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MEDIA ADVISORY: Annual state drought meeting set for April 18

WHAT: N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council's annual meeting

WHEN: 9:15-11 a.m. April 18

WHERE: Gov. James G. Martin Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh

RALEIGH – The N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council will use its annual meeting April 18 to discuss the drought and dry conditions North Carolina is experiencing and expected impacts in the coming weeks.

The 9:15 a.m. meeting will be at the Gov. James G. Martin Building at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Eight counties are experiencing a moderate drought and 31 counties are abnormally dry for this time of year, according to the latest drought map, which is updated weekly and posted to www.ncdrought.org. Last year at this time, 53 counties were in a moderate drought and 35 counties were abnormally dry.

In addition to discussing the current conditions, the Drought Management Advisory Council will provide North Carolina's short-term climate outlook during the April 18 meeting. The council is made up of experts on drought, climate, water and forest resources, geology, agriculture and water conservation.

This is the first in-person meeting for the council in 2013. A subgroup of the drought council conducts a conference call each week to discuss the impact of rainfall and develop a recommendation for the U.S. Drought Monitor.

To watch the presentations and listen to the meeting live, go to <https://denr.ncgovconnect.com/dwr/>.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Stea, chairman of the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, at 919-707-9035, or at bob.stea@ncdenr.gov.

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