

C-W DROUGHT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Member Organizations Present:

Abitibi-Bowater
Catawba River Water Supply Project
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities
Chester Metropolitan District
City of Belmont
City of Camden
City of Gastonia
City of Hickory
City of Mount Holly
City of Rock Hill
Town of Granite Falls
Town of Valdese
Lincoln County
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Lugoff-Elgin Water Authority
SCDHEC
SCDNR
York County
Union County
NCDENR (DWR)
USGS
City of Morganton
City of Lenoir
Town of Longview
Town of Mooresville

Other Organizations Present:

City of Conover
Kearns & West, Inc.
NCDENR Public Water Supply
Town of Fort Mill

Lancaster Water and Sewer District York County

Introductions, Agenda Review, and Announcements

1. Ed Bruce, CW-DMAG coordinator, opened the meeting with roll call and a review of the agenda.

Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) Triggers

2. Bruce provided an LIP trigger update. Duke was concerned that the declining storage index would enter Stage 2 of the LIP this month. However, recent rains stabilized storage such that it only entered Stage 1. The four-month streamflow indicator dropped into Stage 2, and the six-month streamflow indicator is in Stage 1 and declining toward Stage 2. It was noted that although Target Elevations are lower in the fall and winter, the basin could remain in Stage 1 until streamflows recover.

Duke Operations and Meteorological Update

3. Galleher gave an update on precipitation in the basin, which is at 95% of the long-term average for the year to date. There is a 10% to 40% chance of below normal precipitation for the next 30 days. NOAA predicts that November through January is also likely to be dry, although there may be a period of normal precipitation in December. NOAA forecasts that January may bring average precipitation in the area of the basin in North Carolina, while the area in South Carolina may remain below normal. Streamflow gages have not responded significantly to the rain. Lake James and Lake Norman are both below normal. As of today, Duke will change their minimum flows to Stage 1 Project Flows, following LIP procedures.

Press Release

4. The DMAG will issue a press release on Thursday, October 7. Bruce reviewed the basic message of the release, which is that the basin is entering Stage 1, but because it is fall, there is no immediate threat to the water supply. Steinmetz is sending the draft release to the review committee after the call (Bagley/Yetman, Couch, Cross, Greer, and Klein).

Next Call

5. The next CW-DMAG call will be held in November.