



# California County Café - Office Hours

- Specializing in Drought Resilience

4/16/2025



OPEN

# 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.





# County Café Gathering - Year One Review

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# Your Questions

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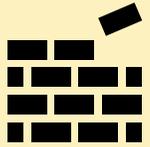
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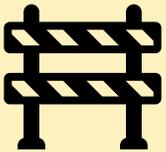
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# FAQ: What resources are available to the Counties to support outreach for domestic wells?

*Educational materials to direct domestic well owners towards.*

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



**BE WELL**  
prepared



# Examples across counties: Domestic Wells Resources

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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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# 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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## 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

# 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)

## REPORTING RESOURCES

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



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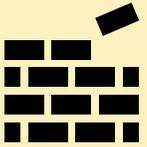
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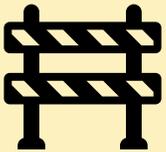
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# County Discussion Opportunities

May 28, 2025, 9-10am : California County Café Gathering

Past Webinars on Water Shortage Vulnerability Scoring and Tool

→ **small water systems** scoring [recording](#) & [presentation](#)

→ **domestic wells & state small water systems** scoring [recording](#) & [presentation](#)

## **Resources:**

- General questions on developing short-term response actions - 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.