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State Water Resources Control Board Department of Water Resources

Drought Funding Available for County Regional Programs

The State recognizes that many counties are struggling to help their residents deal with the impacts of drought. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) want to make counties and local governments aware of available funding for emergency drought response.

The State Water Board and DWR are interested in partnering with counties to develop regional programs that will help fill emergency drought response funding gaps, especially in counties that have a high risk of wells going dry and/or a large number of state small water systems and domestic wells. Specifically, we are prepared to collaborate on regional programs that include assessments (e.g., outreach and sampling), interim solutions (e.g., bottled water or hauled water and tanks), and long-term solutions (e.g., well repairs/replacements or consolidation) for state small water systems and domestic wells. Counties, or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) serving the county, that receive funding will be responsible for managing and implementing the program. The State will reimburse the counties or NGOs for costs incurred related to the implementation and management of these programs.

We will hold webinars on the following dates to discuss these funding opportunities:

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 10 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

- Direct Link: bit.ly/drought25
- Meeting ID: 942 9952 4210
- Passcode: 443815

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Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 2 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

- Direct Link: bit.ly/drought31
- Meeting ID: 990 1913 0764
- Passcode: 724776

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If you would like further information about the webinars or this funding opportunity, please reach out to Matt Pavelchik with the State Water Board at Matthew.Pavelchik@waterboards.ca.gov, 916-323-0624, or Fethi Benjemaa with DWR at Fethi.Jemaa@water.ca.gov, 916-651-7025.

Sincerely,

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