Given the possibility of extended long-term drought and its potential environmental impacts, how could the 5-County Region develop a more adaptable economy?
# Critical Economic Uncertainties for Region

#1) **Will the duration of ongoing drought be short?**

- **NO**
  - Drought will be long in term (-X)

- **YES**
  - Drought will be short in term (+X)

#2) **Will local gas production increase revenue?**

- **NO**
  - Gas Production Will Decrease (-Y)

- **YES**
  - Gas Production Will Increase (+Y)

#3) **Will cost of globally-priced crude oil stay low?**

- **NO**
  - Cost of Crude Oil Will Be High (-Z)

- **YES**
  - Cost of Crude Oil Will Be Low (+Z)
Drought w/Long Duration (-X)

Local Natural Gas Production Will Increase (+Y)

Local Natural Gas Production Will Decrease (-Y)

Cost of Crude Oil Will Be High (-Z)

Cost of Crude Oil Will Be Low (+Z)
Developing a Strategic Plan
For the Near and Mid Terms

ACTIONS IF DROUGHT IS SHORT TERM

(+X) ACTIONS IF DROUGHT IS SHORT TERM

(-Y) ACTIONS IF DROUGHT IS LONG TERM

LOW REGRET ACTIONS COMMON TO MOST FUTURES

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