

What is the URCTA Program?

The mission of the Underrepresented Communities, California Tribes, and Small Farmers Groundwater Technical Assistance (URCTA) Program is to support Underrepresented Communities (URCs), California Native American Tribes (Federally and Non-Federally Recognized) and small farmers within groundwater regulated basins with the assessment of water-related needs, risks, and vulnerabilities and to provide focused groundwater-related technical assistance to resolve them. SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO THE ELIGIBLE SMALL FARMER AT NO COST. THESE ARE FREE SERVICES.

LIST OF SERVICES FOR SMALL FARMERS (including but not limited to):



Needs assessments for small farmers



Support on the preparation and submittal of applications and other documents



Groundwater level monitoring, including instrumentation installation and training



Soil moisture monitoring



Aquifer testing to determine long-term yield and supply



Training



Analysis of well interference



Expert witness testimony



Analysis of existing well condition using downhole video log and pump testing



Groundwater quality testing and treatment



Facilitation of water well and/or pump construction and/or repair, including well location design and construction oversight



Groundwater impact analysis (for depletion, land subsidence, Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem [GDE] depletion, etc.)



Coordination and facilitation on Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) matters





