



# California County Café – Office Hours

– Specializing in Drought Resilience

10/30/2024





# Welcome and Setting Intention

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

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





# Your Questions

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4. What are examples of drought impact mitigation measures that counties are including in their plans?



# Publicly Available DRPs



**SB 552**  
**Drought and Water Shortage Risk**  
**Analysis and Response Plan**





for  
Madera County

April 2023 Public Review Draft

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**DROUGHT RESPONSE**  
**AND OUTREACH PLAN**  
**(DROP)**

for Small Water Systems and  
Domestic Wells


Santa Cruz County Environmental Health  
Water Resources Division  
701 Ocean St, Room 312  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060



**Tulare County**  
**SB 552 Drought and Water Shortage**  
**Risk Analysis and Response Plan**

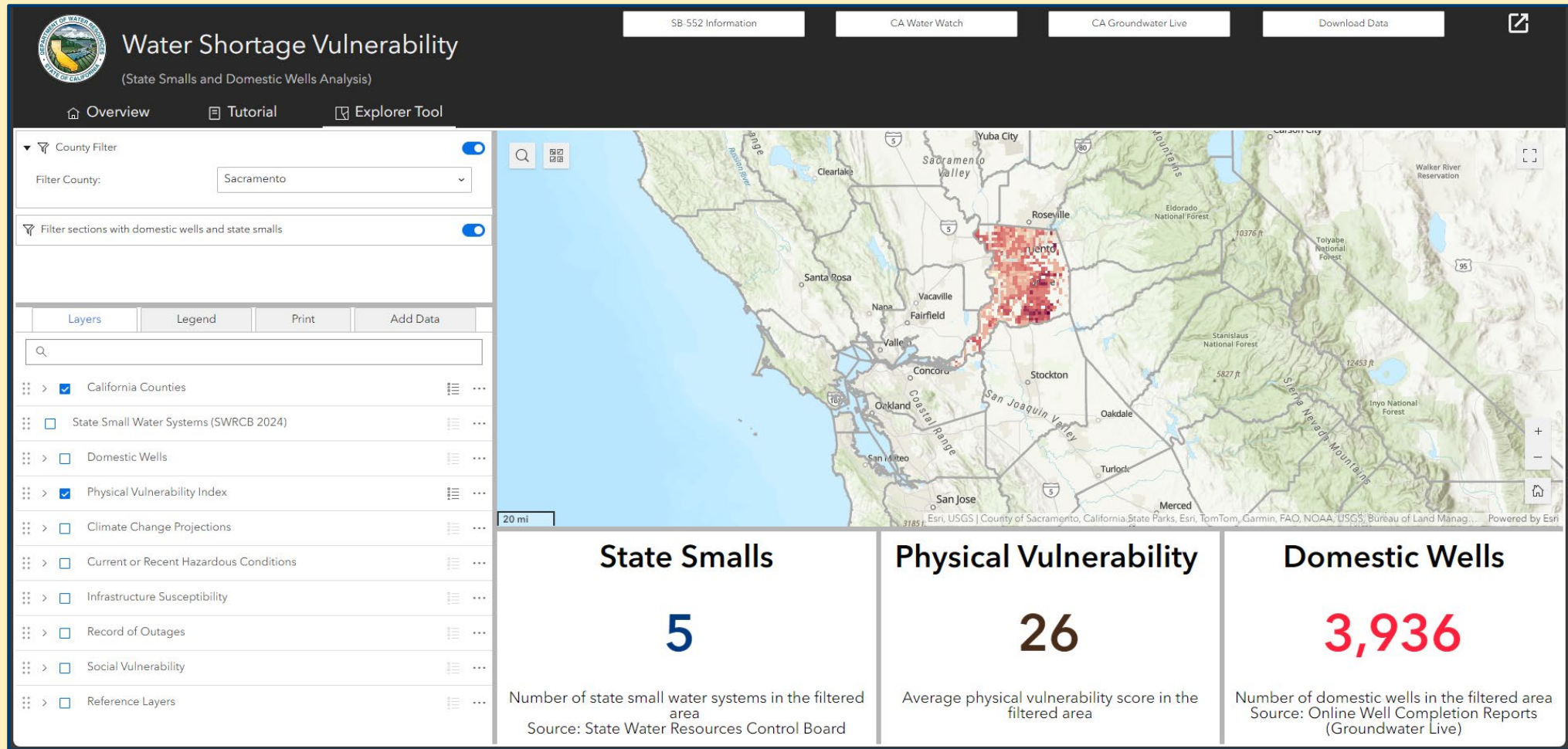
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# \*NEW\* Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool



<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ae1b4e3e41004f07b4901a7a3fa50637/>

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# FAQ

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1. Domestic Well Resources for Outreach
2. Reporting Issues
3. SB 552 Requirements for Small Suppliers



# FAQ: What resources are available to the Counties to support outreach for domestic wells?


*Educational materials to direct domestic well owners towards.*

- DWR: Be Well Prepared
- SWRCB: GAMA – Domestic Well Owners
- EPA: Private Drinking Water Well
- RCAC: Individual Well Program
- CWC: Drinking Water Guide for Domestic Wells



# Examples across counties:

# Domestic Wells Resources




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## Household Well Assistance

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### How Can The County Help Your Household Well?

Santa Cruz County has secured funding for several programs that can help household wells that have been impacted by drought.

Dry Well Assistance:

Well Sounding Services:

Water Quality Assistance:

Maintenance of Well Completion Reports:

### How Can You Help Your Household Well?

There are many actions that you can take right now to help your household well adapt to Climate Change.


Get familiar with your well components:

Perform general maintenance on your well:

Conserve water:

Be aware of emergency resources:

Know what risk factors might affect your well:



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### Resources for Well Owners

#### Dry or Damaged Wells

- Has your well run dry? [Report it here.](#)
- [What to do if your well is no longer producing water](#)
- [Well and Treatment System Contractors](#)

#### Well Owners Guide PDF

A [printable guide](#) that covers well construction, maintenance, and water quality protection for private well owners in Napa County.

#### Be Well Prepared

Learn about the Department of Water Resources program, which empowers domestic drinking water well users by providing the information and resources they need to maintain a safe and reliable household water supply.

#### Do-It-Yourself Groundwater Monitoring

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## Water Well Maintenance & Care

Like any other aspect of property ownership, wells require regular, ongoing maintenance. Well-maintenance is important to the health of your family and property. Once a well is installed, maintenance of your well and regular testing of your water will help ensure your water is of high quality and safe to use. It is your responsibility to maintain your well, monitor your water quality and help protect the quality of drinking water in Butte County. Regular maintenance will not only ensure the safety of your water but will also alert you to any problems that need attention and ensure the continued efficient operation of your well.

Access the [Butte County Water and Resource Conservation](#) page for more information.

### Water Well Resources

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FAQ



# FAQ: What can be done to address limited or lack of reporting on domestic well/State Small Water System related issues?

- *Distrust of potential misuse of information (fear of enforcement, impact to property value, family dynamics, etc.)*
- *Lack of awareness and knowledge about available reporting process and opportunities to receive support*
- *Limited local resources to address identified issues*

## THE BENEFITS OF REPORTING

- ✓ **Be proactive** and attend to issues ahead of drought and water shortage emergencies
- ✓ Enhances **local long-term planning** and future water shortage resilience of the community
- ✓ Allows the State to **prioritize regions in need** as funding becomes available

## ADDRESSING REPORTING ISSUES

- ✓ Partner with trusted third parties (SHE, RCAC) to promote reporting and connection to resources
- ✓ Provide Incentive Programs (free well testing kits)
- ✓ Outreach and Education
  - Provide links to local and state resources on a dedicate webpage
  - Clarify how the data is being used for (Well Completion Reports, Internal County Databases, GSPs, etc.)

## REPORTING RESOURCES

- ✓ My Dry Well → [mydrywell.water.ca.gov](http://mydrywell.water.ca.gov)
- ✓ County website and Community Based Organizations partners (SHE, RCAC)

# FAQ: Who is specifically covered under SB 552 requirements and what are some opportunities to incorporate and support other local systems through this planning process?

*While not required, some counties have addressed small supplier needs in their drought planning process.*

## Small Suppliers\*

- 1,000-2,999 connections + schools: Water shortage contingency plan (by July 2023)
- <1,000 connections: Drought assessment/element for 15-999 connections into Emergency Response Plan or Emergency Notification Plan
- All Small Suppliers: Supply conditions & production annual reporting
- All Small Suppliers: Drought resiliency standards – infrastructure upgrades

\*Includes water suppliers serving less than 3,000 connections and 3,000 Acre Feet. Includes non-transient, non-community water systems serving schools; excludes those covered under current Urban Water Management Plan

## **Resources:**

- General questions on SB 552 requirements – Reference the [DWR County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook](#)
- For specific questions about your county – Reach out to DWR at [CountyDRP@water.ca.gov](mailto:CountyDRP@water.ca.gov)





# Closing – Thank you!

Next steps – we will follow up with an email to counties for future gatherings, invitation to share in upcoming gathering.