



Notice of Funding Availability Public Water System Drought Emergency Response Program

INTRODUCTION

On March 1, 2014, Governor Brown approved a \$687.4 million emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately. As a result of the Governor's action, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released approved guidelines to administer \$15 million in funding from the Public Water System Drought Emergency Response (PWSDER) Program to provide funding for interim and/or permanent solutions for community water systems and public water systems owned by school districts, suffering drought related water outages or threatened emergencies.

In an effort to make funds available as quickly and efficiently as possible to eligible recipients, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is coordinating with district offices, local primacy agencies, federal partners, state water agencies, the Office of Emergency Services, and other stakeholders (e.g., environmental justice groups, community assistance groups, etc.) to identify those communities that are most at-risk and require financial assistance.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- Community Water Systems
- Public water systems owned by a School District

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS (include, but not limited to)

- Interties
- Well modification
- New Wells
- Hauled Water/Interim Water
- Source Alternatives
- Planning and Construction

Continued State of Emergency Proclamation

<http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18496>

HOW TO REQUEST

All drought related funding requests begin at the local level. In an effort to increase efficiency the eligible recipient need not apply, but rather simply contact their respective SWRCB Drinking Water District Office identified on district office map (see contact link below). SWRCB Drinking Water District Offices assist recipients by generating funding requests in the form of PWSDER Request Memos which are based on request(s) received from an eligible recipient(s). Subsequently, SWRCB Drinking Water District Offices transmit each PWSDER Request memo to SWRCB - Division of Financial Assistance for final funding determination.

PWSDER Guidelines

http://waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/drought/PWSDE%20-%20Drought%20Emergency%20-%20Criteria

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District Offices

http://waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/documents/ddwem/DDWdistrictofficesmap.pdf

