DRWPP Drought Management Working Group Update for May 5, 2025 DRWPP Meeting



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Kick-Off Meeting

- What is a Drought Management Plan?
- What are Key Components of a Drought Management Plan?
- Action Item
 - Future Webinar with North Carolina to learn more about their Drought Management Advisory Council and Drought Assessment and Response Plan
 - Scheduled for May 15^{th} via Webinar

Drought Management Plan - Key Components

- 1. Monitoring and Early Warning Systems
- 2. Risk Assessments and Vulnerability Analysis
- 3. Water Conservation and Efficiency Measures
- 4. Sustainable Agriculture Strategies
- 5. Emergency Response and Contingency Planning
- 6. Long-Term Water Resource Planning
 - Final recommendations should come from the Regionalization team.
- 7. Public Awareness and Community Engagement
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Feedback to the DRWPP

- Can we work together on PR for the DRWPP?
 - What are we doing? Why are we doing this? Why is this important to Gov. Lee?
- Can the DRWPP develop an overarching goal and vision?
 - What do we want a future state of the Duck River and surrounding communities to look like?
 - We need a vision and line of sight to determine the direction of where we are heading.
- Who is responsible for recommendations on an interim plan before the HCP can be developed?
- Needs for members to be more productive with discussions:
 - History of the Duck River
 - Hear from Stakeholders
 - Compile all the ongoing initiatives
 - Compile all the previous studies