



## N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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### Annual state drought council meeting set for April 30

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

**WHEN:** 10 a.m.-noon April 30

**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 on April 30 to discuss the potential dry conditions parts of North Carolina may experience in the coming weeks and the possible impacts from those conditions.

All counties in North Carolina are experiencing normal conditions as of April 23 when the most recent version of the North Carolina drought map was released. The last time any part of the state experienced drought conditions was on April 23, 2013.

The council will discuss conditions in North Carolina as it relates to streams, rivers, lakes, agriculture and wildfire activity, and 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 2015. The council is required by Session Law 2008-143 to meet at least once in each calendar year in order to maintain appropriate agency readiness and participation. Members of the drought council conduct a conference call each week to discuss the impact of rainfall and provide recommendations for the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The U.S. Drought Monitor uses the council's 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](http://www.ncdrought.org).

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Bob Stea, chairman of the N.C. Drought Management Advisory Council, at 919-707-9035 or [bob.stea@ncdenr.gov](mailto:bob.stea@ncdenr.gov).

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