

Notice of Funding Availability

Drought Funding

INTRODUCTION

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has funding available to address drought-related drinking water emergencies. Funds are administered by non-profit organizations as well as the State Water Board. Please see attached table for additional details.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

- Individual Households
- Small Water Systems (typically serving less than 1,000 people)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS (including, but not limited to)

- Bottled water or hauled water
- Vending machines
- Well repair, rehabilitation, and replacement
- Emergency interties

HOW TO APPLY

Counties Served: Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Kern

- **Self-Help Enterprises**

Contact: Tami McVay

Email: TamiM@selfhelpenterprises.org or Phone: (559) 802-1671

Website: [Self-Help Enterprises Emergency Services](#)

Counties Served: Tulare

- **Tulare County**

Contact: Sandra Sabin

Email: ssabin@tularecounty.ca.gov or Phone: (559) 624-7071

Counties Served: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

- **Community Water Center**

Contact: Brandon Bollinger

Email: brandon.bollinger@communitywatercenter.org

Watsonville Office Phone: (831) 500-2162, Sacramento Office Phone: (916) 706-3346, or Visalia Office Phone: (559) 733-0219

Website: [Community Water Center Sign Up](#)

Counties Served: Statewide

- **Rural Community Assistance Corporation**

Contact: Deborah Almazan

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Website: [Rural Community Assistance Corporation](#)

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- **State Water Board**

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

- **Division of Financial Assistance, Cleanup and Abatement Account Unit**

Email: DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov or Phone: (916) 319-9066

Website: [Division of Financial Assistance Drought Funding](#)

Division of Financial Assistance Statewide and Regional Programs

Project/Program Title	Funding Recipient	Project Type	Contract No.	Total Funding Amount	Estimated Funds Remaining	Funding Source	Description of Project/Program Elements	Counties/Statewide	Executed?	Status	Project Manager	Contact/Application Information
CWC Regional Bottled Water Program	Community Water Center	Bottled Water	D1917002	\$ 909,964	\$ 830,000	SADW	This grant is for the purpose of purchasing and making available approximately 60-100 gallons of bottled drinking water per household per month for a minimum of two hundred and fifty (250) eligible Disadvantaged Households within the jurisdiction of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) through the Work Completion Date. To be eligible for Project services, Disadvantaged Households must be served by a private well or small water system, with a Contaminated Water Supply and must not be eligible for bottled drinking water through another state funded program or a settlement agreement.	R3: Santa Clara (south of Morgan Hill), San Mateo (southern portion), Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Kern (small portions), San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura (northern portion)	Y	Executed on 9/30/2020 (~\$600,000 Amendment Pending)	Karina Padgett	Heather Lukacs Director of Community Solutions Community Water Center Sacramento Office: 716 10th St. Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 706-3346 heather.lukacs@communitywatercenter.org
SHE Regional Bottled Water Program	Self-Help Enterprises	Bottled Water	D1917010	\$ 2,094,631	\$ 2,059,988	SADW	This funding is to establish and implement a regional bottled water program (Program) to provide bottled drinking water to disadvantaged households served by public water systems with less than one thousand (1,000) people, state small water systems, and private household wells, located in the Recipient's service area which includes Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa and Stanislaus counties and the Village Mobile Home Park (Service Area), with a contaminated water supply that do not currently have any other bottled water programs serving the area. Bottled water will be provided to enrollees through the Work Completion Date or until a long-term solution, or other interim solution, is in place, whichever occurs first.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 2/1/2021 (\$1,983,002 Amendment Pending)	Mark Magtoto	Tami McVay 8445 W. Elowin Court P.O. Box 6520 Visalia, CA. 93290 559-802-1671 Office TamiM@selfhelpenterprises.org
Tulare County Bottled Water Program	Tulare County	Bottled Water	D2018138	\$ 948,574	\$ 805,869	AB74 Provision 1	This funding is for the purpose of continuing the implementation of the Tulare Countywide Bottled Water Program (CBWP), funded under State Water Board agreement no. 0181142401 to provide bottled water to disadvantaged households served by public water systems with less than one thousand (1,000) people, state small water systems, and private household wells, located in Tulare County, with a contaminated water supply that do not currently have any other bottled water programs serving the area.	Tulare	Y	Executed on 2/17/2021	Mark Magtoto	Sandra Sabin 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277 Office (559) 624-7071 Cell (559) 334-7766 ssabin@tularecounty.ca.gov
Statewide Bottled Water for Schools Program	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	Bottled Water	D1917001	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,364,500	SADW	This funding is for the purpose of establishing and implementing a statewide program for the purchase and delivery of bottled water for public schools with a water quality issue. Rural Community Assistance Corporation contracts directly with vendors who deliver bottled water to enrolled schools.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 5/14/2020	Kristen Torres	Sara Cammarano agua4all@rcac.org https://agua4all.rcac.org/bw4s/
CRWA Household Well Assistance Project	California Rural Water Association	Domestic Well Program	D2018139	\$ 1,390,034	\$ 1,390,034	SB 862 - general funds	The funding will be utilized to implement a Household Well Assistance (HWA) program in the Mojave Water Agency service area. Californian Rural Water Association (CRWA) will replace wells for disadvantaged households that have lost the use of their domestic well due to declining water level. CRWA has identified approximately 20 potential applicants through their work in the Mojave Water Agency service area.	San Bernardino	N	Not Executed. Est. 8/31/2021	Alexandra Nicolopoulos	Dustin Hardwick, Deputy Director California Rural Water Association Ph: (916) 553-4900 ext. 108 dhardwick@calruralwater.org
Drinking Water Well Replacement Program	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	Domestic Well Program	D1711970	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 674,905	SB108	This funding was awarded to Rural Community Assistance Corporation to develop and implement a Regional Private Domestic Water Well Abandonment, Repair, Replacement & Connection to assist disadvantaged households and small water systems in RCAC's Service Area.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 04/7/2018; Amended on 05/16/2019; 03/18/2020 and 3rd Amendment Pending	Lydia Montgomery	Deborah Almazan 2978 North Fork Road Fernley, NV 89408 (725) 221-0474 dalmazan@rcac.org
Regional Private Domestic Water Well Abandonment, Repair, Replacement & Connection Program	Self-Help Enterprises	Domestic Well Program	N/A	\$ 11,353,253	\$ 11,353,253	SADW	The funding will be utilized to develop and implement a Regional Private Domestic Water Well Abandonment, Repair, Replacement & Connection Program to assist disadvantaged households in Self-Help Enterprises' Service Area. The project will provide grant relief for domestic well abandonment, repair, or replacement to assist disadvantaged households and state small water systems in SHE's Service Area, and to connect households to Public Water Systems when and where possible.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	N	Not Executed. Est. 9/01/2021	Harish Bagha	Marliez Diaz 8445 W. Elowin Court P.O. Box 6520 Visalia, CA 93290 559-802-1275 Marliezd@selfhelpenterprises.org
Tanks & Hauling Program	Self-Help Enterprises	Hauled Water	D2018001	\$ 2,375,000	\$ 2,375,000	AB 74 Provision 2.6	This funding is for the purpose of implementing a program to purchase and deliver temporary water storage tanks and hauled potable drinking water to households that have lost their water supply because of a dry well, located in the following counties, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties. Assistance will be provided to homes until a long-term solution is in place.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 3/23/2021 (\$3,700,000 Amendment Pending)	Mohamed Salem	Tami McVay 8445 W. Elowin Court P.O. Box 6520 Visalia, CA. 93290 559-802-1671 Office TamiM@selfhelpenterprises.org
SHE Household Private Well Assistance Program	Self-Help Enterprises	POU/POE	D1917011	\$ 1,821,500	\$ 1,749,013	SADW	This funding is for the establishing and implementing the Household Private Wells Assistance Program (Program). The Program will conduct outreach to prospective disadvantaged households within the Recipient's Service Area which includes Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa and Stanislaus counties (Service Area) that are served by private wells or state small water systems and will conduct well testing to provide interim solutions including point of entry and/or point of use (POE/POU) filtration devices to enrolled households that have water quality issues. <i>This is a continuation of the SB-108 Program.</i>	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 2/17/2021 (\$11,055,375 Amendment Pending)	Mark Magtoto	Laura Satterlee 8445 W. Elowin Court P.O. Box 6520 Visalia, CA. 93290 559-802-1771 Office lauras@selfhelpenterprises.org
Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program Round 2	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	POU/POE and Access Impairment (Fountains)	D1916401	\$ 2,579,000	\$ 2,579,000	SB862-general funds	This funding was awarded to Rural Community Assistance Corporation who will be acting as the program administrators. The purpose of this grant program is to fund local educational agencies (LEAs) serving K-12 grades located on public school property. First priority is given to schools with a drinking water impairment. Schools must be disadvantaged communities and either have an access impairment and/or drinking water quality impairment. This program is for interim solutions such as, POU, POE, lead fixture replacements, and new drinking fountains.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 10/21/2020	Ravi Jawanda	Stephanie Villegas Rural Community Assistance Corporation 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Aqua4all@rcac.org

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Drinking Water for Schools Grant Program Round 2	Self-Help Enterprises	POU/POE and Access Impairment (Fountains)	D1916402	\$ 3,856,000	\$ 3,856,000	SB862-general funds	This funding was awarded to Self-Help Enterprises who will be acting as the program administrators. The purpose of this grant program is to fund local educational agencies (LEAs) serving K-12 grades located on public school property. First priority is given to schools with a drinking water impairment. Schools must be disadvantaged communities and either have an access impairment and/or drinking water quality impairment. This program is for interim solutions such as, POU, POE, lead fixture replacements, and new drinking fountains.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 11/4/2020	Ravi Jawanda	Cecilia Vela Self-Help Enterprises 8445 W. Elowin Court P.O. Box 6520 Visalia, CA 93290 CeciliaV@selfhelpenterprises.org
California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA) Technical Assistance Agreement	California Urban Water Agencies	Technical Assistance	NA	\$ 8,040,000	\$ 8,040,000	SADW	CUWA's mission to advance reliable, high-quality water supplies includes supporting access to safe and reliable water for all Californians. CUWA is motivated to serve as a TA Provider to achieve three primary aims: 1) support State Water Board efforts to deliver safe drinking water, 2) leverage the collective technical, managerial, and financial expertise of CUWA member agencies and program staff, and 3) help to set an early trajectory for sustainable solutions to accessibility challenges, particularly for rural areas.	Statewide, but preference toward CUWA Member Agency Counties	N	Not Executed. Est. 11/30/21	Karmina Padgett	Katie Ruby California Urban Water Agencies 925-210-2256 kruby@brwncaid.com
Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Self-Help Enterprises	Technical Assistance	D1917012	\$ 20,879,134	\$ 20,879,134	SADW	This funding is to support the Human Right to Water and to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities to develop, fund, and implement their capital improvement projects. Services under this agreement including (1) Revolving Bridge loans for Interim Construction Financing, (2) Emergency funding for emergencies experienced by a water system serving a small, disadvantaged community, (3) Full project planning through TA - Acceleration of the implementation of critical drinking water solution Planning projects, (4) Application and funding administration support, (5) Technical, Managerial, and Financial capacity support.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 3/15/2021 (\$1,198,989 Amendment Pending)	Himali Rodrigo	Jessi Snyder Self-Help Enterprises 559-802-1693 jessis@selfhelpenterprises.org
Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Self-Help Enterprises	Technical Assistance	D1612802	\$ 11,292,436	\$ 3,255,234	Prop 1/SADW	Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) will undertake a comprehensive Technical Assistance program housed in SHE's Community Development (CD) program, building on this successful program which has been in continuous operation for over forty years. SHE's Community Development staff will utilize Prop 1 funding to significantly expand our support to small, rural disadvantaged communities in San Joaquin Valley counties that need assistance with developing, funding and implementing drinking water and wastewater projects.	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties	Y	Executed on 8/25/2016	Zack Farrell	Jessi Snyder Self-Help Enterprises 559-802-1693 jessis@selfhelpenterprises.org
Community Driven Water Solutions in the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast	Community Water Center	Technical Assistance	D1917006	\$ 4,232,158	\$ 4,232,158	SADW	This funding is to provide technical assistance to develop, fund, and implement capital improvement projects and community engagement in small disadvantaged communities. Services under this agreement including (1) Full project planning through TA - Acceleration of the implementation of critical drinking water solution Planning projects, (2) Application and funding administration support, (3) Community outreach and engagement, (4) Coordination of well testing and domestic well sampling.	Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Joaquin, Kings, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera, Tulare.	N	Not Executed. Est. 7/01/2021	Zack Farrell	Susana De Anda Community Water Center 559-733-0219 susana.deanda@communitywatercenter.org
Feasibility Analyses and Technical Evaluations Project	California Rural Water Association	Technical Assistance	D1917005	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,990,108	SADW	This funding is to provide technical assistance to perform feasibility analyses and technical evaluations related to consolidation, source/storage capacity, distribution, and treatment to small disadvantaged communities statewide. The Project also provides emergency operational support for water systems. <i>This is a statewide program.</i>	Statewide	Y	Executed on 9/25/2020; (\$3,352,398 Amendment Pending)	Zoe Wu	Dustin Hardwick Deputy Director California Rural Water Association Ph: (916) 553-4900 ext. 108 dhardwick@calruralwater.org
Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program Technical Assistance	University Enterprises	Technical Assistance	D1917008	\$ 10,000,000	N/A	SADW	This funding is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities (DACs) to develop, fund, and implement capital improvement projects, secure sustainable water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems; and improve the systems' technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) management. <i>This is a statewide program.</i>	Statewide	N	Not Executed. Est. 4/01/2021	David Chan	Maureen Kerner Office of Water Programs, CSUS 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819 916-945-6246 maureen.kerner@owp.csus.edu
Technical Assistance to Implement the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	Technical Assistance	D1917007	\$ 9,795,992	\$ 9,795,992	SADW	This funding is provided for the purpose of providing a Circuit Rider program to build technical, managerial, and financial capacity for underperforming water systems serving disadvantaged communities, dedicated support for regionalization and consolidation projects, and planning support that enables systems serving small DACs to submit complete construction applications for needed improvement. <i>This is a statewide program.</i>	Statewide	Y	Executed on 10/22/2020; (\$3,506,658 Amendment Pending)	Emma Blankenship	Ari Neumann Director, West Sacramento 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201 West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916) 447-9832 x 1032 aneumann@rcac.org
Comprehensive Prop. 1 Technical Assistance and Support Program	California Rural Water Association	Technical Assistance	D1612810	\$ 8,041,812	\$ 3,269,161	PROP 1 / SADW	This funding is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities (DACs). The technical assistance will help these communities develop and plan eligible drinking water and wastewater capital projects, and prepare funding applications. This is a statewide program.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 10/12/2016; amended on 12/16/2019 and 2/25/2020	Zoe Wu	Dustin Hardwick Deputy Director California Rural Water Association Ph: (916) 553-4900 ext. 108 dhardwick@calruralwater.org
Rural Infrastructure Program	Pueblo Unido CDC	Technical Assistance	D1612811	\$ 2,292,465	\$ 1,198,249	Prop 1	This funding is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities (DACs). The technical assistance will help these communities develop and plan eligible drinking water and wastewater capital projects, and prepare funding applications.	Eastern Coachella Valley	Y	Executed on 11/1/2016; amended on 7/23/2019; amendment pending for time extension only	Zoe Wu	Sergio Carranza Executive Director Pueblo Unido CDC P (760) 777-7550 ext. 102 scarranza@pucdc.org
Comprehensive Assistance to Tribal and Small Systems Project	Rural Community Assistance Corporation	Technical Assistance	D1612801	\$ 6,186,878	\$ 2,991,702	Prop 1	This funding is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities (DACs). The technical assistance will help these communities develop, fund, and implement eligible drinking water and wastewater capital improvement projects.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 8/16/2016; amended on 6/24/2019 and 3/14/2020	Emma Blankenship	Ari Neumann Director, West Sacramento aneumann@rcac.org (916) 447-9832 x 1032 3120 Freeboard Drive, Suite 201 West Sacramento, CA 95691

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Outreach, Engagement and Legal Assistance in the San Joaquin and Coachella Valleys	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Technical Assistance	D1612812	\$ 817,328	\$ 643,401	Prop 1	This funding is to provide technical assistance to small disadvantaged communities (DACs). The technical assistance will help these communities develop, fund, and implement eligible drinking water and wastewater capital improvement projects.	San Joaquin and Coachella Valleys	Y	Executed on 12/15/2016; amended on 11/23/2019 and 9/4/2020	Emma Blankenship	Kaylon Hammond CFO, Director of Operations khammond@leadershipcounsel.org (559)365-5842 2210 San Joaquin St. Fresno, CA 93721
Drinking Water and Wastewater Technical Assistance	University Enterprises	Technical Assistance	D1612806	\$ 11,500,000	\$ 7,742,435	Prop 1 / SADW	The goal of the project is to ensure small, disadvantaged communities (DACs) have sustainable water supply, treatment, storage and distribution systems; and wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems that meet state and federal standards. Long-term sustainability of the systems hinges not only on appropriate design and construction techniques, but also on robust management and operations and maintenance programs that include asset management, operator training and certification, and an appropriate rate structure.	Statewide	Y	Executed on 10/26/16 Amended on 6/24/19 Amendment for time extension Pending	David Chan	Randy Marx Office of Water Programs, CSUS 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819 916-278-5295 randy.marx@owp.csus.edu
Community Driven Water Solutions in the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast	Community Water Center	Technical Assistance	D1612803	\$ 3,039,939	\$ 2,791,437	Prop 1/SADW	The project will provide technical assistance to DAC communities for both immediate and long-term drinking water solutions in the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast. Community Water Center (CWC) will: create and provide bilingual education and engagement materials to facilitate DAC drinking water solutions; conduct education and outreach to DACs for interim and long-term solutions; provide DAC water quality testing; coordinate drought relief in target counties; and develop and facilitate a water leaders network for local water board members and staff. These activities provide TA directly to small rural DACs in securing safe, secure and sustainable drinking water solutions in the interim and long-term, including consolidation projects to address sustainability and affordability. Technical assistance will be used to implement both drinking water and wastewater projects.	Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Joaquin, Kings, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera, Tulare.	Y	Executed on 9/21/2016	Zack Farrell	Susana De Anda Community Water Center 559-733-0219 susana.deanda@communitywatercenter.org