



## State of Rhode Island Water Resources Board

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### RI DROUGHT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

William E. Powers Building, Conference Room A  
(Cornelison Conference Room) – Second Floor  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

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### AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2022, MINUTES - *for action***
3. **COMMITTEE PROCEDURES – *for information***
4. **ASSESSMENT OF DROUGHT INDICES AND CURRENT CONDITIONS**
  - a. **Presentations**

*RI Precipitation Trends and Forecasts, Standard Precipitation Index and Palmer Drought Index- National Weather Service Boston/Norton, MA*

*Streamflow and Groundwater Trends and Current Conditions- USGS New England Water Science Center (MA/RI)*
  - b. **Input on Drought Conditions and Discussion of Indices**
5. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF DROUGHT LEVEL – *for action***
6. **PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**
7. **NEXT STEPS/FUTURE MEETINGS**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

December 7, 2022

Filing Date

Kathleen Crowley, Acting General Manager

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