

California County Café – Senate Bill (SB) 552 Implementation

CONTEXT: The Department of Water Resources (DWR), in partnerships with California State Association of Counties (CSAC), is convening a new series of virtual roundtable-style gatherings for county staff who are responsible for the planning and implementation of [SB 552 of 2021 \(Hertzberg\)](#). This series is scheduled in response to feedback from counties when DWR wrapped up the collaborative development of the [County Drought Resilience Planning Guidebook](#), where counties stressed the benefits and values of sharing information and practices.

PURPOSE: This series is meant to strengthen the county network to promote and make progress in drought resilience throughout the state, including economically and socially disadvantaged communities. During the gatherings, counties will be able to share experiences, best practices, and insights to advance the implementation of SB 552 and improve countywide drought resilience beginning with the immediate needs for developing County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP).

INTENDED AUDIENCE: County Staff and manager who are responsible for SB 552 implementation, especially the development of their corresponding County DRP. Elected officials, regulatory agencies, and interested parties are welcomed to tune in.

LOGISTICS: All meetings will be held remotely on Zoom platform on the last Wednesday of the month from 9am to 10am.

- Each meeting will be dedicated to a specific topic related to SB 552 implementation as suggested by county participants.
- During the 1-hour meetings, there will be two or three short presentations by counties with opportunities for dialogue and questions.
- Facilitated discussions will focus on participating county staff and managers.

MEETING MATERIALS/RESOURCES:

- During the first year, topics will focus on the completion of County DRP and cover topics including, but not limited to, Task Force formation and operations, vulnerabilities and assessments, integration with SGMA implementation, response and mitigation actions, and other implementation considerations.
- While meetings will not be recorded, information shared during the meetings (presentations, links to resources, etc.) will be provided to participants.