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Water Summary Update: June rainfall an inch below normal

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DES MOINES — After higher amounts of rainfall in May, June rainfall in Iowa was 3.86 inches, or more than an inch below normal for the month, according to the latest Water Summary Update. June is typically the wettest month of the year in Iowa.

"While June was drier than normal across the state, the last 12 months are still the second wettest on record," said Tim Hall, DNR's coordinator of hydrology resources.

During the past year, the state has received 15 inches more than its normal 32 inches of rain. The drier than normal June has resulted in some stream flows diminishing, but higher than normal flows continue on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Iowa temperatures averaged 69.3 degrees, or 0.4 degrees below normal. Spencer Municipal Airport in Clay County reported the month's high temperature of 99 degrees on June 30. The Guttenberg Lock and Dam in Clayton County reported the month's low temperature of 39 degrees on June 13, 21 degrees below average.

Streamflow conditions across the majority of the state remain above normal.

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, go to www.iowadnr.gov/watersummaryupdate.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR—Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

Contracts and well permit head up July Environmental Protection Commission meeting

MEDIA CONTACT: Jerah Sheets at 515-313-8909 or Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov.

DES MOINES—Commissioners will be asked to approve several contracts and a general permit authorizing discharges from well construction at the July 16 Environmental Protection Commission meeting in Des Moines.

The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. in Room 116 of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Avenue. It's preceded by an 8:30 a.m. educational opportunity for new commissioners. From noon to 3 p.m. commissioners will move to the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Wallace Building, 502 E. Ninth St., for additional training. The meetings are open to the public.

There are four contracts up for EPC approval:

- One will install two bioretention cells on the Capitol West Terrace, to demonstrate how they capture storm water runoff allowing it to infiltrate and prevent soil erosion.
- Another contract will install 24 solar-powered stream sensors designed to record stream height, allowing smaller communities to prepare and respond to flood events.
- A third contract will reduce sediment and phosphorus delivery to Rathbun Lake. The contract will help landowners who use best management practices in targeted areas of the watershed.
- Finally, a contract to update air quality emissions inventory software which records air pollutant emissions and sources, tracking progress towards meeting national air quality standards.

There is no scheduled public participation. Written comments may be submitted up to one day before the meeting to Jerah Sheets at Jerah.Sheets@dnr.iowa.gov or to DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319.

The complete agenda follows:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the Minutes
- Monthly Reports
- Director's Remarks
- Adopted and Filed – Chapter 64: "Wastewater Construction and Operation Permits," to include Well Construction and Well Service Wastewater Discharges
- Contract with Iowa Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
- Contract with the University of Iowa
- Contract with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund – IUP Project Priority List update FY 2020 Second Quarter
- Contract with Windsor Solutions, Inc.

- General Discussion
- Items for Next Month's Meeting
- 20 – EPC Business Meeting – Des Moines
- 16 – Educational Tour – Marion County
- 17 – EPC Business Meeting – Marion County

Find the complete agenda at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/Boards-Commissions>.

Commissioners include: Ralph Lents, Menlo, chair; Harold Hommes, Windsor Heights, vice chair; Bob Sinclair, Sigourney, Secretary; Stephanie Dykshorn, Ireton; Amy Echard, Farmersburg; Lisa Gochenour, Logan; Rebecca Guinn, Bettendorf; Howard Hill, Cambridge; and Tim Kaldenberg, Albia. Kayla Lyon is the DNR director.

Any person attending the public meeting who has special requirements such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments should contact the DNR or ADA Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

DNR enforcement actions

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DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Marion County

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Remove solid waste from property by July 1, 2019, Provide disposal receipts to field office. If disposal completed by July 1, 2019 - no administrative penalty. If disposal not completed by July 1, 2019, \$10,000 administrative penalty assessed.