

Drought Task Force Meeting  
Monday, April 29, 2013  
1:30pm CDT  
State Emergency Operations Center Amphitheatre

**In attendance:**

Kristi Turman, SDDPS-OEM  
Jason Bauder, SDDPS-OEM  
Tina Titze, SDDPS-OEM  
Paul Merriman, SDDPS-FMO  
Doug Hinkle, SDDPS-FMO  
Megan Mercer, SDDPS-OEM

Jonathan Harms, SDDPS-  
OEM  
Jay Esperance, SDDA-WFS  
Steve Hasenohrl, SDDA-WFS  
Mark Rath, SDDENR  
Steve Harding, SDDOM

Michelle Schmeling, SDDSS  
Dennis Todey, State  
Climatologist  
Aaron Jordan, SDNG  
Darren Clabo, State Fire  
Meteorologist  
Chuck Brokaw, AP

**Drought Conditions Update:**

State Climatologist Dennis Todey reported drought conditions are improving somewhat statewide. The northwestern portion of the state is still running below average in precipitation and the entire state has seen below average temperatures. The US Drought Monitor map currently shows South Dakota without a D4 status. D3 still remains covering the majority of west central South Dakota and the south east region. The 8-14 day outlook shows warmer than average temperatures with lower chances of precipitation. May is predicting temperature and precipitation probabilities are equal chances. The three month outlook (May – July) has warmer than average temperatures with below or equal chances of average precipitation.

**Agency Drought Updates:**

**WFS:** Jay reported WFS currently has two hand crews in Sioux Falls helping with debris removal.

**SDDA:** Nothing to report at this time.

**DENR:** Mark reported there are no strong indications on any problem areas with shut-off orders at this point.

**FMO:** Nothing to report at this time.

**GFP:** Nothing to report at this time.

**SDNG:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Health:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Tourism:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Drought Mitigation Plan Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Next meeting May 20, 2013 at 1:30.**