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California County Café – Office Hours

– Specializing in Drought Resilience



Welcome and Setting Intention

Office Hours – An opportunity for an informal conversation about the issues and questions that are on your mind.

- ✓ Join the conversation – share your questions, experience and learn from other perspectives and experiences.
- ✓ Make a connection – use the chat to connect with other participants.
- ✓ County focused – While all are invited to join, this gathering will focus on supporting county staff.





Developing a Drought Resilience Plan

Any questions or reflections on your process?

DRP Implementation Questions

From County of Nevada:

1. How have other (rural) counties found **financial resources for homeowners** that are socio-economically challenged to **install storage tanks** upon their property? I know the State had a water tank program; however, Nevada County did not have any storage capacity to hold the free tanks for homeowners that wished to install them on their property.
2. What mechanisms did other Counties use to **engage local water service providers** in taking an active role in **establishing emergency drinking water site locations**?
3. What other actions for **community engagement and buy-in** did other counties utilize to garner support for any resiliency projects, education or other?

DRP Implementation Questions

From County of El Dorado:

1. I would be interested in hearing more about the **community well monitoring pilot programs** that have been conducted so far in the Sacramento region. Did any small water systems participate or only homeowners? How user-friendly was the **SGMA portal** for well owners and were they able to interpret the data?
2. Are there any other counties that have experienced a **discrepancy in the number of wells** shown on the DWR Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool and their own county records? How was it addressed?

Living Summary of Sessions & Resources: Topics Covered to Support County DRP Development

- Task Force Formation
- Risk Assessment
- Consolidation & System Partnerships
- Short-term Water Shortage Response Actions
- Triggers for Response Activation
- Technical Assistance Resources
- Well Management in Fractured Rock Areas
- Community Groundwater Monitoring

Additional content!

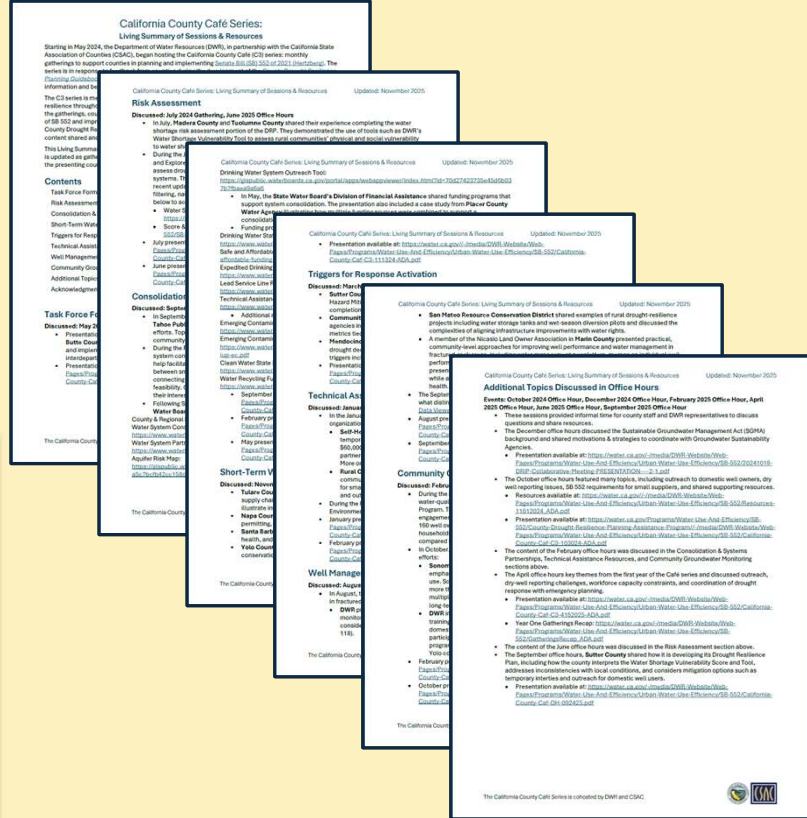
New topics!

Thank you to all the speakers throughout the C3 series!

Sierra Ryan, County of Santa Cruz
 Kyle Ericson, El Dorado Water Agency
 Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo
 Kamie Loeser, Butte County
 Jenny Nunez Rodriguez, Madera County
 Sean Hembree, Tuolumne County
 Jeremy Shepard, Placer County Water Agency
 Karen Bender, County of El Dorado
 Adrian Combes, South Tahoe PUD
 Denise England, Tulare County
 Brendan McGovern, Napa County
 Jason Johnston, Santa Barbara County
 Sabrina Snyder, Yolo County

Lee Ann Hennessy, Sutter County
 Tien Tran, Community Water Center
 Amber Fisette, Mendocino County
 Amir Mani, EKI Environment & Water
 Tami McVay, Self Help Enterprises
 Cyril Barmore, RCAC
 Jennifer Strauch, USDA
 Michelle Frederick, SWB
 Karmina Padgett, SWB
 Samantha Mak, SWB
 Martha Davis, Nicasio Land Owner Association (Marin County)
 Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo Resource Conservation District
 Mitch Buttress, Sonoma County Water Agency

Sarah Ko, DWR
 Scott Gharda, Sutter County
 Zoe Kanavas, DWR
 Michelle Dooley, DWR



https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Water-Basics/Drought/Files/Drought-Resilience-Interagency-and-Partners-Collaborative/GatheringsRecap_Updated_ADA.pdf



2026 County Café Discussions

As you are working to finalize your plan, what topics would be interesting to you to continue and learn about?

1. Continue discussion topics related to Drought Resilience Plan development
2. Explore plan implementation issues – what do you need to be successful?
3. Building local emergency response capacity
 - Invite RCAC again and hear an update on current resource opportunities and any plans for upcoming programs. (El Dorado County)
4. Coordination with GSAs, Emergency Management Services, and other local planning efforts
5. Ongoing education and outreach to residents with domestic wells and SSWS
6. Takeaways from this planning efforts
7. Deeper dive into the needs of SSWS and domestic wells to improve their resilience
8. Expanding the scope of the DRP to include planning for SWS



Thank you!

We are looking forward to reconnecting in 2026