

DROUGHT RESPONSE WORKING GROUP FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS; AUGUST 16, 2022

	Category of recommendation	Recommendation we heard from Drought Response Working Group	Staff Time-Frame Recommendation	Working Group Final Recommendation	Resource Intensity	Working Group Vote
	General , Data Collection, Outreach, Funding, Technical Assistance, Regulatory	Text of recommendation	Short, Medium, Long-term, Ongoing, or Table	Can change language and/or timeframe	1=low; 2=medium; 3=high	# of Yeses/# of Nos
<b>General Drought Response</b>						
1	General	Continue to work in collaboration with the State and/or elected officials when appropriate	Ongoing		1	
2	General	Take advantage of existing resources provided by the State to leverage local efforts	Ongoing		1	
3	Outreach	Create a private well list email serve	Table	MORE GUIDANCE NEEDED	2	
4	Outreach	Work with regional water partners to hold another Connecting the Drops event	Short		2	
5	Outreach	Website drought portal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of resources at the top</li> <li>• Once it's completed we can send out a mailer directing people to the website.</li> <li>• Direct to it from other County pages.</li> <li>• Recommend it is housed in the SCCEH website so we can update it.</li> <li>• Language accessible.</li> </ul>	Short-term		2	
6	Funding/Outreach	Pay community leaders to help with outreach, when funding is available.	Ongoing		2	
7	General	Consider becoming a member of RCRC (they make information about new legislation available to rural communities)	Table – already participate in similar groups	MORE GUIDANCE NEEDED	1	
8	Regulatory	Review Groundwater emergency ordinance	Table – Outside scope	MORE GUIDANCE NEEDED	2	
9	Outreach	For each section of the Plan, in the outreach discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define goal,</li> <li>• identify multiple outreach strategies,</li> <li>• identify and leverage experts and community groups and relationships to effectively reach all potentially affected communities.</li> <li>• Leverage existing resources and events such as Board of Supervisors, agricultural groups, Connect the Drops, DWR and CERT rural community lists</li> </ul>	Short-term (for Plan)		1	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look to RCAC, SHE, CWC and LCJA as experts in outreach to disadvantaged communities</li> </ul>				
10	Data Collection	<p>Maps to include in Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Quality and Water Quantity (baselayer of DACS, wells, water systems)</li> <li>Water management (large water suppliers and GSAs; baselayer includes wells and small water systems).</li> <li>More maps in appendices.</li> </ul>	Short-term (for Plan)		1	
<b>Private Wells</b>						
11	Data collection	Create a GIS layer of parcels served by wells. Use this to make a mailing list.	Short (if possible, have parcels served by wells done for Plan)		1	
12	Data Collection	Improve well permit application forms to collect more information including GIS location of well	Short-term		1	
13	General	Finalize Mitigation Strategy Table	Short-term		1	
14	Technical Assistance	Get water hauler under contract	Short-term		1	
15	Technical Assistance	Refer people to the dry well reporting tool created by the State rather than creating a County-specific reporting tool	Short-term		1	
16	Outreach	Mailers to private well-served properties offering services	Medium-term (may be done to target priority areas first)		2	
17	Outreach	<p>Host outreach event/workshops that includes information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resources available/ training,</li> <li>Grant applications.</li> <li>Partner with RCAC, RCD, others.</li> <li>Possibly have County staff leave the room for some of the event.</li> </ul>	Medium-term		2	
18	Outreach/Regulatory	Incentivize voluntary metering. There are benefits to metering but some will resist due to concerns about being taxed, loss of privacy, and costs.	Medium-term	MORE DIRECTION REQUESTED - Incentivize how? - Should meters be required on new and replacement wells?		
19	Data Collection	<p>Improve well database GIS layer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively add new wells,</li> <li>Go back through historic well logs</li> <li>Include information from well completion reports (depth of seal and screening), e-logs where available.</li> </ul>	Long-term		3	
20	Funding	Water conservation audits and rebates for private wells	Medium Term		3	

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Small Water Systems						
21	Technical Assistance	Provide guidance and tools for completing reserve analyses	Short-term		1	
22	Outreach	Outreach event or Forum that includes information on resources available, training, grant applications. Partner with RCAC, RCD, others. Multiple locations.	Medium-term		2	
23	Data collection	Perform an analysis of the gap in reserve funds for small & medium systems County-wide	Medium-term	MORE DIRECTION REQUIRED How do we make them report to us?		
24	Funding	Fee collection – provide information/support for the development of County Service Areas as a mechanism to help build financial reserves	Medium Term		2	
25	Regulatory	Require systems to complete reserve analyses, including timeline to demonstrate steps are being taken	Long-term	MORE DIRECTION REQUIRED		
26	Regulatory	Require systems to build a reserve over time	Long-term	MORE DIRECTION REQUIRED		
27	Funding	Provide grant-writing and/or grant administration support for State Small Water Systems	Medium-Term		2-3	
28	Technical Assistance	When funding is available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cover costs of metering,</li> <li>• POU treatments (especially for disadvantaged communities),</li> <li>• Provide tools and assistance with leak detection,</li> </ul>	Ongoing		2	
29	Technical Assistance	Develop tools to support decision-making about consolidations, and to support consolidation process itself when that is the preferred option, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing options available</li> <li>• Consolidation cost-benefit analysis tool</li> <li>• Use meaningful phrasing of “consolidation”; it can be an opportunity in some cases</li> </ul>	Long-term		3	
30	Funding	Coordinate with State for financial support for consolidation. DAC’s will have issue with the high cost of consolidating.	Long-term		2-3	
31	Funding	Water conservation audits and rebates for vulnerable systems	Medium-Term		3	
Emergency Response						
32	Technical Assistance	Consider seeking funding and agreements to purchase a water hauling truck (\$350,000)	Long-term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	3	

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33	Technical Assistance	Get copies of successful FEMA claims for water systems and individuals (sensitive information redacted)	Short-term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	1	
34	Technical Assistance	Provide information to water systems about fire flow requirements to incorporate into their planning	Medium-Term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	2	
35	Data Collection/Funding	Investigate the feasibility of decentralized water storage for fire suppression and/or collection. Could be water tanks or fill stations from the larger water agencies. Benefit is to reduce the distance fire engines or water haulers need to drive to fill with water.	Long-Term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	3	
36	Data collection/Funding	Identify parcels without tanks or with undersized tanks at risk from long term power shutoffs. Is there a need to help cover alternative power supplies?	Medium-Term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	3	
37	Data Collection	Identify Social Vulnerabilities such as language constraints, population without vehicle, renters vs owners, population over 65.	Medium-Term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	2	
38	Outreach/Technical Assistance	Identify process and tip documents that the County should have on hand	Short Term	MORE DIRECTION NEEDED	1	