



# DURANGO MUNICIPAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN FACT SHEET

## What is Drought Management Planning?

The City of Durango’s Draft Drought Management Plan defines drought as:

*‘A condition of insufficient water supply caused by a deficit precipitation, other water supply or delivery impairment, or the inability to maintain or deliver adequate water supplies to meet demand.’*

The impact of drought on society and the surrounding environment can be tempered through drought preparedness. Drought management planning plays an integral role in this preparedness by defining a systematic approach to drought monitoring, long term drought mitigation and short-term drought response.

## What is Durango Doing?

The City of Durango is developing a Drought Management Plan to preserve essential public services and minimize the adverse effects of drought on public health and safety, economic activity, environmental resources, and individual lifestyles during a drought event.

The goal is to remove the “crisis” from the City’s drought response efforts, reduce the hardship caused by water shortages, and define specific actions taken to address short and long term water shortages. Drought mitigation, monitoring of drought indicators, and drought public education are implemented on an annual basis regardless of whether it is a dry or wet year, so as to maximize the effectiveness of all efforts.

## What Does The Plan Address?

The plan includes overall objectives and operating principles, an analysis of the City’s current and future vulnerability to drought, a strategy for monitoring drought conditions, and a staged response program with strategies that address both supply and demand for water resources in times of scarcity.

## How Can You Get Involved?

Public participation in the planning process is an essential strategy for developing a plan that will be effective, supported by the public, and ultimately implemented. The planning process includes opportunities for community members, public officials, and stakeholder groups to participate and provide input to the plan.

A draft of the plan was completed in September and public comments are being solicited through November 15, 2019. A copy of the draft plan and an online comment form can be referenced at [durangogov.org/utilities](http://durangogov.org/utilities).

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