



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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This is a courtesy email to inform you of an upcoming webinar related to DWR SB552 Drought Planning for California Natural Resources Agency, managed by the California Department of Water Resources.

WEBINAR: DWR's County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance

DATE/TIME: Thursday, March 16, 2023, 1:00PM – 2:30PM.

This virtual Webinar will be held on a Zoom Webinar. Registration is required: https://csus.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JmwnnY8SR4OGjou9gD2ZBg

INTENDED PARTICIPANTS: Local elected officials, County's offices for planning, emergency services, public health and or other mission-related departments or divisions, and other interested parties.

CONTEXT: In 2021, [Senate Bill 552 \(SB 552\)](#) was signed by Governor Newsom and enacted into law. SB 552 includes new responsibilities and requirements at both the state and local levels to help small water systems and rural communities reduce their risk of water shortage during droughts or other emergencies. DWR, in collaboration with the State Water Board, other State agencies, counties, and interested parties, voluntarily prepared a guidebook for counties on preparation of a County Drought Resilience Plan as part of supporting the local implementation of SB 552.

WEBINAR PURPOSE: DWR will provide financial and direct technical assistance to counties for developing their County Drought Resilience Plan per SB 552 to provide needed water shortage protection and emergency response for state small water systems and domestic wells. This Webinar will mark the launch and availability of these assistance opportunities.

WEBINAR MATERIALS: Meeting agenda and related materials will be shared ahead of the meeting. Additional references are available at the links below.

County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook. The public comment period has been concluded and DWR will finalize the guidebook in early 2023. <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552>

Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool with data provided by State agencies to assist counties in preparation of water shortage risk assessment and County Drought Resilience Plan. <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/SB-552/SB-552-Tool>.