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Methow Watershed Council and Methow Valley Citizen's Council to Host Methow Drought Mitigation Event

The Methow Watershed Council and Methow Valley Citizens Council will be hosting an event on **May 22, 2024, from 6pm - 8pm** at the **Winthrop Public Library** to provide information to irrigators and water right holders about incentive-based programs available to alleviate the impacts of this year's drought emergency.

The event will include updates from the Methow Valley Citizens Council, Methow Watershed Council, and Okanogan Conservation District about ongoing water and drought planning in the community.

Washington Water Trust and Trout Unlimited are seeking state water right owners willing to negotiate and enter into agreements that will compensate them for diverting less water from the Methow River and its tributaries in 2024 (and potentially beyond), leaving that water instream to reduce drought impacts on both the community and the environment. Water users must have a valid state water right and must be able to demonstrate water use within the past 5 years.

RSVP here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/methow-drought-mitigation-2024-tickets-881061748407?aff=oddtcreator>

OR:

Email methowwatershed@gmail.com to register to attend virtually