



**State of Rhode Island**

**Water Resources Board**

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**RI DROUGHT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, January 9, 2025, 9:00 AM-11:00 PM**

Rhode Island Commerce Corporation Conference Room

315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101, Providence, RI

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of November 26, 2024, Minutes – for action**
- 3. Review of Drought Plan and 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-* Robert Megnia, Senior Service Hydrologist, NOAA National Weather Service (WFO Boston/Norton, MA)

*Streamflow and Groundwater Trends and Current Conditions-* Christopher Bruet, Supervisory Hydrographer, USGS New England Water Science Center (MA/RI Office)
  - b. Additional Input from Members on Impacts and Conditions-** State Meteorologist, Environment, Agriculture, Health, Water Supply, other
  - c. Discussion of Indices and Drought Level Triggers–** Major Indices (Precipitation, PDI, Streamflow, Groundwater) and additional indices and factors (reservoir levels, crop moisture, SPI, forecast, timing, other).
- 5. Committee Recommendation for Assignment of Drought Level – for action**
- 6. Assessing Recent Drought Events, Drought Indices, and the Drought Monitor – for discussion**
- 7. Public Input on Agenda Items**
- 8. Adjournment**

January 2, 2025

Date

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Kathleen Crowley, Acting General Manager

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