

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CEO-Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA # B-4

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AGENDA DATE July 28, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Existence of a Local Emergency in Stanislaus County Due to a Multi-year Drought in California; Approval of the Updated Water Contingency Plan; and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Self-Help Enterprises to Administer a Temporary Water Assistance Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim the existence of a local emergency in Stanislaus County due to a multi-year drought in California and the negative impacts on Stanislaus County.
2. Approve the updated Water Contingency Plan document.
3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Self-Help Enterprises, a private non-profit, to administer a Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The financial impact of the drought and subsequent water shortage on Stanislaus County may not be fully understood for years to come. The California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), California Government Code 8680 et. seq., provides financial assistance from the State for costs incurred by local governments as a result of emergency activities undertaken in response to a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. Local government is reimbursed by a cost-share program of 75% State / 25% Local Government.

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-357

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:

Christine Ferraro  
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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**FISCAL IMPACT (CONTINUED):**

Private Non-Profits are eligible for 100% reimbursement and may apply directly to the State for reimbursement of extraordinary costs incurred while providing emergency distribution of water for drinking and/or sanitation.

There is no cost to the County associated with the approval of the Temporary Water Assistance Program since the designation of Self-Help Enterprises as the private non-profit to administer the program allows them to be reimbursed by CDAA at 100%. Self-Help Enterprises incurs all expenses and after review by Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services staff applies for reimbursement from the State directly.

**DISCUSSION:**

With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown proclaimed a drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. In the State of Emergency proclamation, Governor Brown directed State officials to assist farmers and communities that are impacted by dry conditions and to ensure the state can respond as Californians face the increasing severity of the drought's effects.

On March 27, 2015, Governor Brown approved a \$1 billion emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately to meet interim emergency drinking water needs for those communities with a contaminated water supply or that suffer drought related water outages or threatened emergency. There are State programs through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) which address essential community services and relief efforts for families experiencing drinking water shortages due to drought.

Further, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Executive Order B-29-15 due to continued severe drought conditions causing extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in California. Saving water, increased enforcement against water waste, investing in new water technologies, and streamlining government response were specifically outlined in the latest Governor's Proclamation. This Proclamation also keeps the January 17, 2014 and April 25, 2014 Proclamations in full force.

As Stanislaus County continues to suffer from the impacts of a multi-year drought, to date approximately 51 homeowners in the County unincorporated area have reported their wells as dry. Due to high demand for well drilling services, residents and business owners have experienced an average wait of six to nine months for a new or deeper well to be completed. Going without a dependable water supply for this length of time can create an extreme hardship and can potentially put the health and safety of those affected at risk.

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The Chief Executive Officer, serving as the County's Director of Emergency Services, recommends to the Board that a local state of emergency be proclaimed due to the severity of the water shortage in Stanislaus County. A proclamation will allow the County to seek State funding reimbursement, as appropriate, to provide a temporary water supply to homeowners with dry wells in the unincorporated areas while also seeking a permanent solution. The Board of Supervisors will be asked to review this emergency proclamation at least every 30 days to evaluate the need for continuing the local emergency and will proclaim the termination of the emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, subd. c.

On July 29, 2014, the Board of Supervisors directed the County Office of Emergency Services to look at contingency plans for responding to a water shortage emergency particularly within the rural area. Responsive to that directive, Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services staff developed the Water Shortage Monitoring, Resources and Response Strategy. The Strategy outlined the process for government entities, working with citizens and local agencies, to coordinate resources that may be available to assist with domestic/private wells, emergency food assistance, public water systems and community water systems.

The Strategy has been renamed the Water Contingency Plan and updated with new State programs such as Housing Rental Assistance, Water Bill Assistance and Employment Training. Appliance rebates and other assistance programs are still under development by the State. New to the Plan is *Annex A – Temporary Water Assistance Program* which outlines eligible funding through the CDAA, as well as a program outline for providing long-term and temporary water supplies as needed. Long-term solutions include activities such as connecting to a city water system or helping qualified homeowners access low-interest loans to drill a new private well, deepen an existing private well or lowering a pump in an existing well. A temporary solution included in Annex A, which has proven successful in other California counties, is the installation of a temporary storage tank with a small pump connected to pressurize household plumbing to get water back in the taps. Water is replenished with hauled water delivered to the eligible homeowner on a routine schedule. Provision of emergency water supplies for drinking and sanitation, such as providing portable toilets and/or showers or laundry services, is also covered under the CDAA as a reimbursable expense. Adoption of the updated Water Contingency Plan including Annex A – Temporary Water Assistance Program - includes the process Stanislaus County would employ in order to address water emergencies impacting eligible Stanislaus County residents.

Under the CDAA, the State allows certain eligible private nonprofits (PNP) or an intermediary PNP applicant to receive State assistance for extraordinary costs incurred while providing assistance at the request of local agencies during a State disaster event. Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services staff has identified and is

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requesting approval to enlist the assistance of Self-Help Enterprises, an eligible nonprofit housing and community development organization, to administer the Temporary Water Assistance Program.

Self-Help Enterprises (“SHE”) is a nationally recognized community development organization whose mission is to work together with low-income families to build and sustain healthy homes and communities. Their service area is comprised of eight counties – Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare County – in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. Due to the current drought situation they have overseen the installation of over 150 tanks in Tulare County alone and are working with the other seven counties in their service area to provide long-term and/or temporary solutions as the need arises. A Memorandum of Understanding between Stanislaus County and Self-Help Enterprises, identifies SHE as the entity authorized and tasked to administer the Temporary Water Assistance Program for Stanislaus County as required by the State. Full 100% reimbursement is available to SHE through the CDAA. Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services and the Chief Executive Office will work closely with Self-Help Enterprises to manage the program.

**POLICY ISSUES:**

The recommended actions support the Board’s priorities of A Safe Community and A Healthy Community by delivering emergency services, specifically drinking and sanitation water, in a cost effective manner.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

The department has existing staff to perform the work necessary to achieve this emergency proclamation. In certain cases, this may include additional overtime work. The Temporary Water Assistance program will be administered by Self Help Enterprises with County administrative oversight.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proclamation
2. Water Contingency Plan
3. MOU with Self-help Enterprises

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Date: July 28, 2015

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On motion of Supervisor O'Brien Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:** Item # B-4

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A  
LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO  
DROUGHT CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local drought emergency when Stanislaus County is threatened or likely to be threatened by the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8558(c) states that a "local emergency" means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County caused by such conditions as drought; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture designated 27 California counties, including Stanislaus County as natural disaster areas due to drought which makes farm operators in the designated counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance including emergency loans from the U.S. Farm Service Agency for production losses; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the California State Resources Control Board notified all water rights holders in California that, in the coming months, if dry weather conditions persist, the State Water Board will notify water right holders in critically dry watersheds of the requirement to limit or stop diversions of water under their water right, based upon the priority of their right; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in the State of California due to continuing drought conditions in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation acknowledged that the State of California is experiencing record dry conditions that have persisted since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation also noted that the snow pack in California's mountains is alarmingly below the normal average levels; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation called upon all Californians to reduce their water usage by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proclamation called upon local water suppliers and municipalities to implement water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to avoid or forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary later in the drought season; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2014, the Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 authorizing the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to provide California Disaster Assistance Act funding, as deemed appropriate, for local government assistance to provide emergency water supplies to households without water for drinking and sanitation purposes; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2015, the Governor signed emergency legislation AB 91 and AB 92 that fast-tracks more than \$1 Billion in funding for drought relief and critical water infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-29-15 authorizing that EO B-26-14 and B-28-14 to remain in full force and effect and in addition impose restrictions to achieve a statewide 25 percent reduction in potable urban water usage, impose restrictions to require that commercial, industrial, and institutional properties immediately implement water efficiency measures, prohibit irrigation with potable water or ornamental turf on public street medians, prohibit irrigation outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or micro-spray systems; and

WHEREAS, many residential water wells within the County have been impacted by reduced groundwater levels due to the drought conditions, which has caused extreme hardship and has forced residents to incur high costs to deepen or replace such wells; and,

WHEREAS, local reservoir levels are reduced significantly with Don Pedro at 36 percent of capacity (46 percent of average), Exchequer at 11 percent of capacity (17 percent of average) and New Melones at 16 percent of capacity (25 percent of average); and

WHEREAS, irrigation water deliveries have been severely curtailed within the County with the Central Valley Project having a 100 percent reduction, and both Modesto Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District reducing deliveries nearly 60 percent; and

WHEREAS, persistent drought conditions have a substantial economic impact to the welfare of the County's citizens, and resultant financial strain on local public resources and funds; and

WHEREAS, conditions of drought exacerbate already perilous fire conditions threatening towns and communities in Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS, local resources are or are likely to be inadequate to cope with the effects of this drought; and the combined forces of other political subdivisions of the State are required to assist the County to combat the effects of the drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:

1. That for reasons set forth herein, a local drought emergency now exists throughout Stanislaus County; and

2. That federal and state agencies are requested to provide financial and other assistance to residents, water suppliers, water rights holders, ranchers, farmers, business owners and local governments in Stanislaus County to help them mitigate the persistent drought conditions; and

3. That Stanislaus County's water users heed the Governor's request to reduce water usage by 20 percent.

4. That water suppliers and municipalities in Stanislaus County heed the Governor's request to implement water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to avoid or forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary later in the drought season.

5. That all county water associates, power companies, other involved agencies, utilities, and individuals do whatever they can to equitably allocate the available water to mitigate to the extent possible the hardships resulting from the lack of water during this extended drought period of recovery.

6. That during the existence of this local drought emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions existing and passed in conjunction with this emergency, and that this emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, proclaims its termination. Further, it is directed that this emergency proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Governor of the State of California.

7. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus hereby authorizes the undertaking of all extraordinary police and planning powers in response to this local drought emergency including but not limited to the ability to modify, amend, or issue planning codes, building or safety codes, environmental health codes, and such other codes, orders, and regulations as determined necessary for the duration of the emergency.

8. That public employees, officers, and governing bodies within the County are hereby granted full immunity to the extent allowed by law for actions undertaken in compliance with this proclamation.

9. That during the existence of this local drought emergency, the Stanislaus County Director of Emergency Services may request the Board of Supervisors to amend this proclamation of a local drought emergency and, if this Board is not in session to amend this proclamation as necessary and, if this proclamation is amended by the Director of Emergency Services, the Board shall take action to ratify the amendment within seven days thereafter or the amendment shall have no further force or effect.

10. That, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, subd. (c), this Board of Supervisors will review the need for continuing the local drought emergency at least once every 30 days until this Board terminates the local drought emergency.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,  
State of California

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# STANISLAUS COUNTY WATER CONTINGENCY PLAN

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## **Background and Introduction**

With California facing water shortfalls in the driest year in recorded state history, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. proclaimed a State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for these drought conditions.

In the State of Emergency declaration, Governor Brown directed state officials to assist farmers and communities that are economically impacted by dry conditions and to ensure the state can respond if Californians face drinking water shortages. The Governor also directed State agencies to use less water, hire more firefighters, and initiated a greatly expanded water conservation public awareness campaign.

Governor Brown gave direction to create a State Drought Task Force and ordered State Agencies, led by the Department of Water Resources, to execute a statewide water conservation campaign to make all Californians aware of the drought and encourage personal actions to reduce water usage. He requested that citizens voluntarily reduce water consumption by 20%.

The Governor also called upon Local urban water suppliers and municipalities to implement their local water shortage contingency plans immediately in order to avoid or forestall outright restrictions that could become necessary late in the drought season.

This proclamation sets in motion the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) created through Senate Bill 1871 which was written by Senator Petris following the 1991 Oakland Hills Fire. This allows any requests that exceed resource or operational area capabilities to be forwarded to the Region and the State. The proclamation also provides the Governor with powers authorized by the Emergency Services Act and authorizes the OES Director to provide financial relief for emergency actions and restoration of public facilities and infrastructure. This is a prerequisite when requesting a federal declaration of a major disaster or emergency.

On September 19, 2014, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-26-14 to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.

An additional Executive Order, B-29-15, was issued by the Governor on April 1, 2015 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient. For the first time in history, the Governor

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directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement a mandatory 25% water reduction. The Governor signed emergency legislation which provides more than \$1 billion in funding for drought relief and critical water infrastructure projects.

## **Current Status**

As California enters the fourth consecutive summer of drought, California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) continues to monitor and identify communities and local water systems in danger of running out of water. A total of 58 local Emergency Proclamations have been received from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts. Approximately 1,952 wells statewide have been identified as critical or dry, which affects an estimated 9,760 residents. As of June 25, Cal OES has reported that 1,822 of the 1,952 dry wells are concentrated in the inland regions within the Central Valley.

The California State Operations Center (SOC) and the Inland, Coastal and Southern Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.

California's Water Conservation Education Program Campaign, Save Our Water, launched a public education campaign urging Californians to make even more cuts in water use. Save Our Water's campaign asks Californians to "Let It Go" by limiting outdoor water use and letting lawns fade to gold for the summer. The campaign also stresses the importance of preserving water resources for trees and other important landscapes.

All State agencies with a role in supporting drought mitigation and relief efforts are organized under the Incident Command System and will continue to provide emergency planning, response, and mitigation as long as needs exist.

## **Personal Preparedness**

When faced with a potential water shortage or any other type of disaster, it is important that individuals maintain 72 hours of basic safety supplies, food and water. According to Ready.gov individuals should store at least one gallon of water per person for three days. A normally active person needs about three quarters of a gallon of fluid daily. For more information on personal preparedness information is available at <http://www.ready.gov/> and <https://www.redcross.org/>.

## **Stanislaus County Resources**

As Stanislaus County continues to suffer from the impacts of a multi-year drought, some homeowners in unincorporated areas have seen their wells go dry. Due to high demand for well drilling services, residents and business owners have experienced an average wait of six to eighteen months for a new or deeper well to be completed. Going without a dependable water supply for this length of time can create an extreme hardship and can potentially put the health and safety of those affected at risk.

Local governments and water suppliers are responsible for managing their water system to ensure an adequate and safe water supply. Stanislaus County is taking action to respond to the water needs of its citizens.

On February 18, 2014, Stanislaus County hosted the first meeting of the Stanislaus County Drought Task Force. Members of the Task Force include Stanislaus County, the nine cities within the County, Oakdale, Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Public Health, Community Services Agency, Department of Environmental Resources, Agriculture Commissioner, County Counsel, Chief Executive Office and the Department of Aging and Veteran Services. Additional members include the USDA Farm Service, UC Cooperative Extension, State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Water Resources, Cal OES, American Red Cross and the United Way. The purpose, goals and priorities of the Drought Task Force are to monitor the current and potential impacts of the drought as well as record impact and responses related to water issues and report back to the State. The Drought Task Force meets regularly to update partner agencies on response and action taken.

The Stanislaus County Drought Task Force also serves as a reporting mechanism of current status and information for the cities, county departments and water districts within the County. Information shared at the task force meetings is used to provide a situation update to the California Office of Emergency Services. All nine cities within the County have initiated water conservation programs. Landscape watering days have been reduced and drought tolerant landscaping is being encouraged. Several cities are using technology to identify water usage issues, such as leaks and running toilets. Most cities have hired or identified existing staff to act as enforcement officers. Fees can be imposed if customers do not comply with the city's program. Rebates for water-saving devices such as low-flow toilets, washing machines and dishwashers, and a rebate program for removing turf and replacing it with drought-resistant landscaping are offered and vary by city.



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Water Districts throughout the County are also encouraging conservation of water. Billboards and websites are being used to send the message to conserve water.

On July 29, 2014, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors directed the County Office of Emergency Services to look at contingency plans for responding to a rural neighborhood that has gone dry. The initial Water Shortage Monitoring, Resource and Response Strategy, dated September 2014, was developed in response to this request. The Strategy was renamed the Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan and has been updated (July 2015) to reflect new state and local programs.

The Department of Environmental Resources (DER) has established a reporting system and is tracking when private domestic wells have run out of water. On August 26, 2014 the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved a pilot loan program to assist domestic/residential well owners that are experiencing “dry well” conditions.

### **Domestic / Private Wells**

Stanislaus County is tracking reports of privately owned dry wells. The Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) has a link to a form that collects well problem information from local citizens. Local drilling companies are also sources for information through DER as residents apply for well permits.

The “Report a Well Problem” Form can be found at: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/well-problem.shtm>

The Board of Supervisors created a Stanislaus County Emergency Loan Program which may be available to local residents. The Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources has links to low interest loans for citizens at: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/well-problem.shtm>.

Annex A of this Water Contingency Plan outlines the *Temporary Water Assistance Program* which would be activated when a domestic well is dry and residents are in dire need of immediate temporary water assistance. Homeowners are encouraged to secure a permanent water solution recognizing assistance is temporary.

Federal government programs available to domestic well owners include:

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/>

- 1) Section 502: Rural Housing Direct Loan Program

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2) Section 504: Rural Development, Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loan and Grant Program

Basic eligibility: <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

Agency: California Department of Housing and Community Development

Website: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/>

1) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Funds-

Whether the residence is in an incorporated city or an unincorporated area, they should contact their city or county housing department (respectively) and ask about the availability of “CDBG housing rehabilitation” funding.

2) CalHome-

CalHome offers many programs to assist with Drought related rental subsidies.

### **Community Water System**

Per the California Safe Drinking Water Act, a Community Water System means a public water system that serves at least 15 service connections used by yearlong residents or regularly serves at least 25 yearlong residents of the area served by the system. Small Community Water Systems with less than 200 service connections are monitored by local government. In a continued effort to closely monitor water systems potentially affected by drought, the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) continues to monitor Small Community Water Systems within Stanislaus County.

The Small Community Water Systems report any water shortage issues directly to DER. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Drinking Water Program may have resources to assist Community Water Systems which may run out of water within the next 60 to 120 days or sooner. It is important that the Small Community Water System officials coordinate with DER and the State Water Resources Control Board immediately if there are concerns about running out of water within 120 days. Programs for Community Water Systems and additional information may be found on the Drinking Water Program website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml)

### **Public Water Systems**

The California Safe Drinking Water Act defines Public Water Systems as a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25

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individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Drinking Water Program delegates to Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Services (DER) all authority granted to it under the California Safe Drinking Water Act for regulation of water systems with less than 200 service connections. In addition, the California Safe Drinking Water Act directs DER to oversee non-public water systems with 5 or more service connections.

The State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Program is identifying drinking water systems that may be vulnerable to acute drinking water shortages due to drought. DER reports to SWRCB drought status for over 200 water systems currently under its jurisdiction. The SWRCB monitors and evaluates drinking water systems to determine which drinking water systems may soon be at-risk. Emergency drinking water grants are available and other funding is available from this program. More drought specific information is available on the Drinking Water Program website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml)

### **Food Aid Distribution**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provides boxes of food to counties, including Stanislaus, in which the unemployment rate is higher than the 2013 baseline statewide average and which have a higher share of agricultural workers than the state as a whole. The Salvation Army Modesto Citadel is handling the Drought Food Assistance Program for Stanislaus County. Information can be found by calling Salvation Army at (209) 522-3209 or at <http://www.salvationarmymodesto.org/>

### **Housing Rental Assistance**

The non-profit group La Cooperativa (located in Sacramento) continues to distribute state-funded emergency housing rental assistance to families and individuals across counties most impacted by the drought through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Contact La Cooperative at: (916) 388-2225.

Additional funding may soon be available for a relocation program for renters who experience a dry well. More information will be forthcoming from Cal OES on this program.

### **Water Bill Assistance**

The Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) may provide residential water financial assistance benefits and water conservation education to drought-impacted, low-income households. CVOC partners with local water providers to enhance the effectiveness of outreach and coordinate payment of current, past due and/or disconnected water utility

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bills. Eligible households will be asked to self-certify they have been impacted by the drought, such as a job loss or reduced hours. CVOC can be reached at (209) 577-3210 or at <http://www.cvoc.org/>

**Employment Training**

The Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) is also involved in the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) drought assistance program, which provides employment training and placement services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers suffering job loss or reduced employment due to the drought. CVOC can be reached at (209) 577-3210 or at <http://www.cvoc.org/>

**New State Programs**

The State continues to roll out new programs for those most impacted by the drought. Soon to be released is the Drought Housing Relocation Program which is being developed to allow those tenants and homeowners that meet program guideline eligibility requirements the ability to relocate and receive rental assistance for 12 months. Water efficient appliance rebates and turf replacement rebates will also be available by Fall 2015. Appendix A is a listing of the newest State programs for residents, farmers, ranchers and business owners.

**State Contracts**

The State Department of General Services has worked with vendors to develop a state water contract for bottled water, bulk water delivery and sanitation facilities. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services has also provided the Emergency Drinking Water Procurement and Distribution Planning Guidance. This information is being shared with Stanislaus County General Services Agency for their review. By reviewing this information Purchasing will be aware of practices already in place by the State of California and how we may partner with those programs during an emergency.

The State Department of General Services issued a non-mandatory contract for bottled drinking water. The contract is available to every public entity in the State, including State, county, city, county-city, district, or other local government units. Ordering entities are responsible for initiating the purchase order and payment to the contractor. A variety of bottle sizes are currently available (between 16.9 oz. and 1 gallon). There is currently one vendor at this time (ABC Ventures LLC). Prices start at \$270.40 a pallet. An abbreviated User Guide is now available. Pricing depends on lead time and delivery quantity. Orders should be placed via email to [water@abcvllc.com](mailto:water@abcvllc.com). The local agency

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that needs the water will contract for the water as specified in the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). Funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to provide bottled drinking water to residents within Stanislaus County needing assistance may be available.

The state procurement division awarded the bulk water contract. There are currently two (2) approved water haulers for the bulk water contract located in Stanislaus County. The following link provides a list of all approved water haulers, a user guide, contact information, and a supplier list for Operational Areas.

The bulk water contract information can be found at:

<https://www.bidsync.com/DPX?ac=agencycontview&contid=110023>.

- Many of the State's bulk water contractors also handle showers, sinks, laundry facilities, etc., as well as black and gray water trucks. Several companies service Stanislaus County

## **Stanislaus County Emergency Response**

Responsibility for emergency response is based on statutory authority. The emergency response is coordinated under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) within the State of California. SEMS provides a flexible, adaptable and expandable response organization to address all-hazards of varying magnitude and complexity.

The Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) complies with SEMS and is approved by the Board of Supervisors as the guidance for responding to disasters and emergencies within Stanislaus County. The EOP addresses the entire spectrum of contingencies ranging from relatively minor incidents to large-scale disasters. A drought emergency response will be consistent with the EOP and the processes Stanislaus County has established for responding to emergencies. This document provides more specific guidance for a water shortage incident but does not supersede the Emergency Operations Plan in any manner.

### **Threat Assessment Group (TAG)**

When initial information of an incident reaches a County Department such as the Sheriff, Ag Commissioner, Department of Environmental Resources (DER), or Public Health, the Office of Emergency Services will facilitate a Threat Assessment Group (TAG) to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the information from a threat perspective. The standing members of the TAG are the Director of Emergency Services (Chief Executive Officer), Assistant Director of Emergency Services and department providing primary expert knowledge of the incident.

Three possible outcomes of the threat assessment may generally occur:

- 1) Dismissal of the incident,
- 2) Agreement to continue gathering information or revisiting the issue at a later time and date, or
- 3) Activation of the Stanislaus Multi-Agency Coordination Group (StanMAC) for further evaluation and action.

In January 2014, after Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the drought, the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services and the Assistant Director of Emergency Services convened an informal TAG to assess the effects of the drought on Stanislaus County and to initiate the formation of the Stanislaus County

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Drought Task Force. It was agreed at this time to continue to gather information and possible resources to address the drought situation.

**Stanislaus Multi-Agency Coordination System (StanMAC)**

If and when the TAG determines that the StanMAC should be activated, all threat assessment responsibilities will be transferred to the MAC. The StanMAC will consist of standing members of the Chief Executive Officer or his designee and the Assistant Director of Emergency Services. Other departments that may be included are those with knowledge specific to the incident at hand. For a drought or water shortage those departments requested to participate in a StanMAC may include the Ag Commissioner, Department of Environmental Resources (DER), Public Health, County Counsel, Animal Services and Community Services Agency (CSA).

The StanMAC will determine whether the reported threat warrants the initiation of any field response activation and whether an activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is recommended. For the current Drought incident, the StanMAC may consider:

- Role of local government in drought or water shortage response
- Agency having authority for incident response
- Is there a condition of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property
- Is a local proclamation of emergency warranted
  - Are out-of-county resources necessary for response to the incident?
  - Is the situation beyond response the capabilities of the Operational Area?
  - Has a water district or city within the Operational Area Proclaimed a state of local emergency.

If the decision is made to activate a field or EOC response the StanMAC will provide the Incident Commander or EOC Director with the following:

- Overarching objectives and policy direction
- Spending authority for incident
- Allocation of resources for response including staffing

**Coordinated Response**

Once the StanMAC has determined the need for field or EOC activation to respond to and mitigate the water shortage incident, the EOC will develop incident / emergency response objectives and operational priorities. Objectives for a drought or water shortage incident may include:

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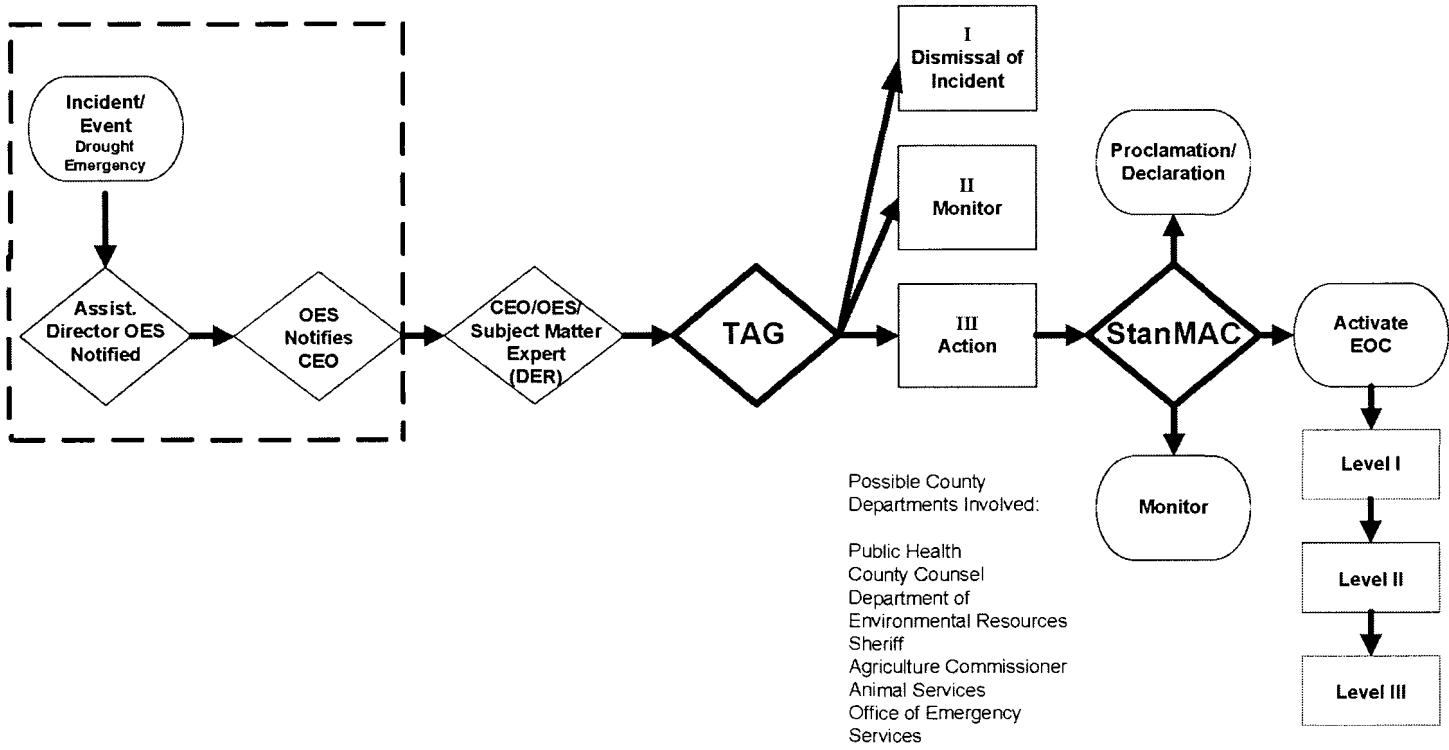
- Identification and coordination of critical resources
- Provide potable water for human consumption
- Provide non-potable water to sustain safe and healthy living conditions
- Identify procurement process for drinking water, sanitation equipment and resources.
- Develop long term situational analysis and determine future needs if the situation continues past 72 hours, one week or a month.
- Deployment of Point of Distribution(s) in affected area(s) to include location, staffing and traffic plans.
- Track all incident and economic impacts.
- Investigate programs for recovery available through State and Federal Resources.

Within the EOP, Stanislaus County departments and agencies have specified roles and responsibilities within the emergency response structure. The incident command structure is defined by the SEMS and based upon the Incident Command System. The functional positions include Management (Command), Operations, Planning/Intelligence, Logistics and Finance/Administration. County staff will be assigned positions within the incident command structure and fill positions based on department responsibilities, staff qualifications and need.



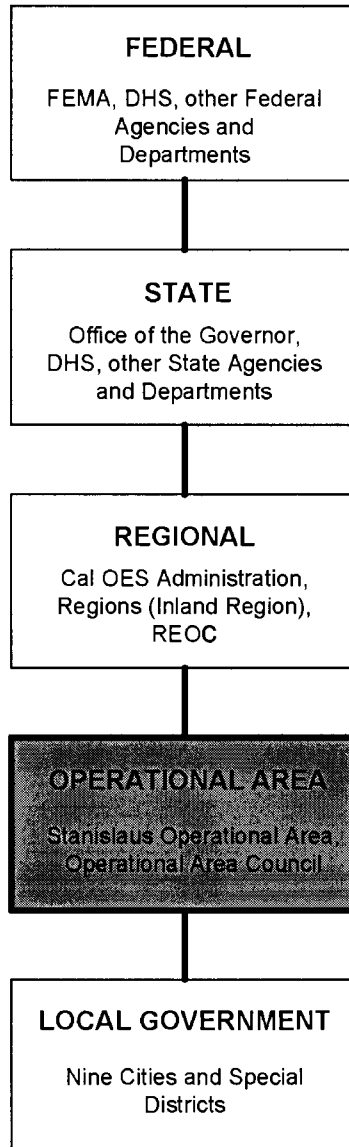
# Stanislaus County Multi-Agency Coordination StanMAC

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**SEMS Organization Levels**

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**Exhibit A - Website Links**

Personal preparedness: <http://www.ready.gov/> and <https://www.redcross.org/>

Stanislaus County Report a Well Problem: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/well-problem.shtm>

Stanislaus County Emergency Domestic Water Well Financial Assistance Pilot Program Application: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/pdf/groundwater/loan-application.pdf>

**DROUGHT RELATED WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Drought.CA.Gov: California's Drought Information Clearinghouse**

State's Water Conservation Campaign, <http://www.saveourh2o.org/>; [Save our Water](#)

Local Government, <http://www.opr.ca.gov/sdroughtinfo.php>; [Drought Clearinghouse and Toolkit](#)

California Department of Food and Agriculture, <http://www.cdffa.gov/drought/>;  
[Drought information](#)

California Department of Water Resources, <http://www.water.ca.gov/>; [Current Water Conditions](#)

California Data Exchange Center, <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/reports/droughtsum>; [Snow Pack/Water Levels](#)

California State Water Resources Control Board, Water Rights, <http://www/swrcb.ca.gov/>; [Drought Info and Actions](#)

California Natural Resources Agency, <http://resources.ca.gov/>; [Drought Info and Actions](#)

State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water, <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinkingwater/>; [SWRCB Drinking Water Program](#)

California State Water Project, <http://www.water.ca.gov/>; [Information](#)

[U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for Current Conditions throughout the Region;  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

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U.S. Drought Portal, National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS);  
<http://www.drought.gov>

National Weather Service Climate Predictor Center; <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

USDA Drought Designations by County CA County Designations; <http://usda.gov>

USDA Disaster and Drought Assistance Information USDA Programs;  
<http://usda.gov>

U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Office:  
[www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster); <http://sba.gov/disaster>

## **Exhibit B – State Drought Assistance Programs**



**If you have been affected by the ongoing Drought, here is some information that may be helpful. *This publication is distributed by: California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov)***

### **EMERGENCY NEEDS REFERRAL**

**The American Red Cross (Red Cross):** Red Cross provides emergency food, clothing, shelter, and disaster mental health and disaster health assistance to individuals and families affected by emergencies and disasters. Contact the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767).

**The Salvation Army:** The Salvation Army provides a variety of disaster and emergency services including help with food, hydration, emergency energy assistance, clothing and personal needs, emotional and spiritual care. For more information call 1-800-SALARMY (725-2769) or visit the website at: <http://www.salvationarmy.usawest.org/usw20/home>

### **FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**California's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP):** The EFAP provides eligible low-income individuals and families in California with a supplemental 3-5 day supply of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food each month. To locate the EFAP food bank serving your local area call 1-800-283-9000, or visit the website at: [www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG55.htm](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG55.htm)

**California's Drought Food Assistance Program (DFAP):** The DFAP is a temporary food assistance program developed in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Declaration in January 2014. The DFAP provides food boxes to food banks in specified counties that suffer high levels of unemployment from the drought. To find out which counties are eligible for DFAP food, visit the website at: [http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/pdf/PressRelease/DFAP\\_FactSheet.pdf](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/entres/pdf/PressRelease/DFAP_FactSheet.pdf)

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**CalFresh:** If you have been affected by the drought and are in need of food assistance due to a loss of income, you can apply for benefits through the CalFresh Program. To find out how to apply for benefits in your county, please call the toll free number 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD) or apply online at: [www.benefitscal.org/](http://www.benefitscal.org/). For more information on CalFresh, visit the website at: [www.calfresh.ca.gov](http://www.calfresh.ca.gov)

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program:** WIC program helps low-to-moderate-income pregnant women and new mothers to make healthy food choices for themselves and their children up to age 5. WIC provides nutrition and health information, special checks to buy nutritious foods, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care and community services. For more information, visit the website at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Pages/default.aspx> and click on "Find a Local WIC Agency" under Program Information.

**The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP):** The SFMNP provides low-income seniors with coupon books used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey at Certified Farmers' Markets (CFM). The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) partners with California's AAA to distribute the coupon books. For more information contact 916-657-3231, e-mail [grants@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:grants@cdfa.ca.gov), or visit the website at: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/SFMNP](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/SFMNP)

## **UTILITY ASSISTANCE/SAVINGS PROGRAMS**

**Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** The California Department of Community Services and Development LIHEAP provides financial assistance to low-income households to manage and meet immediate home heating and/or cooling needs and provides services to improve a household's energy efficiency helping to reduce energy usage and costs. For additional information on eligibility, program requirements, and where to apply, visit the CSD website at: <http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx>, or contact CSD's Utility Assistance Call Center at 1-866-675-6623.

**Drought Water Assistance Program (DWAP):** CSD created the DWAP to assist drought impacted, low-income households with their residential water utility bill to prevent disruption in vital water services and to promote water conservation through education. The one-time program, funded by the federal CSBG, is directed to low-income households in 10 drought-impacted counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Tulare. More information is available at: <http://www.csd.ca.gov/Newsroom/NewsReleases/June4,2014.aspx>

**California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program:** Low-income customers can enroll in the CARE program to receive a 30-35 percent discount on electric and natural gas bills. Enroll through your utility company. For more information, visit the website at: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/care.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/care.htm). Families whose household income slightly exceeds the CARE income requirements may qualify to receive Family Electric Rate Assistance Program (FERA) discounts. For more information, visit the website at: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/fera.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+income/fera.htm)

**California LifeLine Program:** The California LifeLine Program provides discounted home phone and cell phone services to qualified households with incomes at or below 150 percent of the poverty level. The California LifeLine discounts help consumers lower the cost of their phone bills. Only one discount per household is allowed. Call a participating phone company and ask for the California LifeLine discounts to start the application process. Visit the website at: [www.californialifeline.com](http://www.californialifeline.com) or call 866-272-0357 for more information.

**Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESAP):** The ESAP provides no cost weatherization services to eligible low-income households. Services provided include low-flow showerheads, water heater blankets, and weatherstripping. For more information, visit the website at: [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+Income/liee.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Low+Income/liee.htm)

## **HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**Crisis Counseling:** Short-term counseling may be available for emotional or mental health problems caused by the economic impacts of the drought. For more information, contact your county mental health department. For a listing of these county departments, visit the website at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/mh/Documents/CMHDA.pdf>

**Medi-Cal Health Coverage:** Medi-Cal is a public health insurance program that provides Californians with access to affordable, high-quality health care, including medical, dental, mental health, substance use treatment services and long-term care. Medi-Cal covers low-income individuals, including families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, foster care, pregnant women, and low-income people with specific diseases, such as tuberculosis, breast cancer, or HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact your county social/human services department. For a listing of these county departments, visit the website at: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>

## **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND BENEFITS**

**Unemployment Insurance:** Workers who have lost their jobs due to water shortages and drought conditions in California may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits. UI benefits are provided to workers who are fully or partially unemployed due to no fault of their own, have a legal right to work in the U.S., and are ready, willing, and able to accept work for which they are qualified.

The quickest and easiest way to apply for UI benefits is online. Visit Employment Development Department's (EDD) website at: [www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment](http://www.edd.ca.gov/unemployment). Then click on "File or Reopen a UI Claim." UI claims can also be filed by telephone at 1-800-300-5616. (For Cantonese, call 1-800-547-3506; For Mandarin, call 1-866-303-0706; For Spanish, call 1-800-326-8937; For Vietnamese, call 1-800-547-2058; For TTY, call 1-800-815-9387)

**Job Services:** Job seekers and employers will find a wide variety of employment services offered by EDD and local partners at America's Job Center of California Offices throughout the state. Using these job search and training services, job seekers with a legal right to work in the U.S. can connect with thousands of available jobs through the automated system CalJOBS. For more information, visit the EDD website at: [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)

## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

**CalWORKs:** CalWORKs provides cash aid to eligible needy California families to help pay for housing, food, and other necessary expenses. For information, contact your local county welfare/social services department. To find your local office visit the website at: <http://www.cwda.org/links/chsa.php> or for more information on this program, visit the cash aid website at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/PG54.htm>

**The California Department of Community Services & Development (CSD):** CSD provides funding to local community organizations for community services and energy assistance programs to help low-income Californians including assistance with clothing, motel vouchers, blankets, shelters, home energy bill assistance and emergency food. For more information visit the website at: [www.csd.ca.gov](http://www.csd.ca.gov)

**Community Services Programs:** As part of a federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) award, CSD provides funding to local community organizations, which provide assistance to low-income Californians and farmworkers. Services may include employment services, better use of available income, housing and rental assistance,



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and food/nutritional services. For additional information on services offered in your area, eligibility, program requirements, and where to apply, visit the website at: <http://www.csd.ca.gov/Services/FindServicesinYourArea.aspx>

**Migrant Child Care and Development:** Migrant child care and development programs serve the children of agricultural workers while their parents are at work. The centers are open for varying lengths of time during the year, depending largely on the harvest activities in the area. In addition to these center-based programs, the Migrant Alternative Payment Network Program allows eligibility and funding for services that follow migrant families as they move from place to place to find work in the Central Valley. For additional information regarding migrant child care and development programs, families may contact their local Resource and Referral Agency. For more information, visit the website at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re?rragencylist.asp>

**Migrant Education Program (MEP):** MEP provides supplementary education and support services to eligible migrant children and youth, ages 3-21, to help mitigate the educational disruption that results from repeated moves in order to meet the state's academic content standards and graduate from high school. For more information, call 916-319-0851 or visit the website at: [www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me/mt/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me/mt/)

**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA):** For information on drought resources for farmers, ranchers, and farmworkers, visit CDFA's website at: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/)

**Services for Seniors:** The California Department of Aging contracts with and provides leadership and direction to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) that coordinate a wide array of services to seniors and adults with disabilities. You can locate an AAA in your area by calling 1-800-510-2020 or visit the website at: [http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/AAA/AAA\\_Listing.asp](http://www.aging.ca.gov/ProgramsProviders/AAA/AAA_Listing.asp)

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development:** The following USDA RD Programs are available to help homeowners impacted by drought including drilling a well, purchasing well pump equipment, and covering costs to connect to a community water system. Homes must be located in rural areas and towns of up to 25,000 in population.

**Rural Repair & Rehabilitation Loan and Grant (Section 504) Program:** USDA provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners living in an eligible rural area make repairs to their homes. Grants up to \$7,500 are limited to individuals age 62

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or older. Loans up to \$20,000 include: 1 percent interest rate, up to 20 years for repayment, and have no age restrictions.

**Rural Housing Direct Loan (Section 502) Program:** USDA provides repair loans to eligible low-income individuals to make repairs to their homes. Applications are accepted year-round and applicants must meet repayment requirements.

For additional information on RD programs and contact information, visit the website at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/CA-DroughtAssistance.pdf>

**Department of Water Resources (DWR):** DWR has Drought Emergency response funding available for local assistance for emergency drinking water support for small communities, including addressing private well shortages. Please contact Mark Bradley at 916-651-7003. For information on additional DWR programs, visit the website at <http://www.water.ca.gov/funding>.

**California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB):** SWRCB has grants available for drought-related drinking water emergencies and threatened emergencies. For more information visit the website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loan\\_s/caa/dw\\_droughtfund/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loan_s/caa/dw_droughtfund/) or call 916-319-9066. For general regulatory questions regarding public water systems, contact the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water District Office. To locate a District Office and contact information, visit the website at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/document\\_s/ddwem/DDW/districtofficesmap.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/document_s/ddwem/DDW/districtofficesmap.pdf). Public water systems with an emergency should contact the Division of Drinking Water personnel listed on their current Water Quality Emergency Notification Plan.

## **INFORMATION FOR FARMERS, RANCHERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES**

**The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz):** GO-Biz is California's lead office for economic development, job creation and offers a range of services to business owners. Those services include attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, informational briefings, and much more. Businesses interested in water technology or in drought related business assistance can contact GO-Biz at: [www.business.ca.gov](http://www.business.ca.gov) or by calling 916-322-0694.

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**California Department of Food and Agriculture, SWEEP Program:** The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program provides grant funding for California agricultural operations to invest in water irrigation and distribution systems that save water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For more information about this program visit the website at: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/EnvironmentalStewardship/WEEP.html>

**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA):** Emergency Loan (EM) are made available in areas designated a disaster by the Secretary of Agriculture to help producers recover from production and physical losses. Contact the FSA office listed in your local telephone directory, or visit FSA's website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/ca](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ca)

Disaster Programs available to assist farmers and ranchers include: **the Livestock Forage Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP)**. Interested famers may contact their local USDA Service Center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>

**USDA, Rural Development (RD), Rural Energy for America Program (REAP):** USDA provides grants and loan guarantees to help rural businesses, farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements such as, replacing inefficient water pumps and replacing generators with solar systems used for agriculture irrigation pumps. For additional information on RD programs and contact information, visit the website at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/SupportDocuments/CA-DroughtAssistance.pdf>

**USDA, National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):** EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance in planning and implementing conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, etc. Additional program information can be found on the NRCS website at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>. Applicants can contact their local Service Center or NRCS Office by visiting the website at: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ca&agency=fsa>

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Additional information regarding Conservation Assistance to California Farmers and Ranchers can be found on the USDA- NRCS website at:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ca/newsroom/features/>

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Economic Injury Disaster Loans:**

Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are low-interest working capital loans to help small businesses; small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of a disaster, such as drought. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period. SBA makes EIDLs available after a drought when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Most of California has been designated under an agricultural disaster for drought. Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance; however, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible. Eligible small businesses may qualify for working capital loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. For more information call SBA toll-free at 1-800-659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-877-8339. For drought specific information, visit SBA's website for drought assistance at:

<https://www.sba.gov/content/drought-disaster-assistance>

## **Annex A - Temporary Water Assistance Program**

On March 27, 2015, Governor Brown approved a \$1 billion emergency drought relief package to take effect immediately to meet interim emergency drinking water needs for those communities with a contaminated water supply or that suffers drought related water outages or threatened emergency. There are several State programs, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA), which address essential community services and relief efforts for families experiencing drinking water shortages due to drought. Additional actions have been ordered by the Governor in his April 1, 2015 Executive Order (B-29-15) that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.

### **Funding**

The California Disaster Assistant Act (CDAA) provides financial assistance from the State for costs incurred by local governments as a result of emergency activities undertaken in response to a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor. Local government is reimbursed by a cost-share program of 75% State / 25% Local Government. Other eligible applicants to CDAA funding include Special Districts, Schools and certain Private Non-Profits (PNP). Private Non-Profits are eligible for 100% reimbursement through the CDAA program.

### **Eligible Applicants**

As outlined by Executive Order B-26-14, the following entities are eligible to participate in the Emergency Water Distribution program:

- Counties
- Cities
- Special Districts
- Schools
- Private Non-profit organizations

Only those jurisdictions with the authority to provide emergency water supplies in response to a threat to public health and safety are eligible. Residents requesting assistance must work directly with these identified entities.

In addition to local public agencies, Executive Order B-26-14 makes funding available under the State Private Non-profit Organization Assistant Program. This program allows

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certain eligible private non-profit organizations or intermediary private non-profit organizations to apply directly to the State for reimbursement of 100% of extraordinary costs incurred while providing emergency distribution of water for drinking and/or sanitation. However, local government must first designate the private non-profit organization as the entity authorized to distribute water on its behalf. Stanislaus County is working with Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), a nonprofit housing and community development organization, to execute the Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program in Stanislaus County.

### **Eligible Work and Costs**

Executive Order B-26-14 specifically identifies types of work and costs that are eligible for reimbursement when providing for the emergency distribution of water to residents. Eligible types of work include:

- Emergency work
- Category B – Emergency Protective Measures
  - Actions taken by a community before, during and following a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, or eliminate immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost effective measures.
- Activities eligible only under a “Gubernatorial Proclamation”

Within these types of work, the eligible costs must be proven to be necessary and reasonable, must comply with standards of procurement, and be offset by all funds/credits provided to the resident via outside sources. The eligible costs include:

- Emergency water supplies for sanitation, such as providing portable toilets and/or portable shower or laundry services
- Installation and removal of temporary water tanks, and required pertinences, to provide potable water to owner-occupied household for drinking and sanitation

### **Non-Eligible Costs**

The following are examples of expenses that are ineligible for reimbursement through the CDAA for Executive Order B-26-14:

- Income, fees, revenues, wages, or rents lost or voluntarily waived by a local agency
- Activities or costs associated with permanent work such as the drilling of wells

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- The distribution of water to businesses (rental property is considered a business)

### **CDA Application**

As a result of Executive Order B-26-14, the California Disaster Assistance Act established incident CDA 2014-03 by which eligible entities may apply to participate in the reimbursement program. The incident period of CDA 2014-03 is January 14, 2014 through a date yet to be determined. A local agency has 60 days after the date of the proclamation of a local emergency to apply for state financial assistance. However, due to on-going drought conditions, pursuant to California Government Code, Section 8685.4, the Director of Cal OES may extend the time for filing an application for state financial assistance under CDA. Time extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Once CDA receives a copy of an approved Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan, project application form, list of projects, and designation of authorized agency, participation in the program can begin.

### **Program Outline**

#### **Program Management**

Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (OES) will oversee the Temporary Water Assistance Program and will facilitate the Emergency Water Oversight Committee (EWOC) to review and approve applications for services. Self-Help Enterprises will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Stanislaus County and be tasked to perform the following duties on behalf of the County:

- Install and maintain temporary water distribution systems
- Coordinate water deliveries
- Track active temporary water distribution systems and their removal

The system will be designed as a temporary water delivery solution. All water distribution installations and site plans must be approved by the Emergency Water Oversight Committee (EWOC). Homeowners may be required to submit plans, obtain permits and coordinate any inspections for permanent electrical work that may be needed for installation of the temporary water system.

#### **Application Process**

Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, the Office of Emergency Services or Self-Help Enterprises can receive applications for the Temporary Water Assistance program. Completed applications will be forwarded to Stanislaus County OES and reviewed by the Emergency Water Oversight Committee for approval prior to system purchase and installation.

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**Emergency Water Oversight Committee**

Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services will facilitate the Emergency Water Oversight Committee (EWOC) to review and approve applications for temporary water delivery services and other services outside of water delivery as appropriate. The EWOC will consist of a representative from each of the following agencies:

EWOC Representatives:

- Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services (Lead)
- Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office
- Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources
- Stanislaus County Planning (Building) Department
- Self-Help Enterprises (in an advisory capacity)

EWOC Technical Specialists, as needed:

- Stanislaus County Water Supplier (Cities / Special Districts)
- Stanislaus County Council
- Stanislaus County Public Health
- Stanislaus County Public Works
- California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

The EWOC will review all applications to ensure that the appropriate level of service is being recommended and provided to residents in order to address health and safety concerns identified through the application process.

**Site Inspection**

Once an application has been approved by the Emergency Water Oversight Committee, Self-Help Enterprises will conduct a site inspection to verify the current groundwater well status, the existence of a feasible plan to have a new or deeper well constructed, or other long-term water supply solution in place, and to determine the best location and design for the temporary water distribution system. The homeowner will be required to obtain all necessary plans, pay for permits and schedule inspections that may be needed should permanent electrical work be required for installation of the temporary water system. Each household temporary water system recipient will be required to submit a well permit application, sign a Lease Agreement, Right of Entry, and Hold Harmless Agreement provided by Self-Help Enterprises to outline the responsibilities of all parties involved. The agreement terms must be met prior to installation or dissemination of any equipment or services related to the program.



### **Temporary Water System Installation**

Self-Help Enterprises will arrange for the installation of the Temporary Water Assistance system.

### **Water Delivery**

Once the system is installed, Self-Help Enterprises will coordinate and schedule water deliveries with water haulers that are licensed by the State Water Resources Control Board. Recipients will receive 50 gallons of water per person in the household, per day. While delivered water will meet potable water standards as identified by the California Code for Drinking Water, tank water will be labeled non-potable due to the nature of the open tank and inability to guarantee safe sanitation levels after delivery. Drinking water may be provided through a third party non-profit organization. . A “Drinking Water Advisory Notice” sometimes called a “Boil Water Notice” will be issued to every program household.

### **Service and System Maintenance**

Self-Help Enterprises will educate program recipients regarding the appropriate care and use of the system. All system maintenance and repair issues will be coordinated directly through Self-Help Enterprises

### **Inventory Control**

Self-Help Enterprises will be responsible for the following activities related to inventory control:

- Assign inventory control numbers to each water distribution system unit
- Track equipment, installation location, and authorized equipment maintenance and repairs
- Coordinate recovery of water distribution system unit once permanent water services have been restored to residence
- Disinfect water distribution system units to prepare for future distribution as needed

### **Water Quality**

Licensed water haulers will be required to maintain records assuring the water delivered to and utilized in the temporary water distribution systems will meet potable water standards as identified by the California Code for Drinking Water.

### **Reporting**

Self-Help Enterprises will submit monthly reports to Stanislaus County OES that outline:

- Recipient information
- Approved services provided

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- Cost associated with installation and maintenance
- Recovery of systems

### **Recovery**

The actions outlined in this Water Contingency Plan – Annex A are intended to provide temporary recovery from, not long-term mitigation, of drought impacts. These actions sometimes overlap for drought response because drought impacts often linger long after an end of a drought. Some drought response activities may continue to occur as well as continuous monitoring of drought indicators. The State and federal government may continue to assist with implementation of State and federal relief programs for individuals, farmers, and others impacted by the drought until the programs phase out or are called to an end.

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**Exhibit C – Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you rent or own the property?  Own  Rent  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Well Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APN Number (If available): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART A**

1. How many persons are using this well for their water source?
2. Age of Residents:  Less than 18  18-60  Over 60
3. What is the primary use of the well?  Domestic  Agricultural
4. What is the current problem with the well?  
 Well is dry and needs to be replaced.  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you contacted a well driller and been placed on a list for well installation?  
 Yes  No
6. If yes, how long do you estimate it will take for the new well to be installed?  
 1- 3 months  3- 6 months  6-12 months  12-18 months

Application approved by EWOC?  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

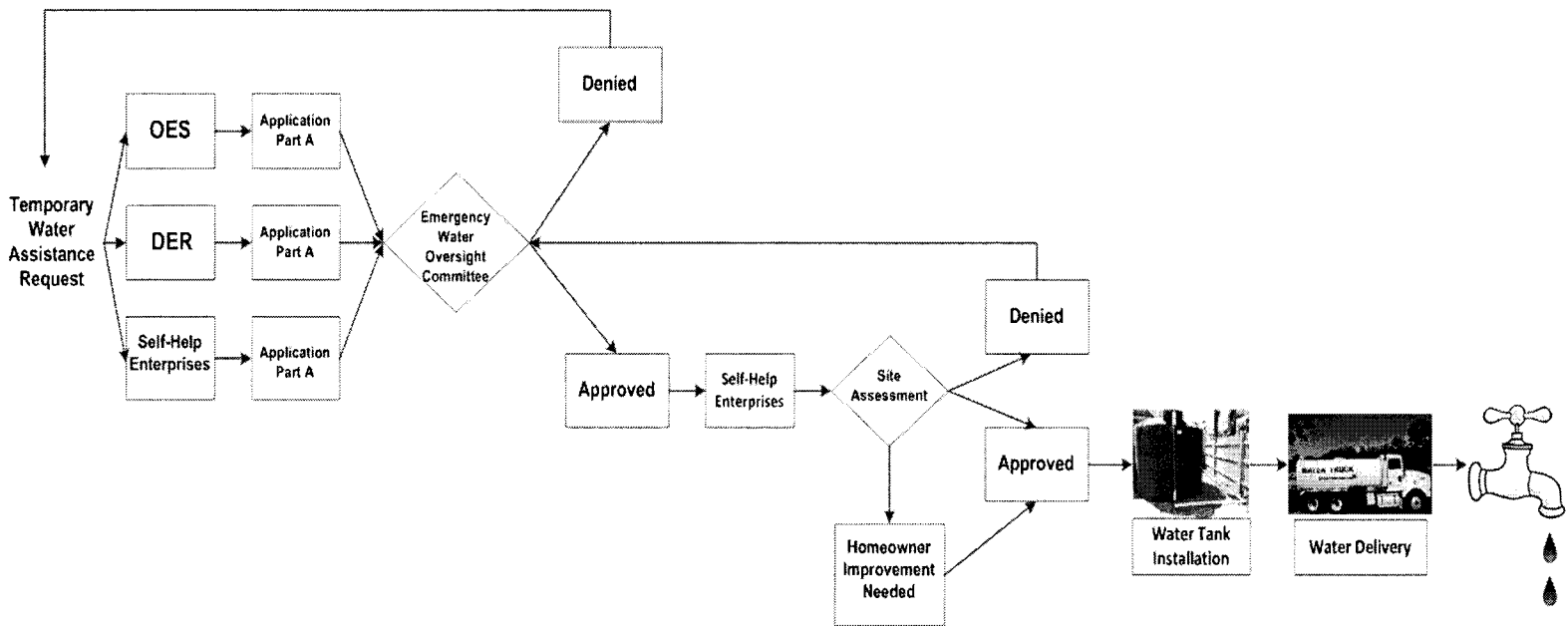
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**PART B**

1. Have you completed and signed the Right-of-Entry Hold Harmless Agreement?  
 Yes  No
2. Have you completed and signed the Personal Property Private Non Profit Enterprises Lease and Release and Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement?  
 Yes  No
3. Have you received the Drinking Water Advisory Notice?  Yes  No
4. Do you utilize an evaporative unit for cooling?  Yes  No

**Exhibit D – Program Process Diagram**

**Temporary Water Assistance Water Tank Installation Process**



7-13-15

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN  
SELF HELP ENTERPRISES AND THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made and entered into on July 28, 2015, by and between the COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, a political subdivision of the State of California, ("County"), and SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES ("PNP"), a California Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation, hereinafter the Parties, pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

1. SUBJECT

This MOU concerns the provision of emergency water supplies for sanitation related to the drought pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act, California Government Code section 8680 et seq., California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq., and Executive Order B-26-14 issued on September 19, 2014, for which funding is available to local agencies or to State Private Non-Profits, and Executive Order B-29-15 keeping EO B-26-14 in effect.

2. PURPOSE

This MOU establishes policies and procedures that will guide the parties hereto in implementing the provision of emergency water supplies for sanitation pursuant to the Executive Order B-26-14 and the other laws and regulations listed above. As required under the California Disaster Assistance Act and its implementing regulations, the County may seek a private non-profit to provide emergency water supply services. The County has determined PNP has the ability, capacity and is in the best situation to provide these services. The County as the local agency has requested PNP as the private non-profit to provide essential community services including emergency water supply to households without water for sanitation purposes ("emergency services") related to the drought. PNP has agreed to provide the emergency services. This shall be known as the "emergency water supply program" or "program" as set forth in this MOU.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) County Responsibilities:

The County agrees to accept all complaints by households that are without water for sanitation purposes. The County agrees it will determine eligibility for these emergency services by verifying whether or not the household is without water for sanitation purposes related to the drought. If the County determines the household is eligible for these emergency services, it will refer the household to PNP. The County agrees to provide other necessary assistance and consultation to PNP in an effort to ensure emergency services are provided to those eligible for this program.

(b) PNP Responsibilities:

Other than certification of eligibility of a household and referral of a household to PNP, PNP agrees to be responsible for all other administrative functions and requirements of the program, including but not limited to, delivery of emergency services to the household on a temporary basis and to continue to provide emergency services under this program until it is determined by the Governor and/or the State of California, Office of Emergency Services this program is no longer in effect and submittal of claims for reimbursement of eligible activities.

4. FUNDING

There shall be no exchange of funds between the parties to this MOU. PNP may apply directly with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services to seek reimbursement for eligible costs of implementing and carrying out this program.

5. DURATION

This MOU shall be in effect from the date of execution. This MOU can be terminated upon a thirty (30) day advance written notice of the termination by either party. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously and in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. PNP obligations such as record retention and other continuing requirements in state law and regulations related to this program shall survive termination of this MOU.

6. MODIFICATIONS OF THIS MOU

This MOU is the complete agreement by and between the parties related to this program and it may be modified by mutual written consent of the parties.

7. LIABILITY

The parties shall not be liable for any claim based on the exercise or performance, or the failure to exercise or perform, a discretionary function or duty on the part of a state or local agency or any employee of the state or its political subdivisions in carrying out the provisions of the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA).

8. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

This MOU shall not be construed to create a relationship of partners, employees, or servants or as agents between the parties.

9. ASSIGNMENT

This MOU may not be assigned to any other party without the express written permission by the County and as approved by the California Office of Emergency Services.

10. NOTICE

Any and all notices, reports or other communications to be given to County or PNP shall be given to the persons representing the respective parties at the following addresses:

PNP:  
Thomas J. Collishaw, President/CEO  
Self-Help Enterprises  
P.O. Box 6520  
Visalia, CA 93290  
Fax: (599) 651-3634

COUNTY:  
Dale Skiles, Assistant Director Office of Emergency  
Services  
3705 Oakdale Rd,  
Modesto, CA 95357  
Fax: (209) 552-2512

11. CONTROLLING LAW

The validity, interpretation and performance of this MOU shall be controlled by and construed under the laws of the State of California and venue shall be Stanislaus County.

12. COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW

PNP shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinance and regulations applicable to PNP's performance under this MOU, including, but not limited to, laws related to prevailing wages, and state and federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination, and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution with regard to the use of the public funds for religious activities.

13. RECORDS RETENTION

PNP shall retain all financial and program records and supporting documentation, reasonably considered as pertinent to the program for three (3) years from the starting date of the retention period as verified by notification from the State.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU and any exhibits or written amendments attached hereto and any documents incorporated specifically by reference represent the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior oral or written statements or agreements.

15. AUTHORITY

Each party and each party's signatory warrant and represent that each has full authority and capacity to enter into this MOU in accordance with all requirements of law. The parties also warrant that any signed amendment or modification to the MOU shall comply with all requirements of law, including capacity and authority to amend or modify the MOU.

16. INSURANCE

PNP shall provide at its own expense and maintain at all times the following insurance with insurance companies licensed in the State of California and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the County as may be required by the Risk Manager of the County. PNP's insurance policy(ies) shall be placed with insurer(s) with acceptable Best's rating of A:VII or with approval of the Risk Manager. The Policies or certificates thereof shall provide that, PNP shall give the County thirty (30) days prior notice to cancellation or material change in the policy, notice shall be given to the Risk Manager of the County by registered mail, return receipt requested, for all of the following stated insurance policies:

- a. Workers' Compensation Coverage - Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for employees in accordance with the laws of the State of California (including requiring any authorized sub-contractor to obtain such insurance for its employees).
- a. General Liability Coverage - Commercial general liability insurance with a minimum liability limit per occurrence of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for property damage. If a commercial general liability insurance form or other form with general aggregate limit is used, either the

general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work to be performed under this MOU or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. Coverage shall be included for premises, operations and broad form contractual.

- b. Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and \$100,000 for property damage. This insurance shall cover bodily injury and property damage, owned, hired and non-owned vehicles.
- c. Policy Endorsements: Each General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance policy shall be endorsed with the following specific provisions:
  - i. The County, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds ("County additional insureds").
  - ii. The insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the County additional insureds.
  - iii. This policy shall be considered, and include a provision it is, primary as respects the County additional insureds, and shall not include any special limitations to coverage provided to the County additional insureds. Any insurance maintained by the County, including any self-insured retention the County may have shall be considered excess insurance only and shall not contribute with it.
  - iv. This insurance shall act for each insured and additional insured as though a separate policy had been written for each, except with respect to the limits of liability of the insuring company.
  - v. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County additional insureds.
- d. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions: Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the Risk Manager. At the County's option, PNP shall demonstrate financial capability for payment of such deductibles or self-insured retentions.
- e. Unsatisfactory Policies: If at any time any of the policies or endorsements be deemed to be unsatisfactory as to form or substance by the Risk Manager, or if an issuing company shall be deemed to be unsatisfactory by the Risk Manager, a new policy or endorsement shall be promptly obtained and evidence submitted to the Risk Manager for approval.
- f. Failure to Comply: Upon failure to comply with any of these insurance requirements, this MOU may be forthwith declared suspended or terminated. Failure to obtain and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve any liability under this MOU, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the indemnification obligations.

#### 17. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

PNP shall indemnify, defend, save, protect and hold harmless County, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers (collectively, "County") from any and all demands, losses, claims, costs, suits, liabilities and expenses for any damage, injury or death (collectively, "Liability") arising directly or indirectly from or connected with the services provided hereunder which is caused, or claimed or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence or willful misconduct of PNP, its officers, employees, agents, consultants, or any person under its direction or control and shall



make good to and reimburse County for any expenditures, including reasonable attorney's fees, the County may make by reason of such matters and, if requested by County, shall defend any such suits at the sole cost and expense of PNP. PNP's obligations under this section shall exist regardless of concurrent negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the County or any other person; provided, however, that PNP shall not be required to indemnify County for the proportion of Liability a court determines is attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of the County.

If such indemnification becomes necessary, the County Counsel for the County shall have the absolute right and discretion to approve or disapprove of any and all counsel employed to defend the County. This indemnification clause shall survive the termination or expiration of this MOU.

County shall indemnify, defend, save, protect and hold harmless PNP, its officers, employees, representatives and from any and all demands, losses, claims, costs, suits, liabilities and expenses for any damage, injury or death ( collectively "Liability") arising directly or indirectly from or connected with the services provided hereunder which is caused, or claimed or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence or willful misconduct of County, its governing body, officers, employees, agents, consultants, volunteers or any person under its direction or control and will make good to and reimburse PNP for any expenditures, including reasonable attorney's fees, that PNP may make by reason of such matters and, if requested by PNP, will defend any such suits at the sole cost and expense of County. County's obligations under this section shall exist regardless of concurrent negligence or willful misconduct on the part of PNP or any other person; provided, however, that County shall not be required to indemnify PNP for the proportion of Liability a court determines is attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of PNP.

18. DISPUTES

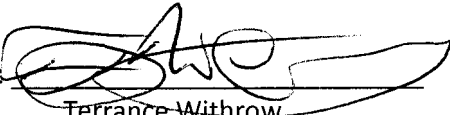
Should it become necessary for a party to this MOU to enforce any of the provisions hereof, the prevailing party in any claim or action shall be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses so incurred, including reasonable attorney's fees.

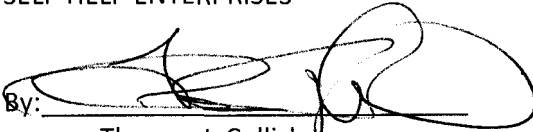
It is agreed by the parties hereto that unless otherwise expressly waived by them, any action brought to enforce any of the provisions hereof or for declaratory relief hereunder shall be filed and remain in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Stanislaus, State of California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the day and year first written above.

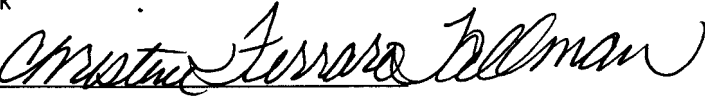
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SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES


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Chairman

By:   
Thomas J. Collishaw  
President/CEO

ATTEST:  
Christine Ferraro Tallman,  
Clerk

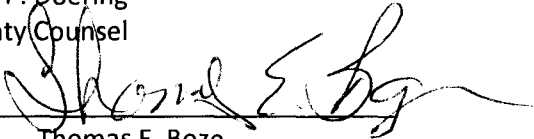
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Assistant OES Director

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John P. Doering  
County Counsel

By:   
Thomas E. Boze,  
Assistant County Counsel

# Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan



July 28, 2015



January 17, 2014

California proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency

February 18, 2014

Stanislaus County Drought Task Force formed to monitor and communicate with partners



September 23, 2014

“Water Shortage Monitoring, Resource and Response Strategy” accepted by Board of Supervisors

July 28, 2015

Water Contingency Plan presented to Board of Supervisors which includes a Temporary Water Assistance Program



# **Proclaiming the Existence of A Drought Emergency in Stanislaus County**

- California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Stanislaus County is threatened or likely to be threatened



- A Proclamation allows for a streamlined response and demonstrates the County's commitment to the problems and issues
- The Board of Supervisors will be asked to review this emergency proclamation at least every 30 days to evaluate whether the proclamation should remain in effect



# Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program

## Goals

- Create a temporary water delivery solution that can be quickly deployed and then removed once long-term mitigation efforts can be successfully completed for eligible homes



- Identify a reporting and application process, a review and oversight mechanism, and an installation, delivery and maintenance service provider
- Utilize existing California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding where appropriate for drought-related emergencies



# Temporary Water Assistance Program Partnership

## Stanislaus County

Office of Emergency Services  
Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Department of Environmental  
Resources  
Planning (Building) Department



## Self-Help Enterprises

A private non-profit who has performed a similar role in 5 other California counties

## California Office of Emergency Services Region IV



# Temporary Water Assistance Program Process

Application



Installation,  
Water Delivery,  
Maintenance



Water!



# **Board of Supervisors Action Requested**

- Proclaim the Existence of A Drought Emergency in Stanislaus County
- Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Self-Help Enterprises, a private non-profit, to administer the Temporary Water Assistance Program in Stanislaus County



- Approve the updated Water Contingency Plan document (including Annex A -- Temporary Water Assistance Program)



# Stanislaus County Water Contingency Plan

