NW Iowa Drought Conditions Meeting
July 31, 2017, 12:30 pm to 2:45 pm

Western Iowa Technical Community College
200 Victory Drive
Cherokee, Iowa

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is organizing a meeting in Cherokee, Iowa on Monday July 31, 2017 to discuss drought conditions that have been growing in Northwest Iowa. Experts will provide information on the unique hydrogeologic setting of northwest Iowa, will discuss current and projected weather conditions and outlooks, including a historical perspective, will review current water use in the region, will discuss available drought planning tools and information, and will discuss Ag sector impacts. In addition to a series of short technical presentations, a panel of experts will be available for a question and answer session.

Please plan to attend this timely event.

Tentative Agenda

12:30 pm	Introductions and Meeting Purpose	Tim Hall, Hydrology Resources Coordinator Iowa Department of Natural Resources
12:40	Hydrogeologic and Conditions of NW Iowa	Mike Gannon, Hydrologist Iowa Geological Survey
12:55	Current Weather Conditions and Outlooks	Michael Gillispie, Sr. Service Hydrologist National Weather Service, Sioux Falls, SD
1:10	Current Water Usage in the Region	Julie Sievers, Environmental Specialist Iowa Department of Natural Resources
1:25	Drought Planning and Water Use Prioritization	Mike Anderson, Environmental Engineer Iowa Department of Natural Resources
1:40	National Drought Monitor	Dennis Todey, Director of USDA Midwest Climate Hub National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment
1:55	2012 Historical Perspective	Harry Hillaker, State Climatologist Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
2:10	Ag Sector Impacts	Jake Hansen, Water Resources Bureau Chief Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
2:20	Questions and Answers	Panel of Presenters and Experts
2:45 pm	Wrap Up and Adjourn	

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