

# Foundation Worksheet #4

## Define the Exercise Scope



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Use this worksheet to help define the parameters for the exercise and set limits for what can realistically be addressed in one exercise. As you discuss and complete this worksheet, you'll want to refer to Foundation Worksheets #1 and #2 (Consider Your Needs and Assess Your Capabilities).

- 1. Prioritize the drought impacts.** It's nearly impossible to address all of the potential drought impacts in a single exercise. Using your responses to *Exercise Analysis Worksheet #1: Consider Your Needs*, identify the highest priority impacts for your community or organization. These priority impacts will help focus your scenario and drive discussion during the exercise.

Using the table below, record your highest priority impacts. Consider such factors as:

- Frequency of occurrence
- Relative likelihood of occurrence
- Magnitude and intensity
- Location
- Spatial extent
- Speed of onset and availability of warning
- Potential severity of consequences to people, critical facilities, community functions, and property
- Potential cascading events

#1 Priority Impact
#2 Priority Impact
#3 Priority Impact
#4 Priority Impact
#5 Priority Impact

**2. Determine the geographic location (communities, counties, river basin, etc.) that you wish to address in the exercise.**

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**3. Select and prioritize your planning challenges.** Using your answers to *Exercise Analysis Worksheet #1: Consider Your Needs*, identify the highest priority planning challenges for your community or organization. These challenges will help you select an appropriate exercise type and identify potential participants.

#1 Planning Challenge
#2 Planning Challenge
#3 Planning Challenge
#4 Planning Challenge
#5 Planning Challenge

**4. Participants needed to address the priority impacts and planning challenges.** Who needs to participate in the exercise to address the high priority issues? Examples could include:

- Agencies and departments involved in drought preparedness or response
- Volunteer or faith based organizations
- Communications personnel or media
- Stakeholder groups
- Community leaders and decision makers
- State/federal/academic partners
- Private industry and business
- Utility providers
- Planning/community development
- Parks and recreation

Name	Agency/ Organization	Email	Phone	Area of Contribution	Notes

**5. Consider any other constraints or limitations.** Using your responses to Exercise Analysis Worksheet #2: Assess Your Capabilities, note any other constraints or limitations that will affect your exercise.

Availability of resources

Time to develop the exercise

Length of exercise

Participant knowledge

Social or cultural considerations

Relevant policies, plans, or laws