



North State Drinking Water Solutions Network



ENSURING ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR ALL COMMUNITIES:

Resources Available to Assist Local Communities with Water Shortages

Leaders in the Sacramento Valley are committed to advancing a comprehensive approach to expand and ensure access to safe drinking water.

With the dry years in the Sacramento Valley, the following are programs that are available to assist small communities and households with drinking water challenges.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Water Resources (DWR)

[Small Community Drought Relief Program](#)

- Eligible Agencies (Counties, Cities, Special Districts, Mutuals, Non-Profits)
- Eligible Projects (See Table 1 Guidelines)
- Applications Anytime (First come, first served—provisions for urgency applications)

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Programs

[County-Wide and Regional Funding Program](#)

Small Community Funding Program:

- [Open Application Process for Small Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- [Administrator to Assist Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- [SAFER Fund Expenditure Plan](#)

[Support for Consolidation of Entities](#)

See SB 88 (2015), AB 2501 (2018), and SB 200 (2019) to help deliver drinking water solutions to some impacted communities where consolidation makes sense. See Regionalization link below.

Community Services and Development

[Low Income Household Water Assistance Program](#)

[Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers and Rural Communities \(SB 552\)](#)

This planning process will help the state and local governments share responsibility in preparing and acting in the case of a water shortage event with the formation of a drought and water shortage task force for each county to assist with drought resiliency.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

RCAC Drinking Water Programs

 [Drinking Water for Schools](#)

 [Bottled Water for Schools](#)

 [Drinking Water Well Replacement Grant Program](#) (individual households and small water systems less than 15 connections)

 [Household Water Well and Septic System Loan/Grant Program](#)

 [Regionalization Facilitation Program](#)

North Valley Community Foundation Drought Relief Program for Glenn County

Electrical and plumbing installation of water tanks and the delivered water. Can be expanded to other interested areas.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Reclamation Domestic Water Supply Projects

Funding in new Inflation Reduction Act will be available through the Bureau of Reclamation for the next ten years (§50231).

WATER TRANSFERS

Water agencies in Northern California can transfer surface water to neighbors under California law. Transfers within the Sacramento Valley for urban and domestic uses have been prioritized in dry years and can be used in future years to ensure reliable drinking water.

COORDINATED LOCAL OUTREACH

The North State Drinking Water Solutions Network meets regularly to coordinate across the region and to provide updated information on resources available to help local communities. See the attached template for County Outreach.

For more information or assistance, or if you have additional resources available, please email Bruce Houdesheldt at bruceh@norcalwater.org.