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MEDIA ADVISORY: State drought meeting set for April 26

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

WHEN: 9-11 a.m. April 26

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 26 to discuss the drought and dry conditions North Carolina is experiencing and what we can expect in the coming weeks.

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

The council will discuss the drought and dry conditions in North Carolina as it relates to streams, rivers, lakes, agriculture and wildfire activity. The council will provide North Carolina's short-term climate outlook.

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 2012. 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 at 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 Donna Jackson, chairwoman of the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, at 919-707-9035, or at donna.jackson@ncdenr.gov.

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