRD plans, City plans, etc.)?
 - How will current conditions and needed response actions be communicated to the public?

NOTES:

For additional consideration

- Which of the mitigation and response actions from the scenario are things that can be implemented relatively easily?
- Which of the mitigation and response actions from the scenario may need additional time, resources, and/or funding?