Welcome to BPA’s Webex Meeting!

Note: Your audio is muted upon entry.

Preferred choice: Use computer audio

Second choice: In the example above, instead select Call in and use your phone to call into the webinar. A window will pop-up with your meeting Call in information.

Last choice: Use Computer for Audio. Connect a headset to your computer for best results.

Note: The incoming call may be listed as POTENTIAL SPAM.

Audio instructions:
- Use to mute and unmute
- Use to express emotion
- Use to view participant list and chat panel
Agricultural Utility Group Meeting

June 8, 2021
Agenda

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome, meeting tips
10:05 – 10:10 Safety moment
10:10 – 10:15 New content resources on BPA.gov
10:15 – 10:30 Possible IM and measure changes
10:30 – 11:00 Drought consequences, comments, share outs
Meeting Norms

• Best practice: Have the WebEx meeting call you.

• Press *6 on your phone or mute yourself on the attendee list by clicking the microphone icon next to your name or phone number.

• Use a headset for best results and to prevent reverb.
Safety Moment: Distracted Driving

- **Sending texts or emails**: Increased from 19% to 26% (+37%).
- **Shopping online**: Increased from 9% to 18% (+100%).
- **Checking social media**: Increased from 13% to 20% (+54%).
- **Taking videos or pictures**: Increased from 10% to 19% (+90%)
Safety Moment – Distracted Driving

• Set smartphones to "Do Not Disturb."

• Use voice commands (available in newer cars) to control infotainment, navigation and portable devices—rather than touchscreens.

• Build communication and break times into your work schedule so you (and your employees or co-workers) don’t feel pressured to eat or respond to calls and texts while driving.
Safety Moment – Distracted Driving

• Appoint a passenger to be your “designated texter.”

• If you have to take a call or read a text, always pull over first and park your car in a safe place.
New Content on bpa.gov

- **Nozzle Sizing**: Troy Peters demonstrates Washington State University’s nozzle calculator and explains how to correctly size sprinkler nozzles for efficient irrigation and healthy crops.

- **Irrigation Scheduling**: Troy Peters describes how to maximize irrigation efficiency by applying the exact amount of water needed to optimize soil moisture levels.

- **Why Do Pumps Wear Out?** BPA’s Dick Stroh explains the different types of irrigation pumps, and how wear and tear from regular use cause them to wear out over time.
Implementation Manual Timeline

• Working now on October 2021.

• Will move on to rate period IM.

• April 2022 for rate period IM due to BEETS release.
Potential Implementation Manual Changes

- As a result of the RTF meeting in March, the irrigation hardware payments will change in the Rate Period IM.
- Potential savings and payment changes.
- Will keep same refnos
- Are modest payment increases helpful? Administrative burden? One more change to track? Difficult to update templates?
Map released: Thurs. May 6, 2021
Data valid: May 4, 2021 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity:
- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

Map Download
Drought

• Much of Pacific NW in drought status.
• Long-term trends not good.
• Will snowmelt make it into irrigation systems?
• Some crops already planted before water restrictions.
• Potential fire risk
Drought

• Water supplies and policies vary across the region.

• Round Robin: How are you affected?
Irrigation Water Management Strategies for Drought

Troy Peters and Maria I. Zamora-Re
Thank you!