

Drought Management Workshop 2009

Drought Planning for Utilities at the Basin Scale





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"Unfortunately, we tend to focus on drought when it is upon us. We're then forced to react -- to respond to immediate needs, to provide what are often more costly remedies, and to attempt to balance competing interests in a charged atmosphere. That's not good policy. It's not good resource management. And it certainly adds to the public's perception that government is not doing its job when it simply reacts when crises strike.

To the contrary, we must take a proactive approach to dealing with drought. We must anticipate the inevitable -- that drought will come and go -- and take an approach that seeks to minimize the effects of drought when it inevitably occurs."


-- James R. Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment, speaking at Drought Management in a Changing West: New Directions for Water Policy, a conference in Portland, Oregon, in May 1994.



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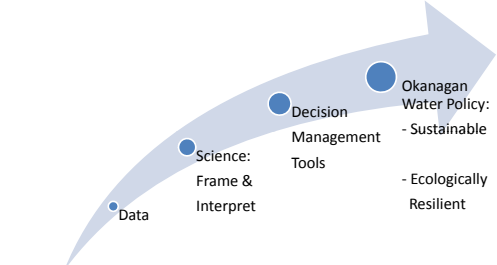
Values

- Valley-wide approach
- Benefits the basin as a whole
- Fairness




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Science-based. Basin approach.




Data
 Science: Frame & Interpret
 Decision Management Tools
 Okanagan Water Policy:
 - Sustainable
 - Ecologically Resilient



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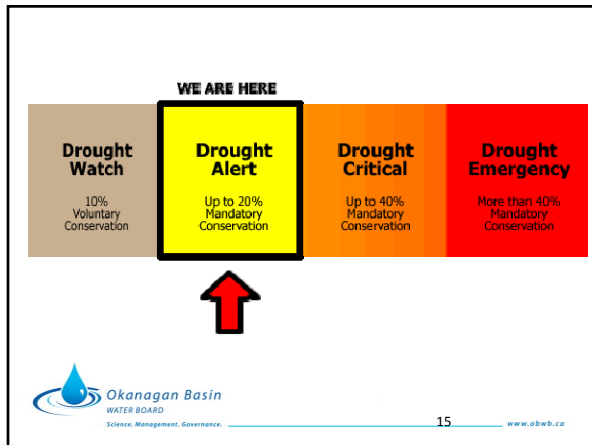
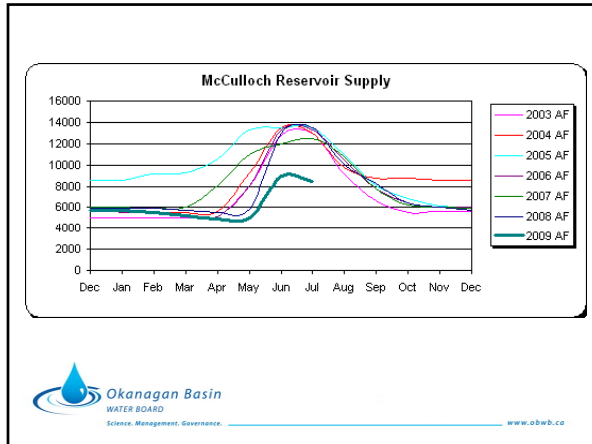



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Water Conservation

Grade 4 student
Anna Lou

Grade 6 student
Stephan Joseph

2009 Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners (City of Anaheim)
Young artists communicate the importance of responsible management and use of water – our most precious resource

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