

37-60-126.5. Drought mitigation planning - programs - relationship to state assistance.

(1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "drought mitigation" means the planning and implementation of actions and programs used in periods of unusual water scarcity, with a combination of actions and programs taken before a drought to reduce the occurrence and severity of water supply shortages, and actions and programs taken during a drought to manage water supplies and water demand appropriately.

(2) The office shall develop programs to provide technical assistance to covered entities and other state or local governmental entities in the development of drought mitigation plans.

(3) The board is hereby authorized to recommend the appropriation and expenditure of such revenues as is necessary from the unobligated balance of the five-percent share of the operational account of the severance tax trust fund designated for use by the board for the purpose of assisting covered entities and other state and local governmental entities to develop drought mitigation plans identified as sufficient by the office.

(4) By July 1, 2005, the board shall adopt guidelines for the office to use in reviewing and evaluating drought mitigation plans submitted by covered entities in accordance with this section. The guidelines shall define the method for submitting plans to the office and shall specify how the office will prioritize the distribution of moneys.

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Cross references: For the legislative declaration contained in the 2004 act enacting this section, see section 1 of chapter 373, Session Laws of Colorado 2004.