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MEDIA ADVISORY: State Drought Meeting Set for March 24

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

WHEN: 9:15 a.m.-11 a.m. March 24

WHERE: Gov. James G. Martin Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh

RALEIGH – The N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council will use its annual meeting March 24 to discuss the drought and dry conditions North Carolina is experiencing and what we can expect 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.

The council will discuss the impact of the recent rainfall on streams, rivers, lakes, crops and wildfire activity. The council also will provide North Carolina's climate outlook and the state's efforts to improve drought preparation and response.

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 entire council in 2011, but a subgroup of the drought council conducts a conference call each week to discuss the impact of rainfall and come up with a recommendation for the U.S. Drought Monitor. The U.S. Drought Monitor uses that advice to generate a map depicting areas experiencing drought, abnormally dry and normal conditions. The drought map is released every Thursday and posted to the state's official drought website, www.ncdrought.org.

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

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Woody Yonts, chairman of the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, at (919) 715-5453, or at woody.yonts@ncdenr.gov.

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