

2010 Drought Response Planning Workshops



Drought conditions can impact communities and individuals in many different ways. Previous droughts, including that experienced in southern BC in 2009, highlight the importance of having clear actions and strategies to manage water in times of drought for both water users and aquatic ecosystems.

Being prepared to respond to droughts when they occur will help communities manage water for drinking, sanitation, fire protection, agriculture and other economic activities. It will also help protect fish and aquatic ecosystems.

The Ministries of Environment and Agriculture and Lands, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are hosting four drought response workshops at the following locations:

Nanaimo	March 4	1-4:30 pm
Kamloops	March 10	1-4:30 pm
Kelowna	March 25	1-4:30 pm
Abbotsford	March 30	9-12:30 pm

These half-day workshops, delivered a day ahead or after the Water Act Modernization (WAM) workshops, seek to gather input for the development of a drought response plan with region-specific actions in times of low water flows. The workshops will engage you to participate in developing a plan that will be put into action this coming summer and fall.

If you are interested in attending one of the drought planning workshops, please respond directly to Elaine.Jennings@gov.bc.ca, no later than Monday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m.



Water Act Modernization Workshops

Interested in attending workshops to participate in a dialogue on a new Water Act? For more information, go to www.livingwatersmart.ca

