

## **APPENDIX A**

### **SB 552 Mailing Lists and Outreach Emails for Participation**

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A summary of the mailing lists utilized during the development of the Mendocino County DRP is provided below. These mailing lists will continue to be used, as appropriate, to relay information regarding future CDTF meetings and any updates to the DRP. To protect individual privacy, summary counts are presented rather than the full list of email addresses.

### **SUMMARY OF MENDOCINO COUNTY'S CDTF INVITE LIST**

<b>CORE MEMBERS</b>	<b>Count</b>
County Departments	13
Major PWSs	10
Other Core Members	3
<b>OTHER MEMBERS</b>	
Tribes	11
SWRCB	5
DWR	8
State Small Water Systems	8
Other PWSs [1]	67
MAC	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>

### **SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL OUTREACH CONTACT LIST**

<b>PUBLIC EMAIL LIST [2]</b>	<b>Count</b>
Public Member	44
<b>OTHER CONTACT TYPE</b>	
State and Federal Representatives	3
Outside of Mendocino County	4
Chambers of Commerce and Business Organizations	4
Countywide Organizations	5
Mendocino County Planning Commission	5
Transient Non-Community Systems	63
Other	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>

**Notes:**

[1] Other PWSs on the CDTF Invite List were identified using the SWRCB's Drinking Water Division tool, which provides a list of PWSs in Mendocino County along with their contact information. A list of these systems can be viewed using the tool here: <https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/JSP/WaterSystems.jsp?PointOfContactType=none&number=&WaterSystemStatus=A&name=&county=Mendocino>

[2] Members of the public included on the DRP email list are individuals who subscribed to receive updates about the DRP development process by signing up through the DRP webpage: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/get-drp-email-updates>

**Abbreviations:** "CDTF" = County Drought Task Force; "DRP" = Drought Resilience Plan; "DWR" = California Department of Water Resources; "MAC" = Municipal Advisory Council; "PWS" = public water system; "SWRCB" = State Water Resources Control Board

**From:**  
**Bcc:**

**Subject:** Notice of Automatic Enrollment to Receive Mendocino County Drought Task Force Meeting Notices  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:38:00 AM

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Good Morning,

You have been identified as a key water stakeholder requiring notice of meetings of the Mendocino County Drought Task Force under Senate Bill 552. The Mendocino County Drought Task Force has recently been incorporated into the Mendocino County General Government Standing Committee (GGC) and will convene during SOME meetings of the GGC. Additionally, Mendocino County has received grant funding and is beginning work on the development of a countywide Drought Resilience Plan. This project will be discussed at several GGC meetings during the coming year and your participation is requested. As such, Mendocino County Water Agency will be enrolling you to receive automated notices of the GGC meetings. Once enrolled, you will receive a confirmation email from Mendocino County [mendocinoca@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:mendocinoca@public.govdelivery.com). If you do not wish to receive these notices, you may unsubscribe or manage your subscription preferences using the link at the bottom of the confirmation email you receive.

Best,

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**From:**  
**Bcc:**



**Subject:** News Release: Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, August 9, 2024 2:49:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DRP\\_Press Release Outreach final.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Attached please find a news release regarding the initiation of the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan and an upcoming community meeting.

Best,

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**TO: MENDOCINO COUNTY NEWS MEDIA**  
**FR: MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

**Mendocino County, CA – August 9, 2024**

### **Mendocino County Initiates Development of Comprehensive Drought Resilience Plan**

In response to the historic 2020-2022 drought, which underscored the need for effective water management, Mendocino County is taking proactive steps to enhance its drought preparedness. Following the signing of Senate Bill (SB) 552 by Governor Gavin Newsom in September 2021, which mandates state and local governments to share responsibility in planning and responding to water shortages, the County has been diligently working to comply with these requirements.

### **Background on SB 552**

SB 552, authored by Senator Hertzberg, identifies counties as the primary government entity to lead efforts in improving water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and rural communities supplied by domestic wells. Under this legislation, all counties in California are required to prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) and establish a long-standing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force Group (Drought Task Force).

### **Mendocino County's Progress and Plans**

Since 2021, the Mendocino County Water Agency (MCWA) has been actively holding Drought Task Force meetings to address water scarcity during the drought. In February 2024, the County received a grant from the Department of Water Resources to facilitate the development of its County DRP, which commenced in June 2024. MCWA hired a consultant that specializes in water resources planning, EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI), to lead the technical development of the County DRP.

### **Public Engagement and Development Workflow**

The development workflow of the DRP includes four main steps: data collection, vulnerability/risk assessment, development of short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies, and plan implementation. These steps will be carried out with active public education and engagement, in collaboration with water suppliers and managers throughout the County.

To ensure comprehensive community involvement, the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) will support and facilitate public engagement. Two public workshops will be held

to provide an opportunity to discuss the DRP development process and its results, allowing for transparent communication and feedback.

Furthermore, DRP agenda items will be presented at the Drought Task Force meetings under the General Government Standing Committee (GGSC) meetings in September 2024, as well as in January, March, and May 2025. These meetings will serve as additional platforms for public engagement and updates on the DRP progress.

### **Upcoming Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Meeting**

To kick off the initial development of the DRP, the University of California Cooperative Extension is hosting a Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan meeting on September 5th, 2024. This meeting will showcase the initial development of the DRP by EKI Environment and Water and is an opportunity for community stakeholders to get involved.

- **Date:** September 5th, 2024
- **Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Location:** UCCE / Farm Advisor Building (limited capacity, please RSVP) and Online via Zoom
- **Registration Link:** <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=43418>
- **Event Details:** Free event with refreshments provided

### **Why Attend?**

Public participation is vital to the success of the DRP. By contributing your insights, experiences, and feedback, you will help shape both immediate and long-term strategies for addressing drought and water shortages. We seek participation from key community stakeholders, including domestic well owners, residents relying on local small water systems, tribes, and public water suppliers.

For updates and further information about the DRP process, please sign up for updates and fill out the public engagement form if you are a domestic well owner or connected to a state small water system.

- Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan webpage: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>
- Sign up for updates: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/get-drp-email-updates>
- Public engagement form: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/drought-resilience-plan-public-engagement-form>

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**From:**  
**Bcc:**



**Subject:** Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Development Public Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, August 9, 2024 1:35:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [DPR Event invite - English3.pdf](#)  
[DRP Invitacion - Espanol3.pdf](#)  
[DRP - Factsheet English.pdf](#)  
[DRP - Factsheet Espanol.pdf](#)

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Dear Community Partners,

Mendocino County is actively developing a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) to enhance our community's preparedness for future water shortages. This effort, initiated in response to the severe 2020-2022 drought and in compliance with Senate Bill 552, is being led by the Mendocino County Water Agency in collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension and EKI Environment and Water, Inc. The DRP will assess the potential risks of future droughts and determine the need for both short-term and long-term strategies to manage water scarcity, and public participation is crucial to its success.

We invite you to the first Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Development Public Meeting on September 5th, 2024, where the overall approach to the development of the DRP will be presented to receive community feedback and improve public awareness. Your participation and your support in announcing this meeting and encouraging community stakeholders to attend would contribute significantly to the effectiveness of the plan and be greatly appreciated. The event will be held at the UCCE / Farm Advisor Building and online via Zoom. Please see the details and registration link below:

Date: September 5th, 2024

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Location: UCCE / Farm Advisor Building (limited capacity, please RSVP) and Online via Zoom

Registration Link: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=43418>

Event Details: Free event with refreshments provided

Thank you for your continued support in building a resilient future for Mendocino County. For more information, please see the attached meeting invitation and factsheet or visit:

- Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan webpage: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>
- Sign up for updates: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/get-drp-email-updates>
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# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

## KICKOFF MEETING

The Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) is under development to support and facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness in our community



September 5th, 2024



3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



In-person: UCCE / Farm Advisor Building  
890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, Ca



Online: Zoom



Refreshments

## YOUR INPUT IS KEY!

**We are looking for active involvement from the community to provide insights and feedback to the DRP.**

For more info contact: Laura Garza,  
UCCE Water and Climate Change Advisor  
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— ÚNETE AL —

# PLAN DE RESILIENCIA ANTE LA SEQUÍA DEL CONDADO DE MENDOCINO

## PRIMERA REUNIÓN

El Plan de Resiliencia ante la Sequía (DRP, por sus siglas en inglés) está en desarrollo para apoyar y facilitar la preparación ante la sequía y la escasez de agua en nuestra comunidad.



5 de Septiembre, 2024



3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



Presencial: UCCE / Farm Advisor Building  
890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, Ca



En línea: Zoom



Habrà aperitivos

## TU OPINIÓN ES CLAVE!

**Estamos buscando la participación activa de la comunidad para proporcionar ideas y comentarios sobre el DRP.**

Para más información, contacte a: Laura Garza,  
Asesora de Agua y Cambio Climático de UCCE,  
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# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

The **Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)** is intended to facilitate water shortage preparedness for small water systems, rural communities, and domestic wells owners

The **Mendocino County Drought Task Force** was created to facilitate pre-disaster, during, and post-disaster responses.

The Senate Bill (SB) 552 was signed into law in 2021, mandating that counties prepare a **DRP** to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness

## The **DRP** development has 4 steps:

**1. Data Collection:** Identify State and County datasets and tools and conduct interviews and surveys in the community.

### **2. Vulnerability and Risk Assessment:**

Identify the areas within Mendocino county that are most susceptible to water shortages including domestic wells, homes with private surface water intakes, and state small water systems

### **3. Short and Long Term Mitigation Strategies:**

In coordination with water stakeholders and managers develop a portfolio of emergency actions and preventative measures.

**4. Plan Implementation:** The County **DRP** is to be implemented as a collective effort by multiple County departments and other State and local agencies.



In May 2024, the County was awarded a grant to facilitate the development of its County **DRP**, which began in June 2024

# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

## The DRP Development Calendar

	2024								2025				
	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Plan Development Milestones			●				●		●			★	
County Drought Task Force Meetings				◆					◆		◆		◆
Community Meetings				◆						◆			

● Progress Report    ★ Final Report    ◆ Meetings



Complete the form  
Scan or Click

## Get Involved

If you are a domestic well owner or connected to a state small water system and would like to provide information about your experience with drought, we invite you to complete this form.

## Dry Water Year Tools For Communities

**California Water Watch:** Tracks current local and statewide water conditions down to regions and neighborhoods, updated dynamically from various sources.

**California Groundwater Live:** Provides real-time statewide groundwater information, making it accessible for water managers and the public.

**Dry Well Susceptibility Tool:** Interactive map identifying areas in California groundwater basins vulnerable to future water supply shortages in drinking water wells, down to the square mile. Available on the California Groundwater Live platform.



## Stay Connected!

Visit the Mendocino County Water Agency Webpage for more info and to sign up for email updates. [www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/mendocino-county-water-agency](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/mendocino-county-water-agency)



# CONDADO DE MENDOCINO

## PLAN DE RESILIENCIA ANTE LA SEQUÍA

El Plan de Resiliencia ante la Sequía (DRP, por sus siglas en inglés) está destinado a facilitar la preparación ante la escasez de agua para sistemas de agua pequeños, comunidades rurales y pozos domésticos causado por sequías u otras emergencias.

El Grupo de Trabajo para la Sequía del Condado de Mendocino fue creado para facilitar las respuestas antes, durante y después de los desastres.

El Proyecto de Ley del Senado (SB) 552 fue firmado en 2021, exigiendo que los condados desarrollen un DRP para estar preparados ante la sequía

### EL desarrollo del DRP tiene 4 pasos:

**1. Recolección de Datos:** Identificar bases de datos y herramientas a nivel estatal y regional; realizar entrevistas y encuestas a la comunidad.

**2. Evaluación de Vulnerabilidad y Riesgo:** Identificar las áreas del condado de Mendocino que son más susceptibles a la escasez de agua, incluyendo pozos domésticos, hogares con tomas de agua superficial privadas y pequeños sistemas estatales de agua.

**3. Estrategias de Mitigación a Corto y Largo Plazo:** En coordinación con la comunidad y con gestores de agua, se establecerán estrategias que incluyan acciones de emergencia y medidas preventivas.

**4. Implementación del plan:** El DRP del condado se va implementarse como un esfuerzo colectivo entre los múltiples departamentos del condado y otras agencias estatales y locales.



En mayo de 2024, el condado recibió un fondo económico para facilitar el desarrollo del DRP, que comenzó en junio de 2024.

# CONDADO DE MENDOCINO

## PLAN DE RESILIENCIA ANTE LA SEQUIA

### Calendario de Desarrollo del DRP

	2024								2025				
	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ENE	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Avances del Desarrollo del Plan			●			●			●			★	
Reuniones del Grupo de Trabajo para la Sequía					◆				◆		◆		◆
Reuniones con la comunidad					◆					◆			

● Progresos de Reporte    ★ Report Final    ◆ Reuniones



Completa el formulario  
Haz click o escanea

### Involúcrate!

Si eres propietario de un pozo doméstico o si estás conectado de un pequeño sistema de agua estatal y quisieras proporcionar información sobre tu experiencia ante la sequía, te invitamos a completar este formulario.

### Herramientas para la Sequía en las Comunidades

**California Water Watch:** Rastrea las condiciones actuales del agua a nivel local y estatal hasta regiones y vecindarios, se actualiza dinámicamente a partir de diversas bases de datos.

**California Groundwater Live:** Proporciona información en tiempo real sobre las aguas subterráneas a nivel estatal, haciéndola accesible para los administradores del agua y el público.

**Dry Well Susceptibility Tool:** Un mapa interactivo que identifica áreas en las cuencas de aguas subterráneas de California vulnerables a futuras escaseces de suministro de agua en pozos de agua potable. Disponible en la plataforma California Groundwater Live.



### Mantente conectado

Para más información visita y regístrate en el webpage de la Agencia de Agua del Condado de Mendocino. [www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/mendocino-county-water-agency](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/mendocino-county-water-agency)

**From:**  
**Bcc:**



**Subject:** Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Development Drought Task Force Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:44:00 AM

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Dear Community Partners,

Mendocino County is actively developing a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) to enhance our community's preparedness for future water shortages. This effort, initiated in response to the severe 2020-2022 drought and in compliance with Senate Bill 552, is being led by the Mendocino County Water Agency in collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension and EKI Environment and Water, Inc. The DRP will assess the potential risks of future droughts and determine the need for both short-term and long-term strategies to manage water scarcity, and public participation is crucial to its success.

We invite you to the first Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Development Drought Task Force Meeting (Mendocino County General Government Standing Committee) on September 25th, 2024, where the overall approach to the development of the DRP will be presented to receive community feedback and improve public awareness. Your participation and your support in announcing this meeting and encouraging community stakeholders to attend would contribute significantly to the effectiveness of the plan and be greatly appreciated. The meeting information is provided below:

**Mendocino County General Government Committee**

**Date:** September 25th, 2024

**Time:** Starting at 9:00 AM

**Location:** Board Chambers, Room 1070, County Administration Center

**Agenda and Remote Meeting information:**

<https://mendocino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

(Meeting will be broadcast on Mendocino County YouTube Channel)

For more information, please visit:

- Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan webpage: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>
- Sign up for updates: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/get-drp-email-updates>
- Public engagement form: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/drought-resilience-plan-public-engagement-form>

We would also like to remind you of the upcoming public workshop held in collaboration with UC Cooperative Extension, please see the details and registration link below:

**Date:** September 5th, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Location:** UCCE / Farm Advisor Building (limited capacity, please RSVP) and Online via Zoom

**Registration Link:** <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=43418>

**Event Details:** Free event with refreshments provided

Thank you for your continued support in building a resilient future for Mendocino County.

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**From:**  
**Bcc:**

**Subject:** CORRECTED DATE: Upcoming Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Meetings  
**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025 3:25:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [2nd DPR Public Meeting Event invite - English - V2.pdf](#)

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THIS EMAIL CORRECTS THE DATE OF THE COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE MEETING INCLUDED IN THE EMAIL SENT YESTERDAY. THE MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 29, 2025, TO FEBRUARY 26, 2025. THE NEW MEETING DATE IS REFLECTED BELOW. I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

Dear Community Partners,

Mendocino County continues to make progress on the development of its Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) to enhance our community's preparedness for future water shortages. This effort, initiated in response to the severe 2020-2022 drought and in compliance with Senate Bill 552, is being led by the Mendocino County Water Agency in collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and EKI Environment and Water, Inc. The DRP will assess the potential risks of future droughts and outline both short-term and long-term strategies to manage water scarcity. Public participation remains crucial to the success of this initiative.

In September, we held two foundational meetings—a County Drought Task Force (CDTF) meeting under the General Government Standing Committee (GGC) and the first public workshop hosted by UCCE. These meetings introduced the planning effort focused on SB-552 requirements and drought risk assessment, provided an overview of the DRP development process, and gathered valuable input from the community. We are pleased to announce two upcoming meetings that will build on the progress made during those initial sessions:

**1. County Drought Task Force Meeting Under GGC**

This meeting will provide updates on the DRP development process and discuss proposed short-term and long-term strategies. We encourage all water stakeholders, domestic well owners, and State Small Water System operators to attend and provide their feedback and share information to be considered in the development of the DRP.

- **Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Location:** General Government Standing Committee (GGC) Meeting, Mendocino County Administrative Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers
- **Agenda and remote participation link** will be available on <https://mendocino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**2. Second Public Workshop on the Drought Resilience Plan**

Led by UCCE, this workshop will focus on sharing DRP's proposed strategies for drought preparedness and its implementation plan with domestic well owners and State Small Water Systems, as well as outlining the schedule for the public release of the draft DRP and its commenting process. Your input will be essential as we finalize the plan.

- **Date:** Friday, February 21st, 2025

- Time:** 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- **In Person attendance:** Fort Bragg Veterans Memorial Building (360 N Harrison St, Fort Bragg, CA)
  - **Online attendance:** Zoom
  - **RSVP Link:** <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=45415>

Both meetings represent an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to engage with the DRP process and provide feedback on the proposed strategies and implementation plans. Your participation is invaluable as we work together to ensure a resilient future for Mendocino County.

For additional information and resources, please visit:

- **Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan webpage:** <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>
- **Sign up for updates:** <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/get-drp-email-updates>
- **Public engagement form:** <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/drought-resilience-plan-public-engagement-form>
- **Well Owner/State Small Water System Resources webpage:** [Resources for Well Owners and State Small Water Systems | Mendocino County, CA](#)
- **Mendocino County Drought Portal:** [Drought and Water Conservation Resources | Mendocino County, CA](#)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to building a resilient future for Mendocino County.

Sincerely,

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# — JOIN THE — **MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN** **2nd MEETING**

The Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) is in its final stages of development. This plan aims to enhance preparedness during future droughts.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**  
**DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL WELL OWNERS,  
WATER SYSTEMS SUPPLIERS, TRIBES**



Friday, February 21st, 2025



3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



In-person: Fort Bragg Veterans Building  
360 N Harrison St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437



Online: Zoom



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**Your voice matters—come share your  
input and learn more about this effort.**

**For more info contact:**

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**RSVP Link: [https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?  
surveynumber=45415](https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=45415)**

**To RSVP:**



**Scan with your  
phone or click it!**

— ÚNETE AL —

# PLAN DE RESILIENCIA ANTE LA SEQUÍA DEL CONDADO DE MENDOCINO TALLER COMUNITARIO

El Plan de Resiliencia ante la Sequía está en la fase final de su desarrollo. Este plan tiene como objetivo mejorar la preparación de la comunidad ante futuras sequías.

## TEMAS DEL TALLER

Actualización del desarrollo del plan, acciones de respuesta, proceso de comentarios públicos y próximos pasos

## AUDIENCIA OBJETIVO

Propietarios de pozos de agua domésticos y pequeños sistemas estatales de agua

## CUÁNDO Y DÓNDE



Viernes, 21 de Febrero de 2025



3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



En línea: Zoom



Refrigerios



En persona: Fort Bragg Veterans Building

360 N Harrison St, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

**¡Tu voz importa!**  
**Ven a compartir tu opinión y a conocer más sobre esta iniciativa.**

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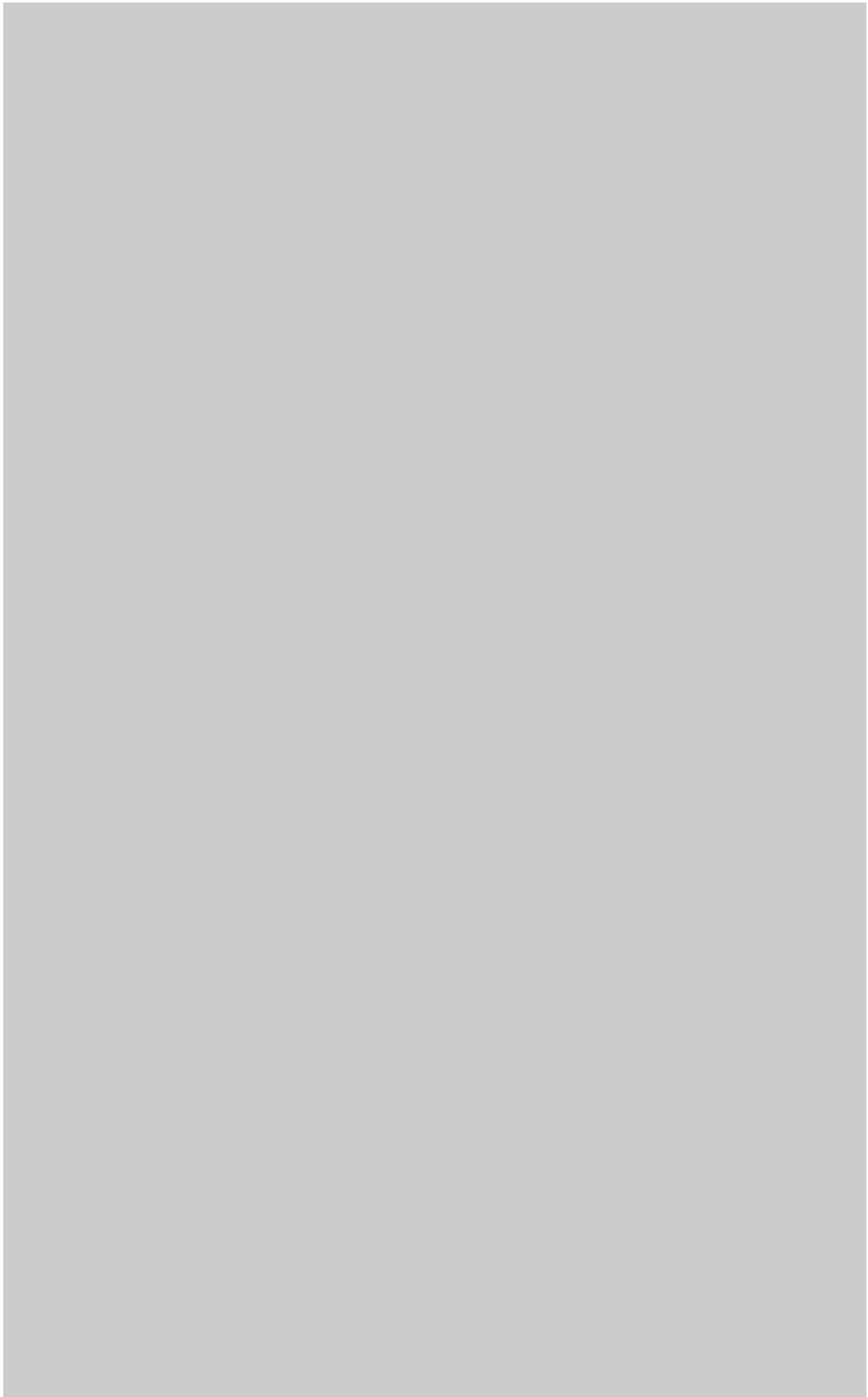
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**From:**  
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**Subject:** Upcoming Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Meeting

Dear Community Partners,

Mendocino County continues to make progress on the development of its Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) to enhance our community's preparedness for future water shortages. This effort, initiated in response to the severe 2020-2022 drought and in compliance with Senate Bill 552, is being led by the Mendocino County Water Agency in collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and EKI Environment and Water, Inc. The DRP will assess the potential risks of future droughts and outline both short-term and long-term strategies to manage water scarcity. Public participation remains crucial to the success of this initiative.

In February, we held a meeting where we presented and discussed all sections of the DRP. As we move forward, the March meeting will focus on reviewing the draft plan and outlining the process for reviewing and submitting comments. This will be a key opportunity for water stakeholders, domestic well owners, and State Small Water System operators to provide input before the plan is finalized:

**County Drought Task Force Meeting Under Government Standing Committee (GGC)**

This meeting will provide updates on the DRP development process and discuss the process for reviewing and submitting comments. We encourage all water stakeholders, domestic well owners, and State Small Water System operators to attend and provide their feedback and share information to be considered in the development of the DRP.

- **Date:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Location:** GGC Meeting, Mendocino County Administrative Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers
- **Agenda and remote participation link** will be available on <https://mendocino.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Your participation is encouraged as we work together to ensure a resilient future for Mendocino County.

For additional information and resources, please visit:

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[agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan/drought-resilience-plan-public-engagement-form](#)

- **Well Owner/State Small Water System Resources webpage:** [Resources for Well Owners and State Small Water Systems | Mendocino County, CA](#)
- **Mendocino County Drought Portal:** [Drought and Water Conservation Resources | Mendocino County, CA](#)

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to building a resilient future for Mendocino County.

Sincerely,

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**From:**

**Bcc:**

**Subject:**

Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan Public Review and Commenting Period Open

**Date:**

Thursday, March 27, 2025 12:24:00 PM

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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**TO: MENDOCINO COUNTY NEWS MEDIA**  
**FR: MENDOCINO COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

**Mendocino County, CA – March 27, 2025**

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **CDTF Meeting Materials**

# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

25 SEPTEMBER 2024  
COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE MEETING #1

# AGENDA

1. SB 552 Background
2. DRP Overview
3. Role of the County Drought Task Force
4. Stakeholder Engagement
5. Drought and Water Shortage Risk Assessment
6. Approach for Short-Term and Long-Term Responses
7. Future Meetings



<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=17090>



## SB 552 BACKGROUND





# SB-552 BACKGROUND

- Signed by the Governor of California in September 2021
- Outlines requirements for small water suppliers, county governments, DWR, and the State Water Board to implement more proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events or dry years
- In February 2024, the County received a \$125,000 grant from DWR to support SB 552 compliance, including convening of a Drought Task Force and development of a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)



<https://www.kqed.org/science/1975549/russian-river-drought-sonoma-and-mendocino-residents-save-the-little-water-they-have>

# SB 552 COUNTY REQUIREMENTS (CA WATER CODE § 10609.70):

1

## Establish a Standing County Drought Task Force

- To facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells
- Invite representatives from the state and other local governments (GSAs, Water Suppliers, Residents) to participate in the task force

2

## Develop a Drought Resilience Plan

- Develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells.

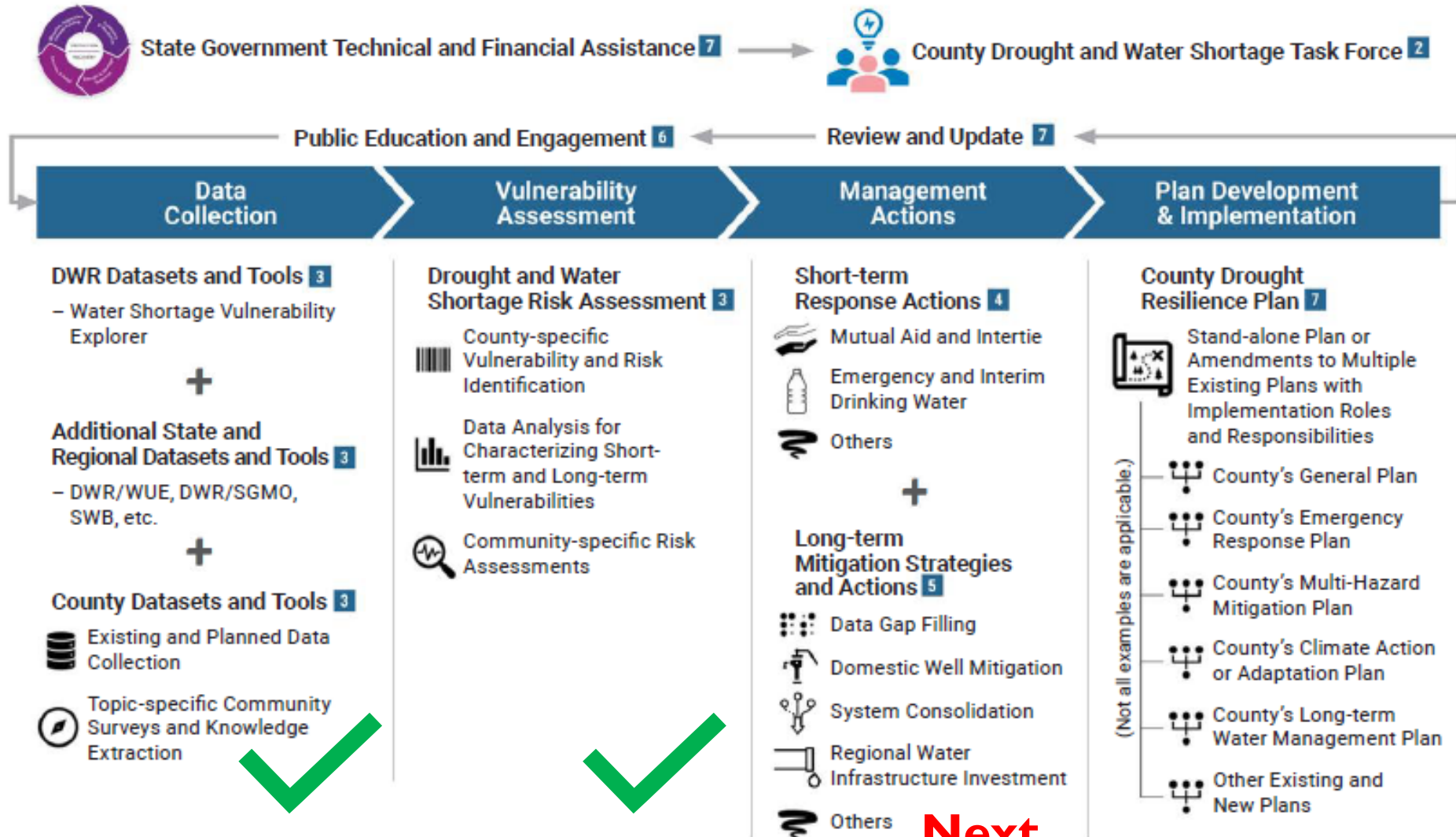




# DRP OVERVIEW



# DROUGHT RESILIENCY PLAN DEVELOPMENT



From DWR's County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook

**Next  
Phase**

# DROUGHT RESILIENCY PLAN TIMELINE

	2024							2025					
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>DRP Chapter</b>				<b>Risk Assessment</b>					<b>Short- &amp; Long-term Strategies</b>		<b>Implementation Roadmap</b>		<b>Final DRP</b>
<b>CDTF Meeting</b>					●				●		●		★
<b>Community Meeting</b>					◆					◆			

● GGC Meeting

◆ UCCE Workshop

★ BoS Meeting

\* County Drought Task Force meetings planned for: September 25, 2024 and January, March, and May 2025 (Dates TBD)

\*\* A second community workshop is planned for February 2025



## ROLE OF THE COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE



# TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES & POTENTIAL ROLES

## Requirements

Established before 1 Jan 2022.

Have regularly scheduled meetings during non-emergency periods, and more frequent meetings during drought and water shortage emergencies.

Provide level of function and participation included in SB-552 and demonstrate its continuation in perpetuity.

Facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness and collaborate in development of DRP.



## Potential Roles

Share findings and recommendations with communities and provide briefings to the BOS.

Identify data gaps and necessary actions for improved drought and water shortage planning.

Facilitating proactive planning and coordination to reduce risk of water shortage (GSP implementation, SB-552 compliance, human right to water, etc.)

Share and pursue funding opportunities for improving water resiliency.

Encourage and implement long-term planning that anticipates budget and policy needs.

# COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE (CDTF)

- The CDTF has met frequently since 2021 and currently convenes during County General Government Standing Committee (GGSC) Meetings
- Invited Membership
  - “Core” members that are legally responsible for public water systems, state smalls, domestic wells, or can facilitate implementation of SB-552.
    - Mendocino County
    - Major Water Suppliers (Cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, and Willits, MCCSD, RRFCCID)
    - Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA)
    - Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
  - “Other” members include tribes, other public water systems, residents supplied by domestic wells or state smalls, and state water agencies
  - Charter will be revised at the conclusion of DRP development to better reflect roles and responsibilities defined under the DRP.



## Mendocino County Drought Task Force Charter

Mendocino County (County) has developed this Charter to establish and maintain a County Drought Task Force in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 552 and the Best Practices outlined in the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook<sup>1</sup>, dated March 2023.

### PURPOSE & GOALS

The purpose of the Drought Task Force is to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells by identifying short-term and long-term solutions to improve County water supply reliability and protect ecosystem health. The Drought Task Force will lead and support coordination of government agencies, community organizations, residents, tribes, and private entities that are involved in water, wastewater, conservation and flood control services throughout the County.

### BACKGROUND

The Drought Task Force is maintained under the County Board of Supervisors (Board) Public Health, Safety, and Resources (PHSR) Standing Committee. As such, the Drought Task Force is subject to the *Rules of Procedure of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino*, which outlines the working procedures for Board and committee meetings. Two County Supervisors are appointed as members of the PHSR Committee (referred to as "Board PHSR Appointees" herein) and oversee the Drought Task Force. The Board PHSR Appointees are required to report to the full Board after each PHSR committee meeting, including Drought Task Force meetings, and bring Drought Task Force recommendations and actions before the full Board for decision-making.

### Membership

The Drought Task Force is comprised of core members that are representatives of organizations and agencies legally responsible for public water systems, state small water systems, and domestic wells and implementing the requirements of SB 552. Other members of the Drought Task Force include those who may have resources, capabilities, and ideas to contribute to drought and water shortage supply planning. Representatives from the following groups will be invited to participate in the Drought Task Force:

<sup>1</sup> [https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR/Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency/SB-552/DWR\\_Final\\_Guidebook\\_20230313\\_ADA\\_508\\_v5.pdf](https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR/Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency/SB-552/DWR_Final_Guidebook_20230313_ADA_508_v5.pdf)



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



# ENGAGEMENT OF CORE MEMBERS

- All members will receive e-mail invitations to attend GGSC/BoS meetings where the County Drought Task Force convenes.
  - Core members will be notified through County's automated notification system.
  - Members and interested parties will be notified through emails in advance of meetings.
- Core members are encouraged to participate during meetings, as well as reach out to County staff ([fisettea@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:fisettea@mendocinocounty.gov)) to provide feedback on the DRP development process.



# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Task Force members may also attend meetings jointly hosted by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) – Mendocino and Mendocino County
- Purpose is to get community feedback on the DRP
- First workshop was held on September 5, 2024
- Next workshop will be held in February 2025

— JOIN THE —  
**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN**  
**KICKOFF MEETING**

The Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) is under development to support and facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness in our community

 September 5th, 2024  3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

 In-person: UCCE / Farm Advisor Building  
890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, Ca

 Online: Zoom

 Refreshments

**YOUR INPUT IS KEY!**

We are looking for active involvement from the community to provide insights and feedback to the DRP.

For more info contact: Laura Garza,  
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Scan or Click  
to register

# CONDUCTED OUTREACH EFFORTS

## ■ Flyers Distribution:

- Posted at 78 community locations across the county

## ■ Community Events:

- Redwood Empire Fair and at the Round valley Blackberry Festival
- Presentation to Hopland Municipal Advisory Council on the Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)

## ■ Media Engagement:

- Radio interview on KZYY's The Ecology Hour about the county's DRP
- Press Release (E.g. Mendo Fever News)

## ■ Social Media Outreach:

- Promotion of workshop and DRP resources

## ■ Educational Material:

- Factsheets about DRP in English and Spanish



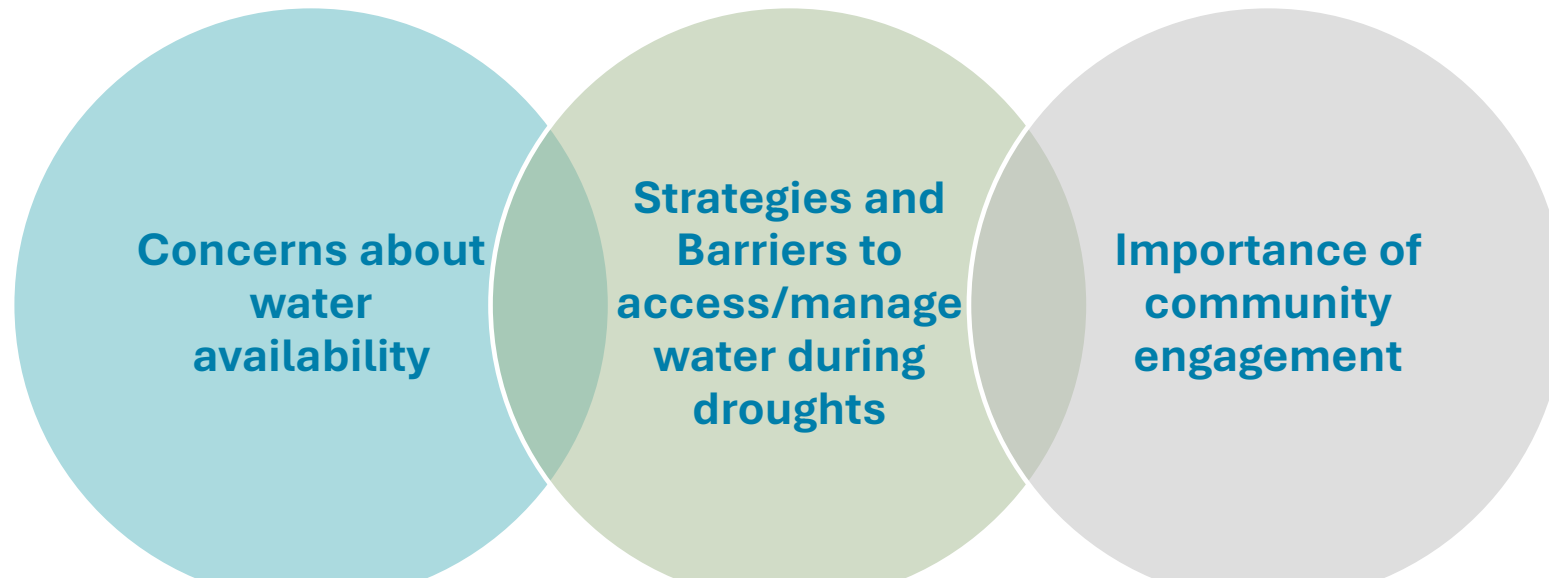
# UCCE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

- **Total attendance: 52 people**
  - In-person: 21 and Online: 31
- **Community groups represented:**
  - Domestic well owners, Community water systems, Cities, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, NGOs and Grassroots organizations, MCRCD, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, News outlets, Business owners and Irrigation districts
- **Location of participants:**
  - Anderson Valley, Caspar, Gualala, Hopland, Fort Bragg, Mendocino, Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Ukiah, and Willits



# UCCE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1 - OUTCOMES

- **Active Participation:** Community members were highly engaged, asking questions and providing valuable suggestions.
- **Discussion Themes**



## Key Takeaway

The open discussion created a valuable space for listening to the community's concerns and ideas, helping to shape the DRP moving forward.



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN WEBPAGE

- Background, information, and news related to SB 552 and the DRP Development Process
- Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form:
  - Simple online form that members of the public can submit to engage and provide input for DRP development
- DRP Email Update Sign-up

The screenshot shows the 'Drought Resilience Plan' webpage. On the left is a dark teal sidebar with a menu: 'Water Agency' (expanded), 'Drought & Water Conservation', 'Drought Resilience Plan' (expanded), 'Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form', 'Get DRP Email Updates', 'Groundwater', 'Mussel Prevention Program', and 'Stormwater'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Departments » Water Agency » Drought & Water Conservation »'. The title 'Drought Resilience Plan' is in large teal font, with 'Font Size: + - + Share & Bookmark Feedback Print' to its right. Below is the 'About SB 552' section, followed by 'County Compliance' and 'DRP Development' sections. The page features a background image of a mountain landscape.

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## Drought Resilience Plan

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### About SB 552

In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 552 (Hertzberg), which requires state and local governments to share responsibility in planning and responding to water shortage events, particularly for state small water systems and rural communities supplied by domestic wells. Through SB 552, the California State Legislature identifies counties as the best-suited government entity to provide the needed leadership to improve water resilience for state small water systems and domestic wells.

Under SB 552, all counties in California are required to prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to achieve meaningful and long-term improvements in water resilience for their residents. In addition to the development of a County DRP, SB 552 directs counties to establish a long-standing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) to cultivate the continued practices of drought planning and improving long-term water resilience.

### County Compliance

The County and its Water Agency (MCWA) have been effectively complying with SB 552 since 2021 and throughout the recent historic drought period by holding frequent Task Force meetings, currently held under the General Government Standing Committee (GGSC). In May 2024, the County was awarded a grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to facilitate the development of its County DRP, which began in June 2024 under the management and administration of the MCWA. MCWA hired a consultant that specializes in water resources planning, EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI), to lead the technical development of the County DRP. MCWA and EKI are closely collaborating with relevant County Departments, University of California Cooperative Extension-Mendocino County (UCCE), stakeholders, and decision-makers to develop a comprehensive plan that complies with the requirements of SB-552 through a transparent public process.

### DRP Development

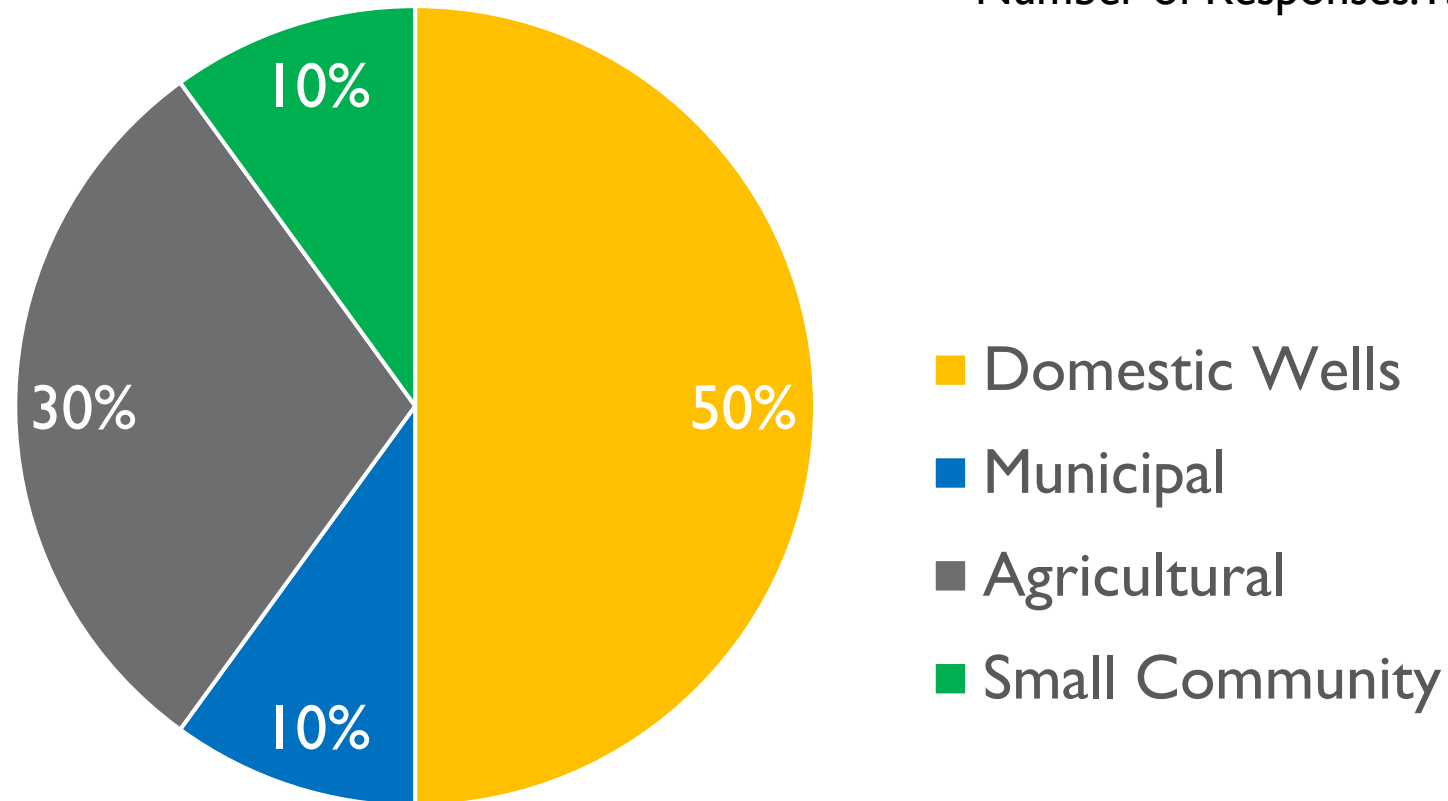
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<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>

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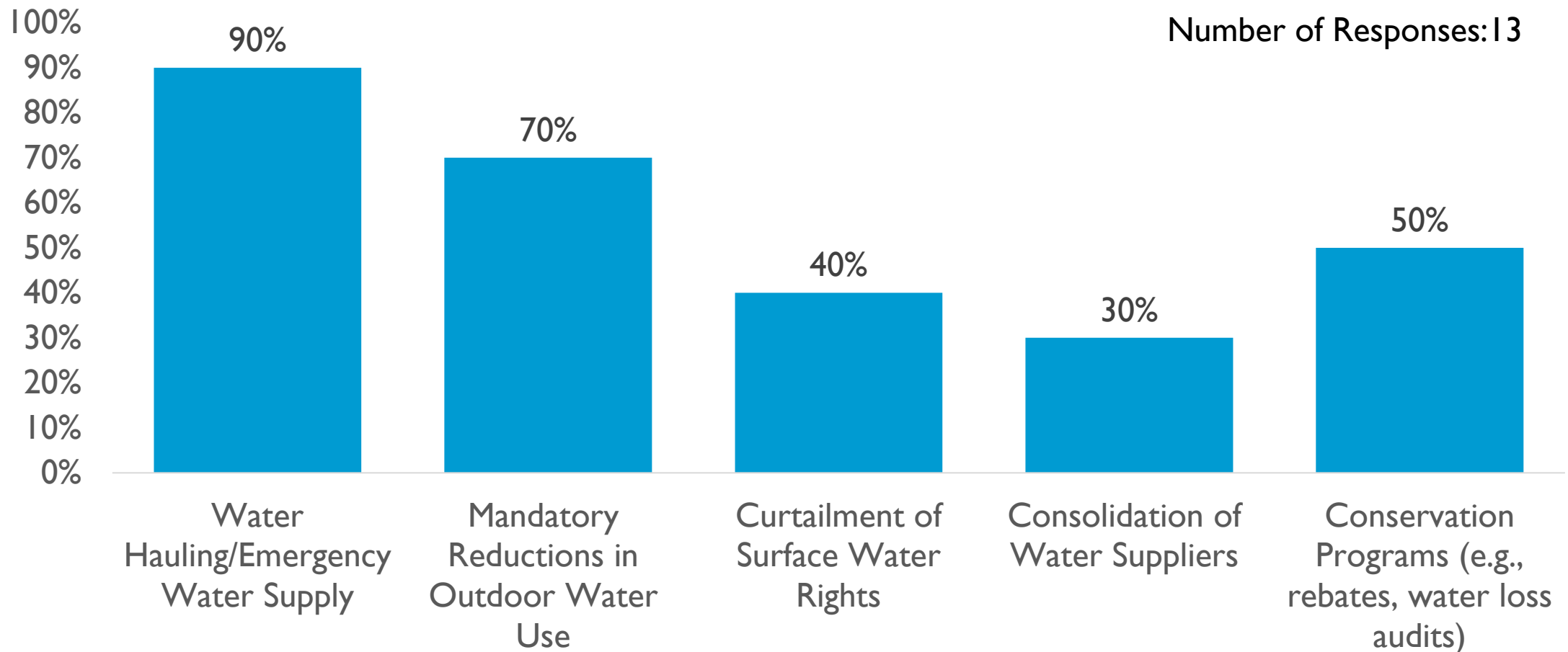
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Number of Responses: 13



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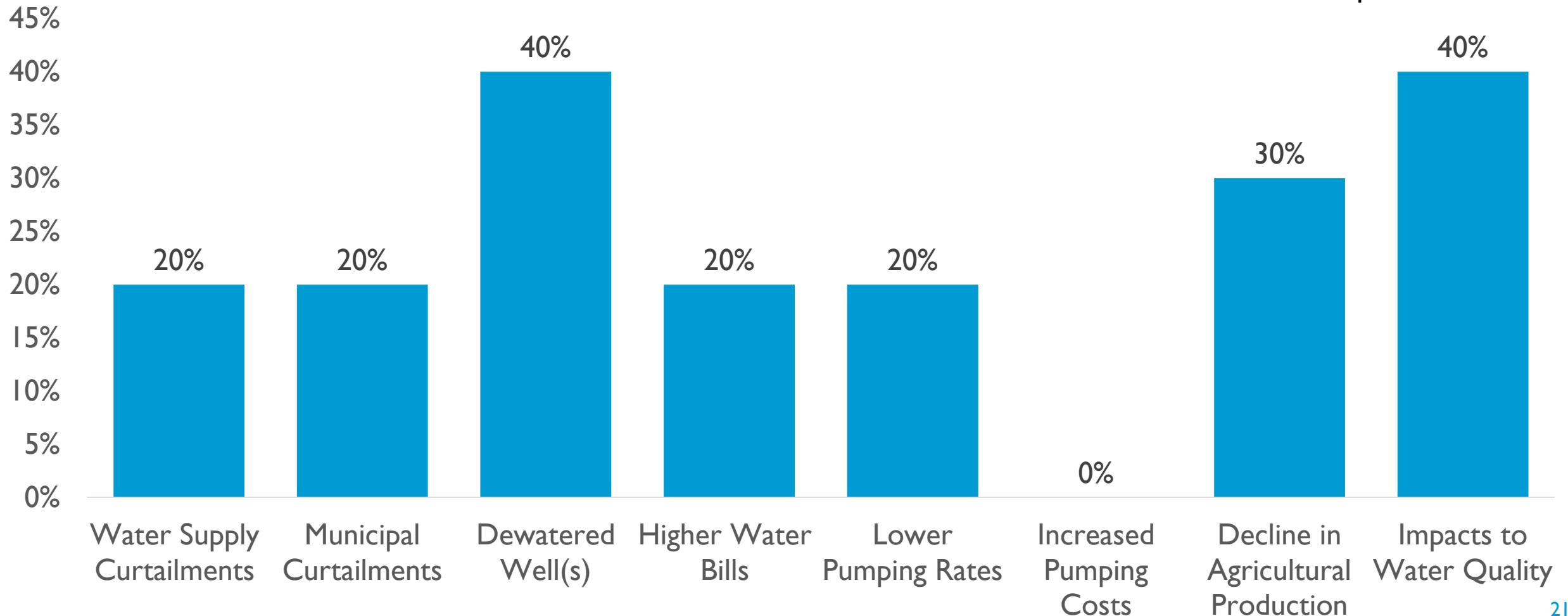
2. Which County-wide or local actions were you or your agency/organization aware of or directly engaged in during the last drought?



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## 3. Did you experience any of the following impacts during previous droughts?

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# FUTURE DROUGHT TASK FORCE/PUBLIC MEETINGS

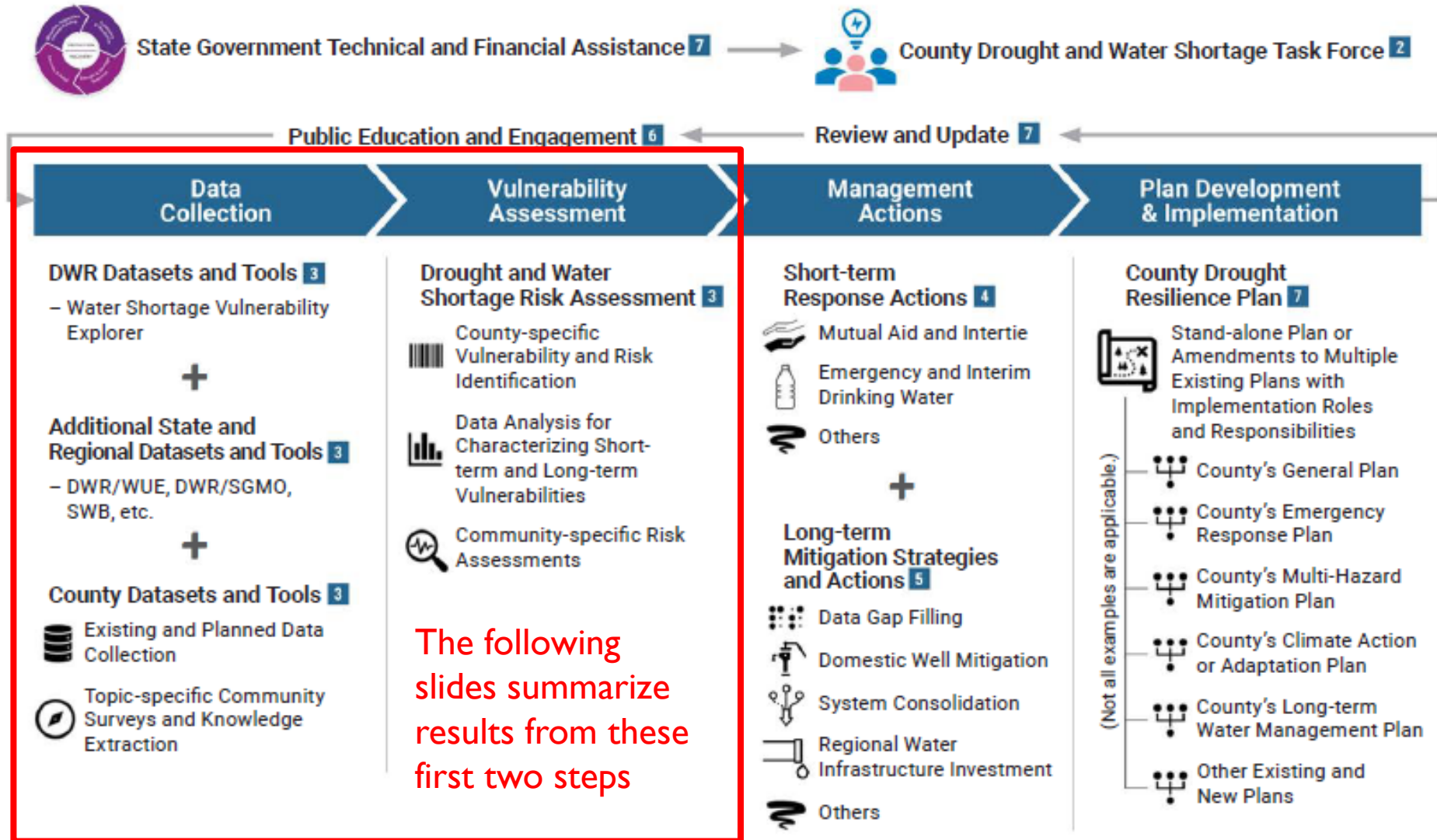
Meeting	Date	Planned Topic
GGSC Meeting	January 2025 (Date TBA)	Presentation and feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposed Short-Term Response Actions</li><li>- Proposed Long-Term Mitigation Actions</li><li>- Initial implementation roadmap</li></ul>
UCCE Workshop	February 2025 (Date TBA)	Presentation and feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Current progress, DRP components, and previous efforts</li><li>- Public review and commenting process</li><li>- Upcoming schedule</li></ul>
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# DROUGHT AND WATER SHORTAGE RISK ASSESSMENT



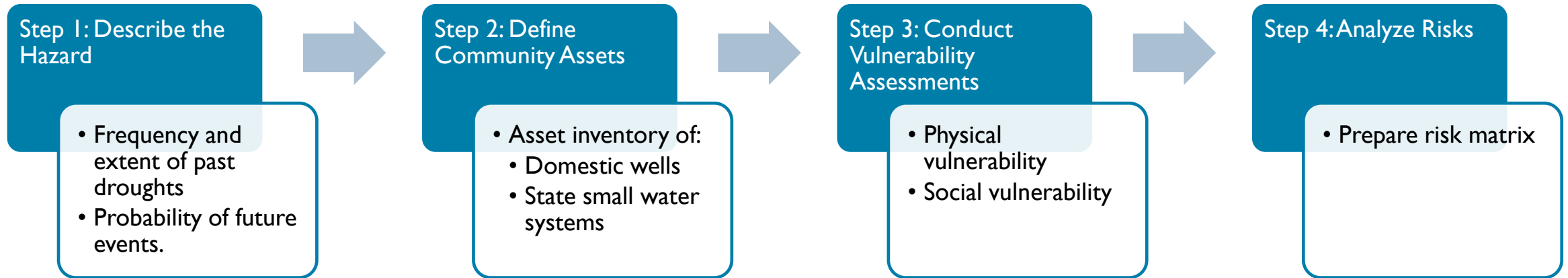
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The following slides summarize results from these first two steps

From DWR's County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook

# RISK ASSESSMENT APPROACH



- Relevant physical vulnerabilities associated with drought include Household Water Outage, Dry Well Susceptibility, Groundwater Level Decline, Wildfire, and Groundwater Quality,
- Social vulnerabilities include Household Income, Employment Status, Language, etc.
- DWR's statewide physical and social vulnerability scoring was spatially overlaid with domestic well and state small water system locations to identify at-risk populations

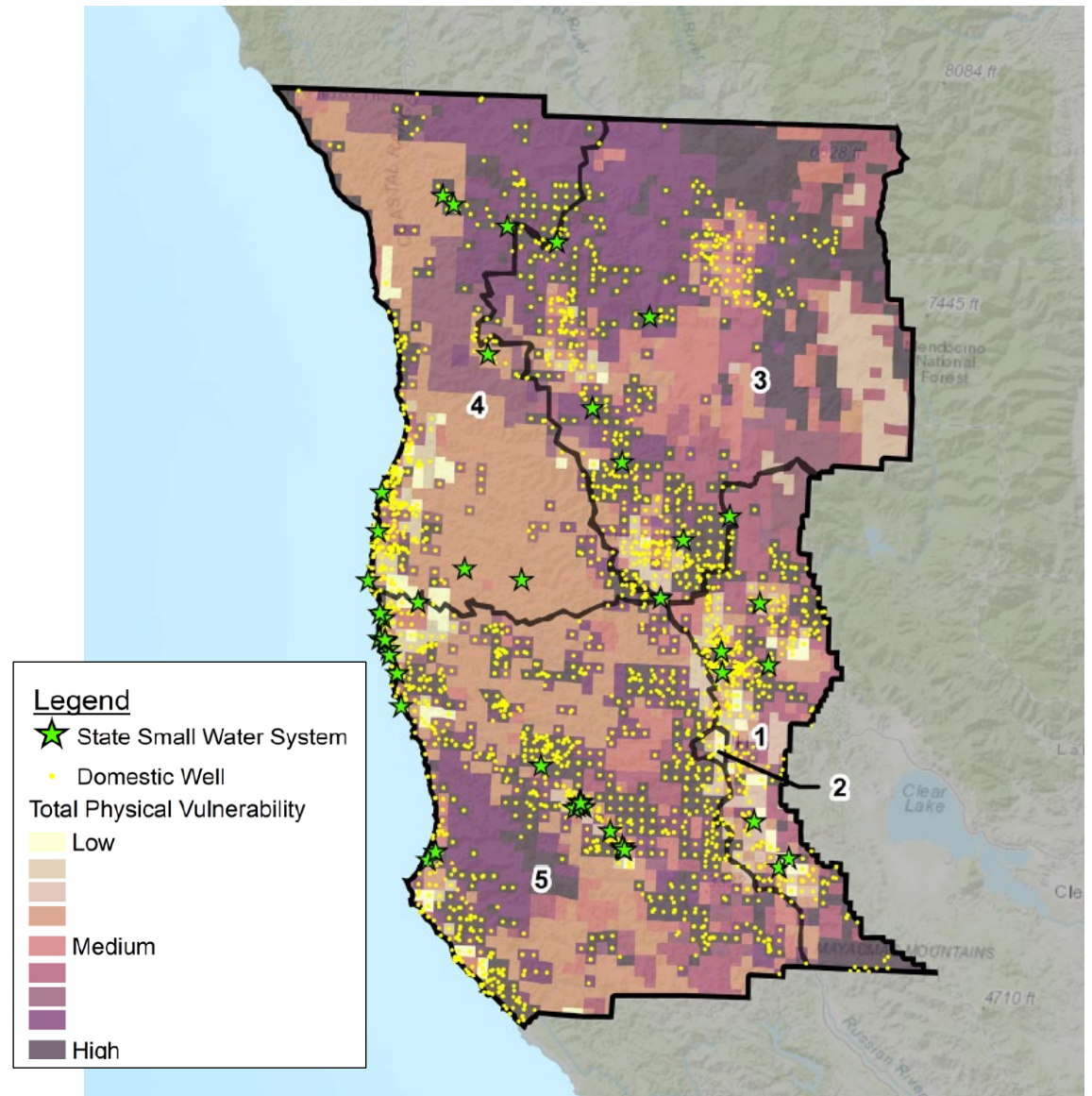
# RISK MATRIX

- Risk Categories are qualitatively described following the DWR method using state-wide percentiles.
- Domestic wells and State Smalls are largely at-risk (medium or high risk) due prominently to wildlife vulnerability, shallow depth of aquifers outside Ukiah Basin, and local groundwater quality concerns.

Asset	Count	Selected Physical Vulnerability Criteria					Total Physical Vulnerability	Total Social Vulnerability
		Household Water Outage	Dry Well Susceptibility	Groundwater Level Decline	Groundwater Quality	Wildfire		
Board of Supervisors District #1								
Domestic Wells	1,202	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
State Small Water Systems	8	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
Board of Supervisors District #2								
Domestic Wells	11	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Board of Supervisors District #3								
Domestic Wells	1,440	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	7	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High
Board of Supervisors District #4								
Domestic Wells	1,943	High	High	Low	High	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	9	High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
Board of Supervisors District #5								
Domestic Wells	3,376	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	24	High	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High

# AT-RISK STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS

- 42 state small water systems (based on an inclusive definition due data uncertainty) show high physical and/or social vulnerability to drought.
- At-risk Systems by BoS District
  - BoS District 1: 7
  - BoS District 3: 7
  - BoS District 4: 6
  - BoS District 5: 22
- This accounts for 88% of state small systems under the same definition.
- The percentage remains relatively the same even with more limiting definition of state small water systems.





**NEXT STEPS: DEVELOPMENT SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM RESPONSES**





# APPROACH TO DEVELOPING ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES

1. Identify relevant jurisdictions in high-risk areas; determine the driving risk factors
2. Establish tracking metrics for primary risk factors for proactive preparedness and categorization of strategies and actions
3. Inventory existing or planned mitigation actions in place by relevant County agencies
  - Accomplished through agency outreach and/or review of existing planning documents, as applicable
4. Identify portions of the County that do not have sufficient planning in place



# APPROACH TO DEVELOPING ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES

1. Work with local agencies/County departments to develop actions or strategies that appropriately address the assessed risk
2. Define strategies and their implementation plan:
  - Identify responsible parties to cooperate and coordinate with in planning and implementation
  - Identify funding mechanisms and pathways
  - Education and outreach to domestic well owners in partnership with UCCE
  - Identify actions within County's toolbox to assist partners in their response to drought
    - Emergency proclamation
    - Advocacy and overall leadership
    - Well permit review revisions
    - Increased analysis of monitoring and measurement of public data

# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

26 FEBRUARY 2025  
COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE MEETING #2

# AGENDA

1. September Meeting Recap
  1. SB-552 and DRP Development
  2. Risk Assessment
2. Response Actions
  1. Response Action Framework
  2. Short-term Actions
  3. Long-term Actions
3. Drought Stage Triggers
4. Implementation
5. Next Steps



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## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP: SB-552 AND DRP DEVELOPMENT



# SB 552 COUNTY REQUIREMENTS (CA WATER CODE § 10609.70):

1

## Establish a Standing County Drought Task Force

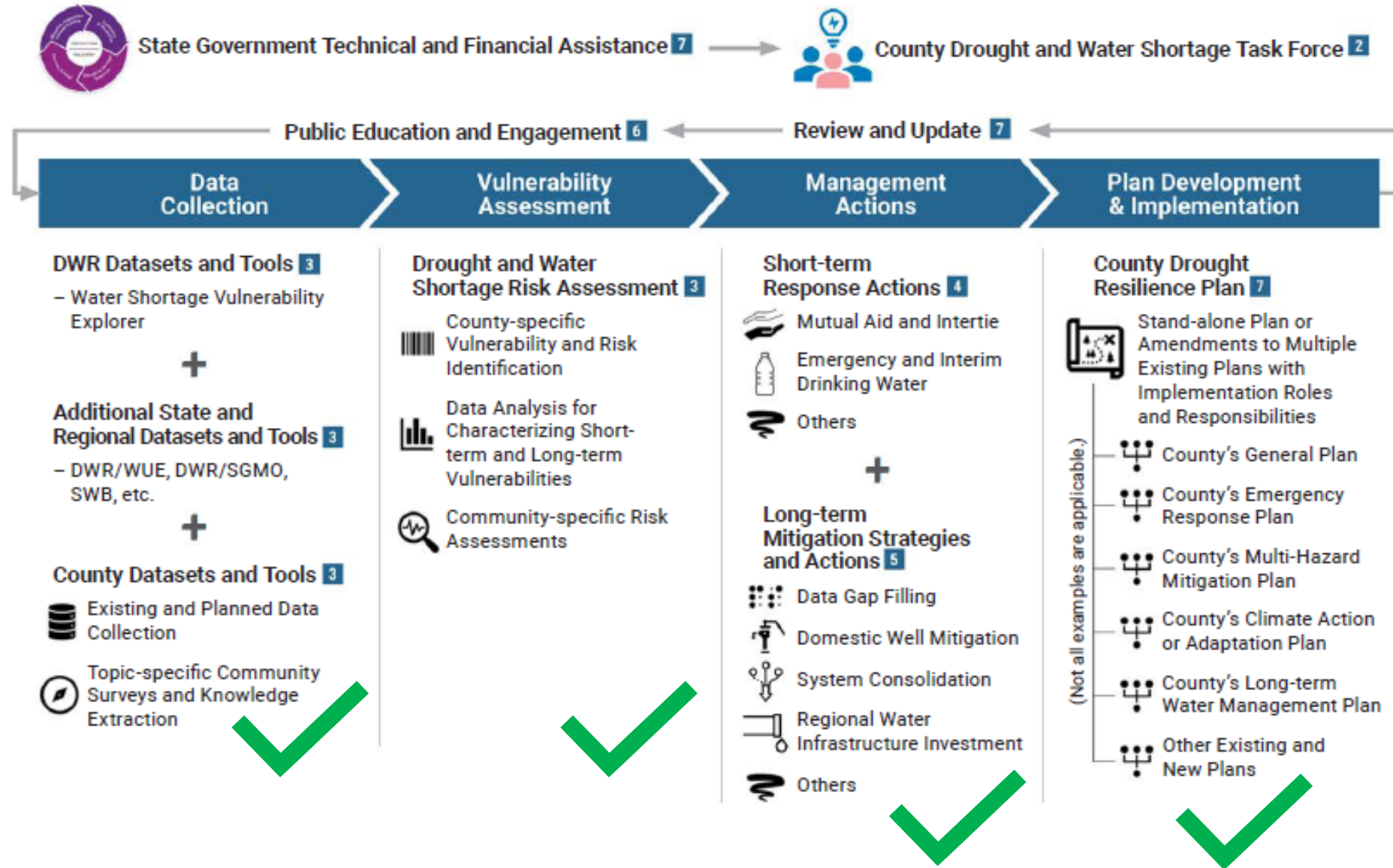
- To facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells
- Invite representatives from the state and other local governments (GSAs, Water Suppliers, Residents) to participate in the task force

2

## Develop a Drought Resilience Plan

- Develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells.

# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN DEVELOPMENT



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN TIMELINE

	2024								2025				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
<b>DRP Chapter</b>				<b>Risk Assessment</b>					<b>Short- &amp; Long-term Strategies</b>	<b>Implementation Roadmap</b>	<b>Public Review</b>		<b>Final DRP</b>
<b>CDTF Meeting</b>								<b>We Are Here</b> 					
<b>Community Meeting</b>													

 GGC Meeting

 UCCE Workshop

 BoS Meeting

\* County Drought Task Force meetings planned for: September 25, 2024, February 26, 2025, March 26, 2025, and May 20, 2025

\*\* A second community workshop was held February 21, 2025



## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP: RISK ASSESSMENT



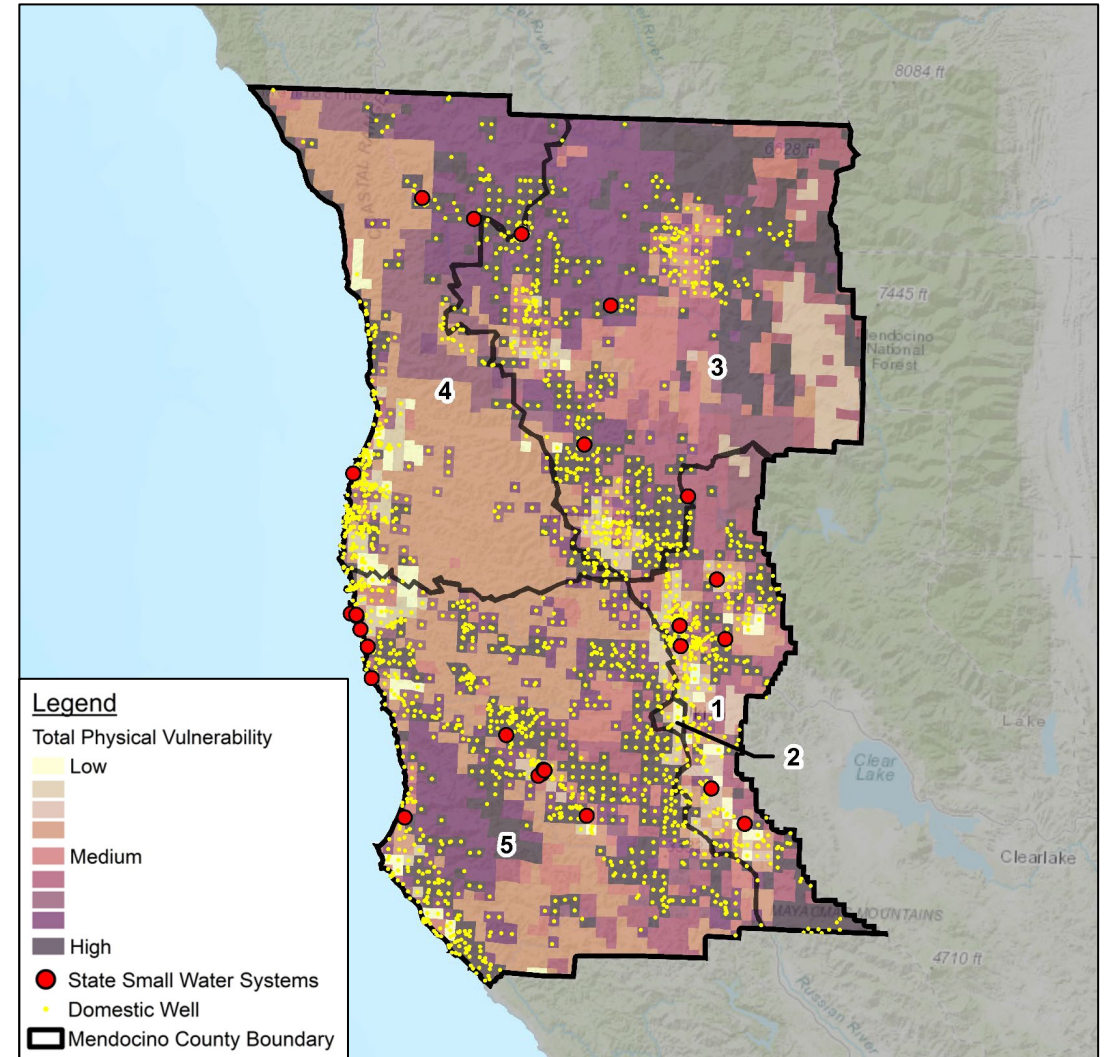


# VULNERABILITY OF STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS AND DOMESTIC WELLS

- 25 out of 27\* state small water systems show high physical and/or social vulnerability to drought.
  - At-risk Systems by BoS District
    - BoS District 1: 6
    - BoS District 3: 4
    - BoS District 4: 3
    - BoS District 5: 12
- This accounts for 93% of state small systems under the same definition.

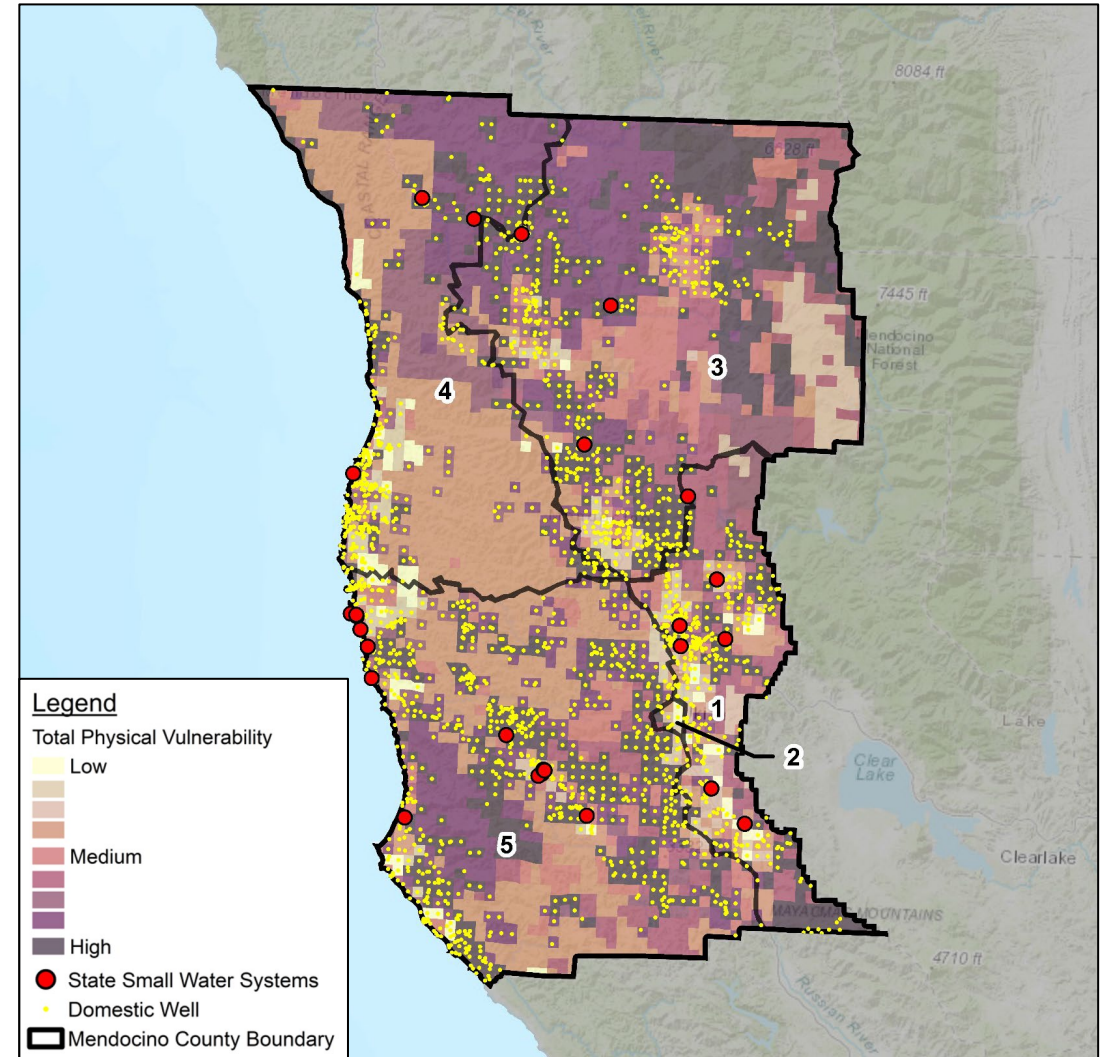
\*Number of state small systems revised based on the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water's California Water System Boundaries dataset.

\*\* A State Small Water System provides piped water to the public for human consumption for at least five, but not more than 14, service connections, and does not regularly serve drinking water to more than an average of 25 individuals daily for more than 60 days out of the year



# VULNERABILITY OF STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS AND DOMESTIC WELLS

- All areas mapped should be considered, however highest risk areas (dark brown) include:
  - City of Fort Bragg
  - Census Designated Places: Calpella, Talmage, Brooktrails, Covelo, Boonville, Philo, Manchester, Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley
  - Unincorporated Communities: Mendocino (town), Pine Grove, Caspar, Whitesboro, Navarro, Fish Rock, The Oaks, Yorkville
  - Tribes: Redwood Valley Rancheria, Pinoleville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Reservation, Yokayo Tribe of Indians
- Other Areas:
  - South and East of Willits
  - Southeast of Point Arena

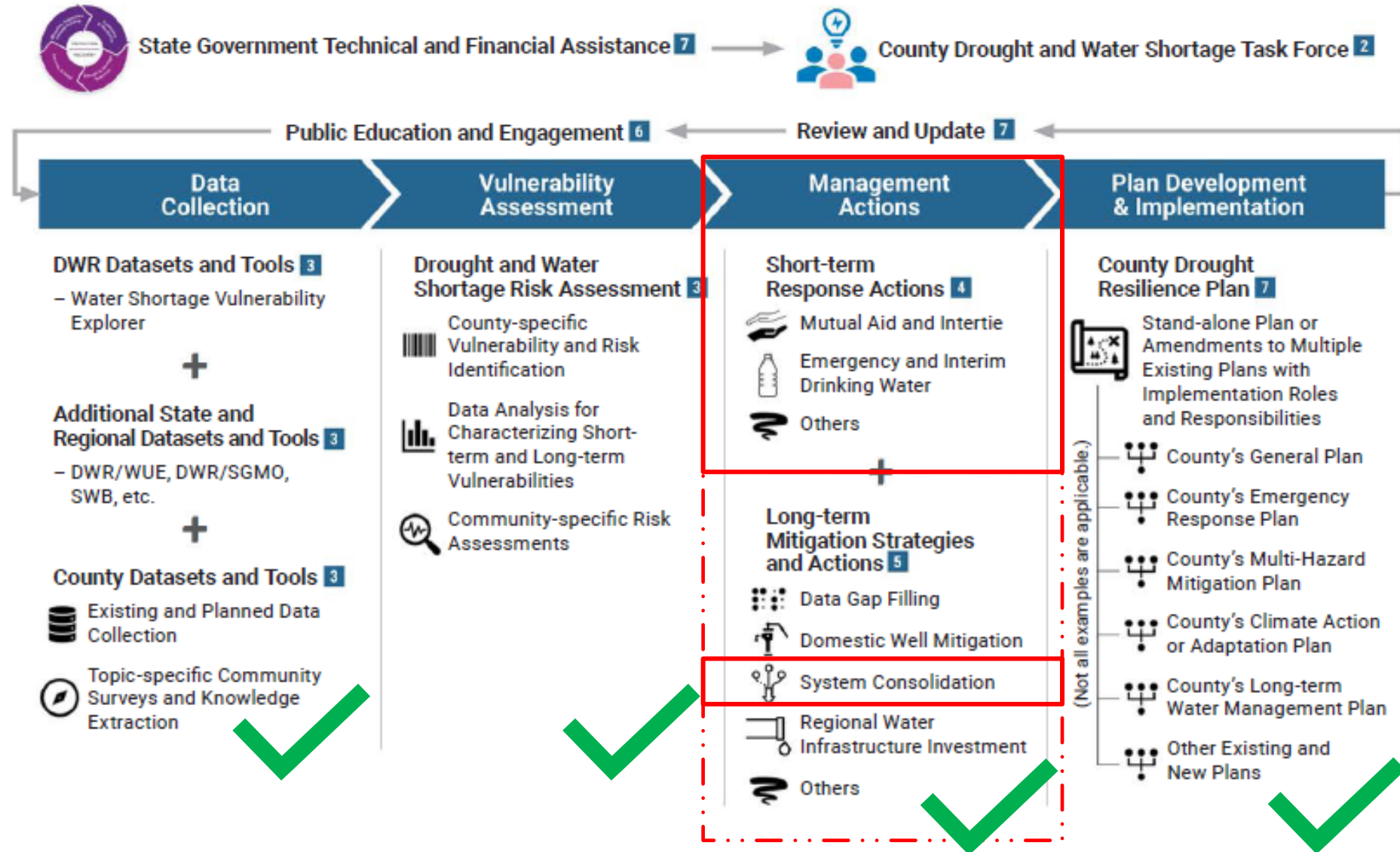




## RESPONSE ACTIONS



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN DEVELOPMENT





# COUNTY'S OBJECTIVE AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DRP

## Objective:

Facilitate increased and structured drought preparedness for domestic wells and State Small Water Systems under its Jurisdiction

## Responsibilities:

- Not a water supplier with no annual budget to undertake water supply reliability/resiliency projects.
- Will rely on coordination and collaboration with local entities for meaningful improvements in water resiliency.

Inform, Educate,  
Outreach, and Engage

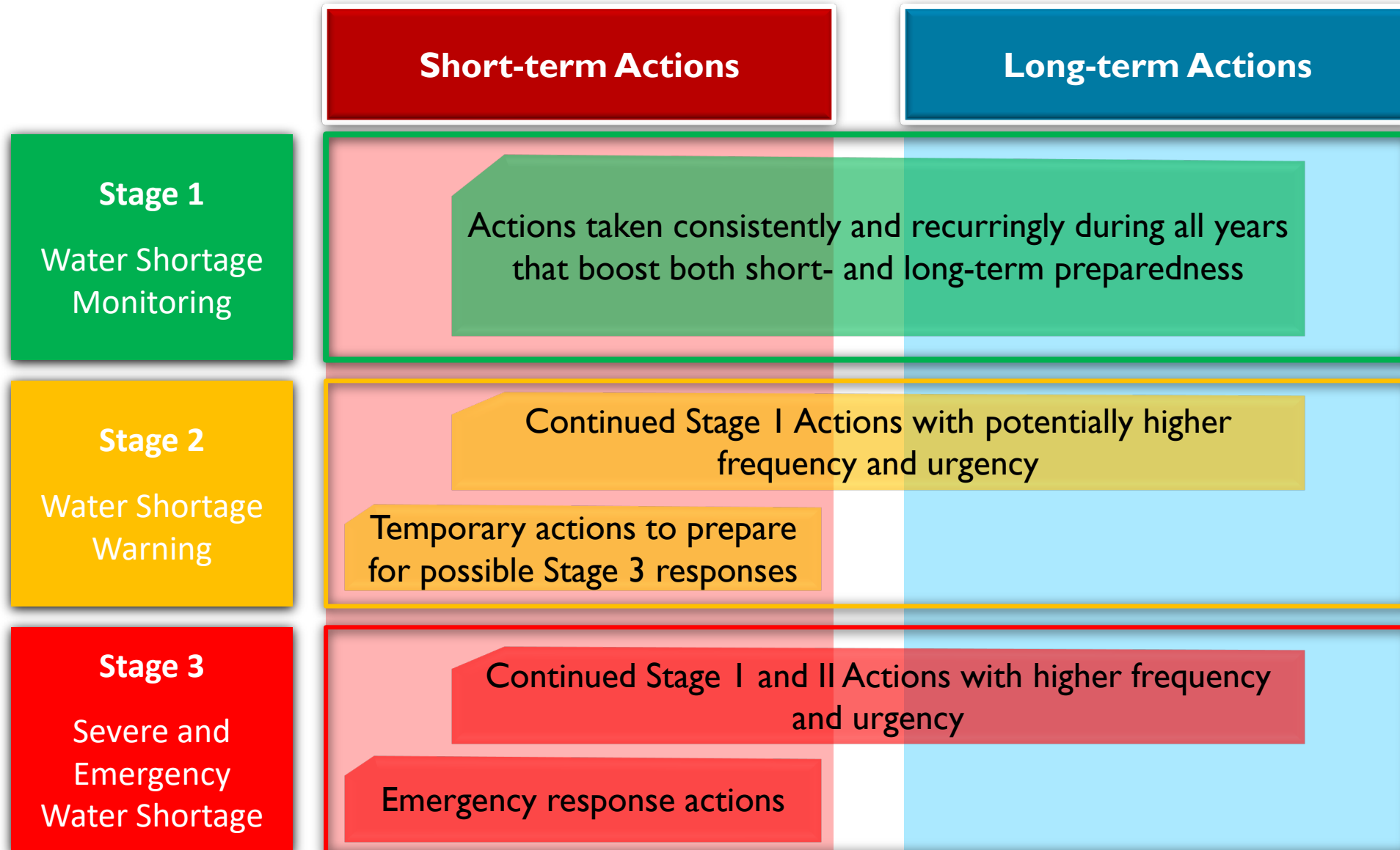
Track and Monitor Conditions, Implement Appropriate Ordinances  
and Declarations

Facilitate and Provide Venue for Coordination,  
Information Sharing, Communication, Collaboration,  
and Partnerships

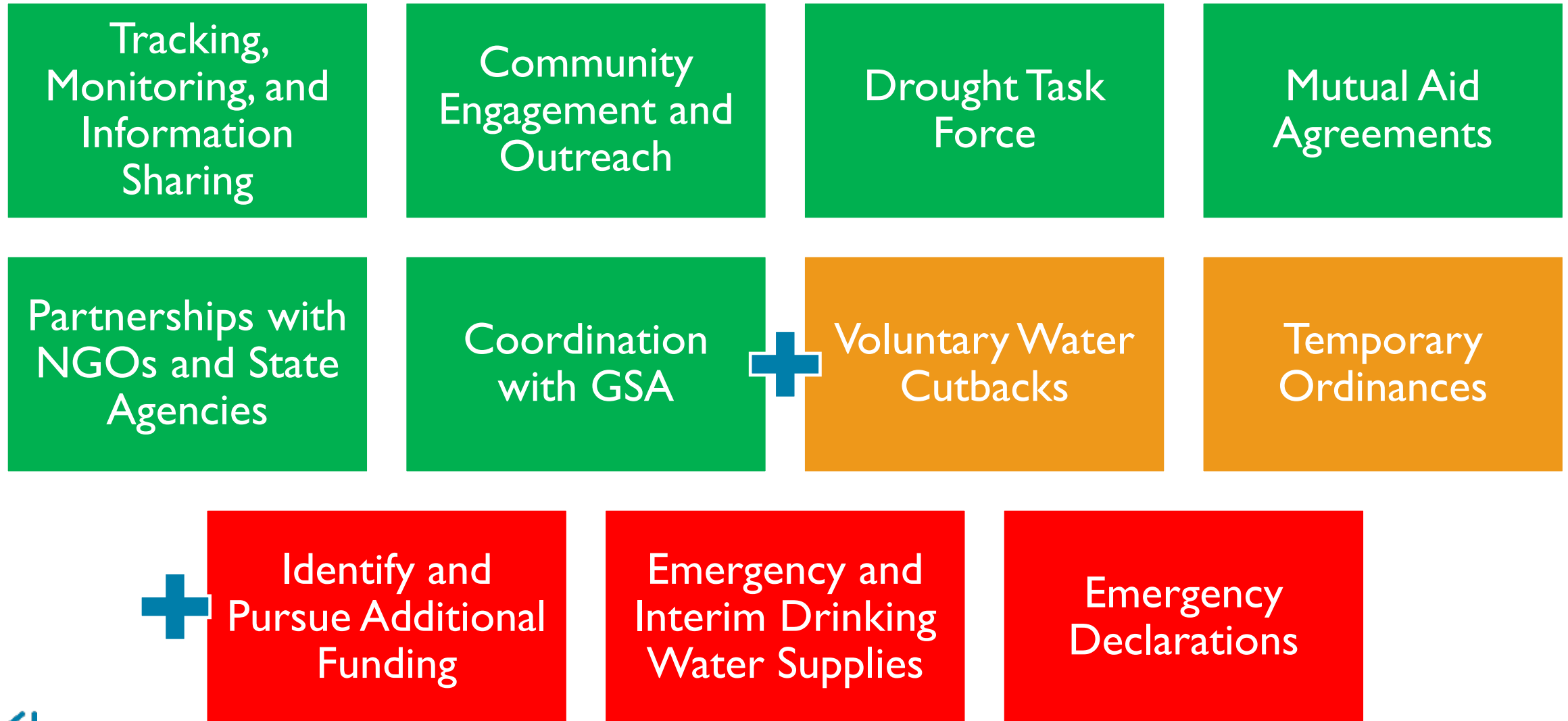
Pursue  
Funding

Facilitate and Lead  
Emergency Actions

# RESPONSE ACTION FRAMEWORK



# DROUGHT STAGES AND RESPONSE ACTIONS



# RESPONSE STAGES, ACTIONS, AND AGENCY LEADS

## Stage 1: Water Shortage Monitoring (Wet/Normal years)

- Convene CDTF meetings and increase as necessary: *CDTF, MCWA*
- Track drought response triggers: *MCWA*
- GSA Coordination: *MCWA, UVBGSA*
- Facilitate mutual aid agreements: *MCWA, CDTF members, stakeholders*
- Partnerships with NGOs: *MCWA*
- Community engagement and outreach: *CDTF; MCWA*

## Stage 2: Water Shortage Warning (Below Normal/Dry Years)

- Continue Stage 1 actions
- Continue/enhance community engagement and outreach: *CDTF members*
- Promote voluntary water cutbacks: *CDTF members*
- Implement temporary ordinances: *BoS, EO*

## Stage 3: Severe and Emergency Water Shortage (Critical Years)

- Continue Stage 1 and 2 actions
- Further enhance community engagement and outreach: *CDTF members, County and Local OES, EO, MCWA*
- County emergency declaration: *BoS, EO*
- State/federal emergency declaration: *EO, County OES*
- Identify and pursue drought funding: *EO/ Grants unit, MCWA*
- Emergency and interim water supplies (water hauling, bottled water): *County OES, CDTF members, MCWA*



# LONG-TERM MITIGATION

- Since County is not a water supplier, it will accomplish meaningful long-term improvement through continued outreach and education and facilitating collaboration, coordination, and agreements between water systems and agencies, aligned with Stage I Drought actions.

## Tracking/ Monitoring

- Track and monitor drought conditions and drought stages

## Outreach and Education

- Inform and educate through drought portal and organized outreach efforts

## CDTF Meetings

- Hub for information sharing, coordination, and collaboration
- Support mutual agreements, emergency, managerial, and consolidation efforts.
- Help build partnerships with local entities, NGOs, and water suppliers.

## Funding Opportunities

- Help identify funding from grants, and local, state, and federal programs

## Drinking Well Mitigation

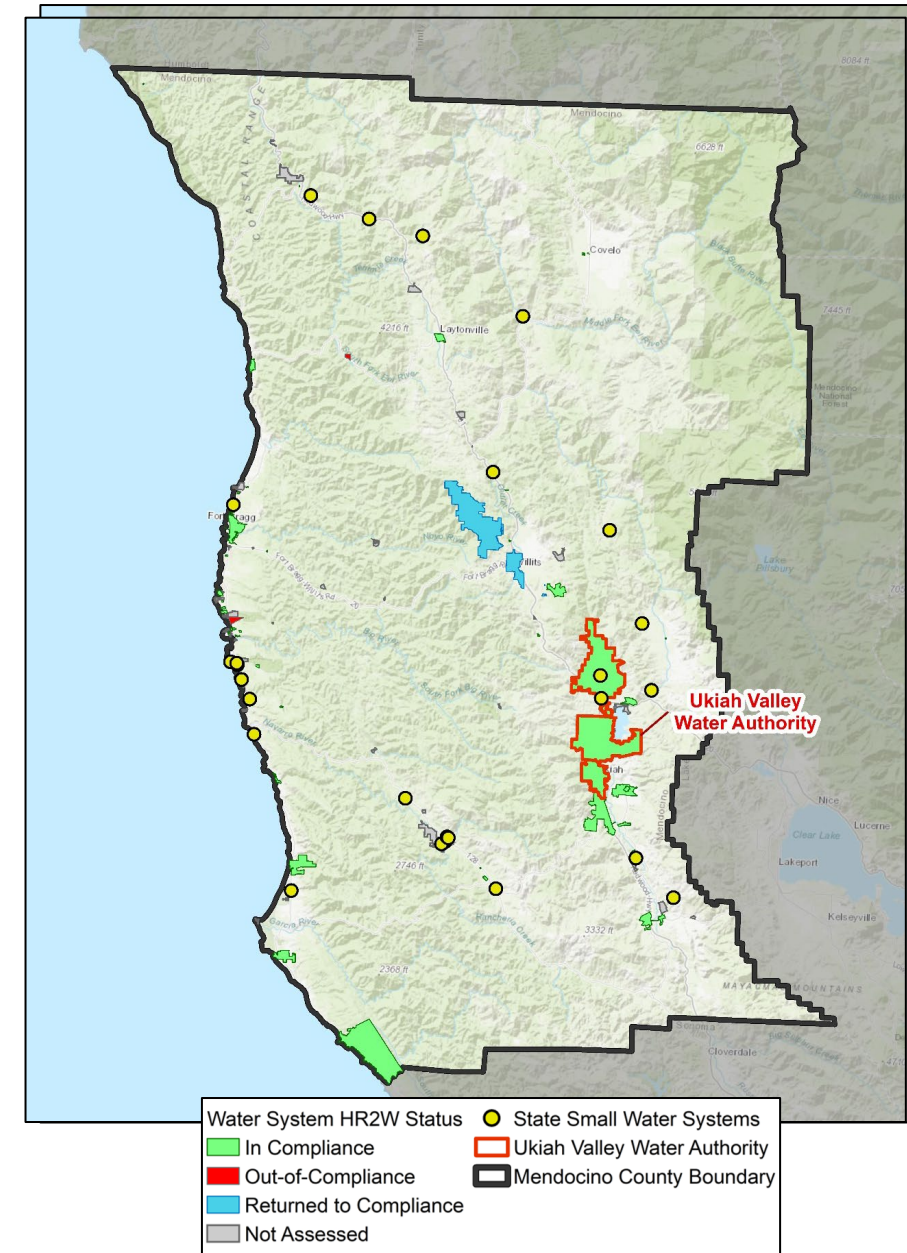
- Support UVBGSA well mitigation program as a member agency

# LONG-TERM MITIGATION: CONSOLIDATION

- DWR suggests consolidation as a potential long-term action in its DRP Guidebook
  - There are ongoing efforts in the County for consolidation, i.e. UVWA
  - Consolidation can lead to enhanced water supply reliability and resiliency for State Small Water Systems
  - Needs two or more willing water systems
- Types of Consolidation
  - **Managerial:** Occurs when systems merge their technical, managerial, and financial components for managerial purposes (best suited for systems within one hour)
  - **Physical:** Occurs when systems merge, share, and/or expand their physical water system infrastructure (best suited for systems within 3 miles or less)
  - **Regionalization:** Consolidation on a larger scale; multiple water systems form a single system

# CONSOLIDATION ANALYSIS

- County conducted an analysis of potential consolidation opportunities for state small water systems:
- Managerial consolidation is feasible countywide due to system proximity.
- Physical consolidation considered for systems within 3 miles, with preliminary candidates identified in the DRP.
  - *Preliminary list is for informational purposes only, based on public data; it does not impose any requirements or obligations.*
- Any consolidation will be pursued independently of DRP requirements and through local partnerships.



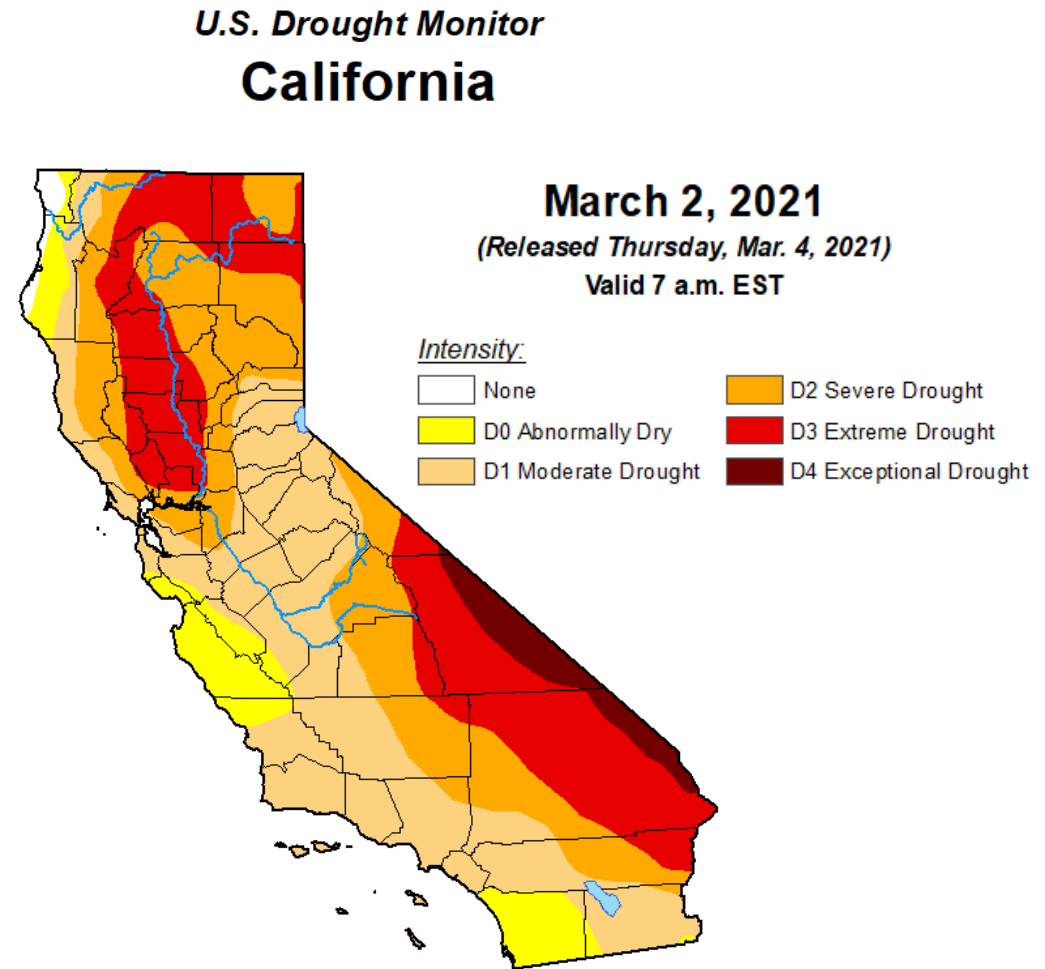


## DROUGHT STAGE TRIGGERS



# PREVIOUS DROUGHT DECLARATIONS

- Reviewed USDA, County, and State drought declarations from 2021 for guidance on triggers
  - March 5, 2021 – USDA: U.S. Drought Monitor (7 Code of Federal Regulations §759.5)
  - April 20, 2021 – County: Lower than average rainfall totals and reservoir levels of Lake Pillsbury and Lake Mendocino
  - April 21, 2021 – State: Two-year average rainfall totals and record-low storage levels at Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma





# DEFINING DROUGHT STAGE TRIGGERS

- Defined drought triggers according to regional and County-wide conditions that are consistent with past declarations and by adding dry wells as an additional metric.
- County-wide: Using U.S. Drought Monitor weekly designations (D0-D4)
- Regional:
  - Inland: Comparing Lake Mendocino reported storage to its target storage curve
  - Coastal: Comparing total rainfall for Big-Navarro-Garcia Watershed to its long-term average



# DROUGHT STAGE TRIGGERS

Drought Stage	COASTAL REGION		INLAND REGION		COUNTY
	Dry Well Reports	Current Year Hydrology	Dry Well Reports	Current Year Hydrology	U.S. Drought Monitor
<b>1 – Water Shortage Monitoring</b>	Less than 4 reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is 80% or more of average	Less than 4 reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is greater than 70% of total target water supply curve	None; <b>OR</b> D0 Abnormally Dry
<b>2 – Water Shortage Warning</b>	4 – 12 reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is 50 – 80% of average	4 – 6 reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is 45 - 70% of total target water supply curve	D1 Moderate Drought; <b>OR</b> D2 Drought-Severe for less than 8 consecutive weeks
<b>3 – Severe and Emergency Water Shortage</b>	12 or more reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is less than 50% average	6 or more reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is less than 45% of total target water supply curve	D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks; <b>OR</b> D3 Drought-Extreme; <b>OR</b> D4 Drought-Exceptional



# IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS





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- The DRP will be implemented through a **collective effort** among MCWA, County departments, and local agencies, including CDTF members.
- The DRP is a **standalone document** that will be implemented in conjunction with other state, County, and local planning documents, such as:
  - State and County Hazard Mitigation Plans
  - County General Plan
  - City and County Emergency Operations Plans
  - City and water supplier planning documents
  - Ukiah Valley Basin GSP



# IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

## Adaptive Management

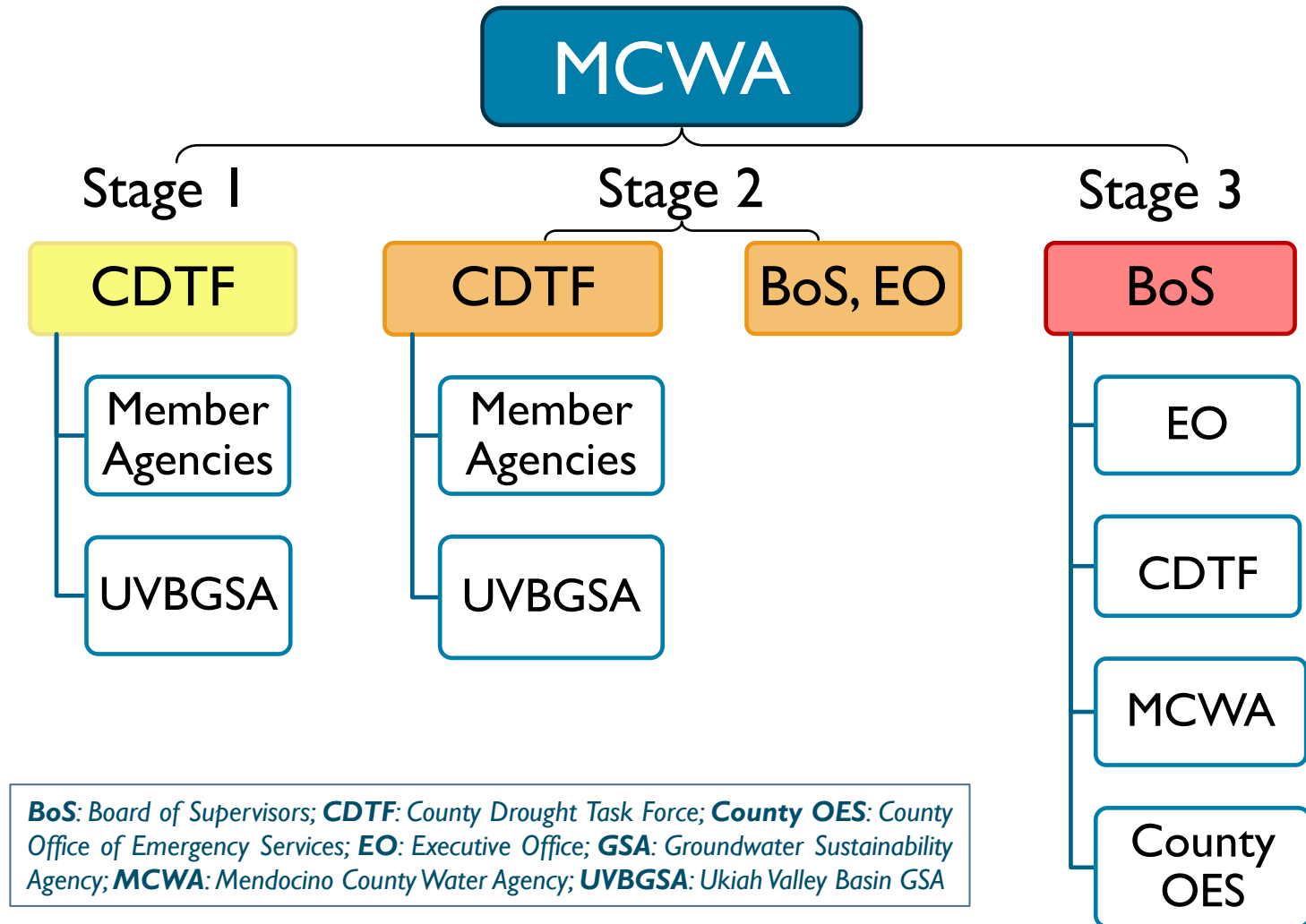
- County will assess and update the DRP as needed to reflect:
  - Changing conditions
  - Availability of new data
  - Adjustments to response actions based on drought events
  - CDTF discussions on agency roles and response actions/triggers
- Updates to the DRP and implementation of actions are contingent upon funding and resource availability.

## Funding

- As part of the DRP effort, County's drought funding portal will be updated to reflect current opportunities.
- Led by Grants Unit and MCWA
- Federal Assistance Programs:
  - [USDA, Reclamation's WaterSmart Program](#)
- State Grants and Loans
  - [DWR, SWRCB](#): Includes funding for consolidation, emergencies, direct technical assistance, etc.
  - [California Financing Coordinating Committee](#): list of state, federal, nonprofit, and other funding programs

# IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

- MCWA will oversee implementation of the DRP.
  - Implementation of actions and programs under DRP by MCWA and other County Departments will follow Board of Supervisor's directions.
- The lead agency/agencies responsible for implementing actions is dependent on the drought stage and specific response action.





## NEXT STEPS



# FUTURE DROUGHT TASK FORCE/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Planned Topic
GGC Meeting	February 26, 2025	Presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposed Short-Term and Long-Term Response Actions</li><li>- Implementation roadmap</li></ul>
GGC Meeting	March 26, 2025	Public workshop on draft DRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of outreach efforts</li><li>- Overview of draft DRP</li><li>- Public commenting process</li><li>- Adoption process</li></ul>
BoS Meeting	May 20, 2025	Presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of comments received and how they were addressed</li><li>- Resolution to authorize County staff to upload final DRP to DWR portal</li></ul>

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## NEXT STEPS

- Finalize response actions and implementation roadmap based on additional feedback from this meeting and public workshop
- Finalize draft DRP
- Finalize commenting and adoption process to be discussed at March CDTF meeting



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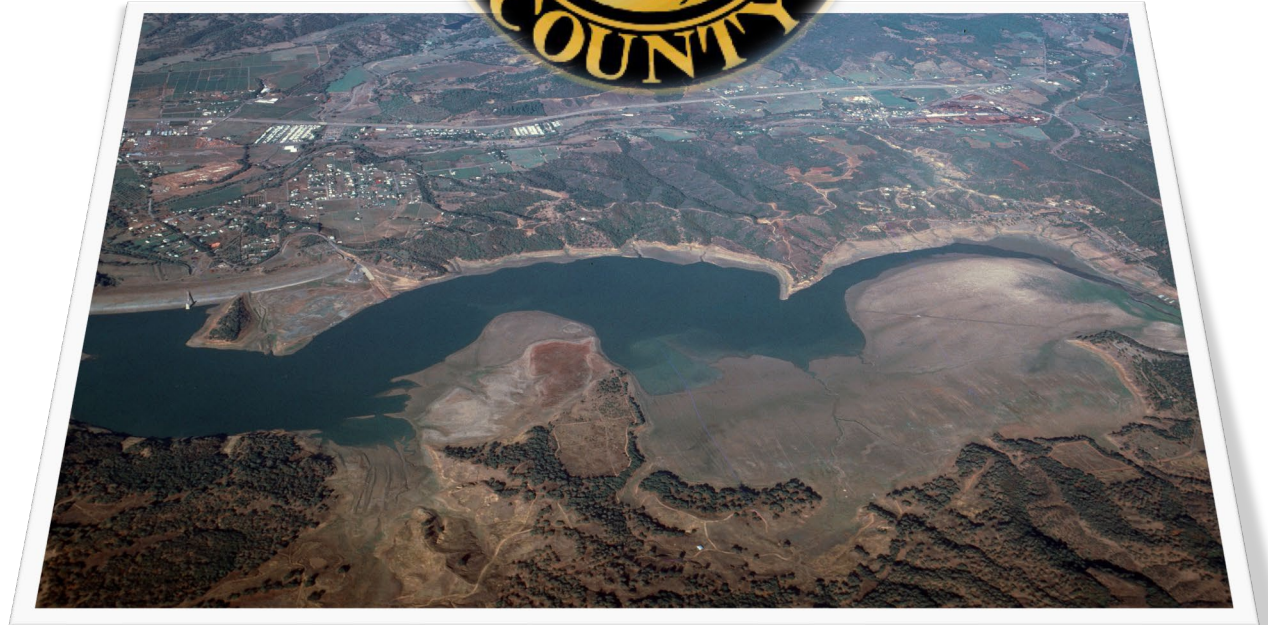
# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

26 MARCH 2025  
COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE MEETING #3



# AGENDA

1. Summary of Outreach Efforts
2. Public Review Period of Draft  
DRP and Commenting  
Process
3. DRP Adoption Process
4. Next Steps



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## SUMMARY OF OUTREACH EFFORTS



# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SB 552 (CWC §10609.70) requires counties to:

- 1) Establish a County Drought Task Force (CDTF)
- 2) Develop a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) to address drought impacts on state small water systems and domestic wells

While CWC §10609.70 does not set specific guidelines for public engagement, DWR encourages outreach to support DRP development.



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN WEBPAGE

- Background, information, and news related to SB 552 and the DRP Development Process
- Additional Materials:
  - DRP Public Engagement Form
  - DRP Email Update Sign-up
  - DRP Commenting Forms
  - Draft DRP Document
  - DRP Factsheets (in English and Spanish)
  - Slides from previous CDTF meetings and public workshops
  - List of State and federal funding opportunities for drought-related projects

The screenshot shows a webpage with a teal sidebar on the left and a white main content area. The sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Water Agency, Drought & Water Conservation, Drought Funding, Drought Resilience Plan, Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form, Get DRP Email Updates, Groundwater, Mussel Prevention Program, and Stormwater. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Departments » Water Agency » Drought & Water Conservation ». The title is 'Drought Resilience Plan'. Below the title are links for Font Size, Share & Bookmark, Feedback, and Print. The 'About SB 552' section describes the law signed in September 2021. The 'County Compliance' section details the County's efforts since 2021. The 'DRP Development' section outlines the four main steps of the workflow.

- Water Agency

- Drought & Water Conservation

Drought Funding

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Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form

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## Drought Resilience Plan

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### About SB 552

In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 552 (Hertzberg), which requires state and local governments to share responsibility in planning and responding to water shortage events, particularly for state small water systems and rural communities supplied by domestic wells. Through SB 552, the California State Legislature identifies counties as the best-suited government entity to provide the needed leadership to improve water resilience for state small water systems and domestic wells.

Under SB 552, all counties in California are required to prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP) to achieve meaningful and long-term improvements in water resilience for their residents. In addition to the development of a County DRP, SB 552 directs counties to establish a long-standing County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) to cultivate the continued practices of drought planning and improving long-term water resilience.

### County Compliance

The County and its Water Agency (MCWA) have been effectively complying with SB 552 since 2021 and throughout the recent historic drought period by holding frequent Task Force meetings, currently held under the General Government Standing Committee (GGSC). In May 2024, the County was awarded a grant from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to facilitate the development of its County DRP, which began in June 2024 under the management and administration of the MCWA. MCWA hired a consultant that specializes in water resources planning, EKI Environment and Water, Inc. (EKI), to lead the technical development of the County DRP. MCWA and EKI are closely collaborating with relevant County Departments, University of California Cooperative Extension-Mendocino County (UCCE), stakeholders, and decision-makers to develop a comprehensive plan that complies with the requirements of SB-552 through a transparent public process.

### DRP Development

The DRP development workflow consists of four main steps: data collection, vulnerability/risk assessment, development of short-term response actions and long-term mitigation strategies, and plan implementation. These steps will be conducted with effective public education and engagement, in collaboration with water suppliers and managers throughout the County.

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>



# EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND OUTREACH

## ■ Flyers Distribution:

- Posted at community locations across the county for UCCE workshops

## ■ Community Events and Presentations:

- Redwood Empire Fair and at the Round valley Blackberry Festival
- Presentation to Hopland Municipal Advisory Council
- Presentation to GrassRoot Institute Vision Workgroup

## ■ Media Engagement:

- Radio interview on KZYX's The Ecology Hour about the county's DRP
- Press Release to all local Newspapers and Radio

## ■ Social Media Outreach:

- Promotion of workshops and DRP resources on social media

## ■ Educational Material:

- Factsheets about DRP in English and Spanish (available on DRP webpage)

## ■ Funding Material:

- Coordination with County Grants Unit to compile a dynamic list of federal and State funding opportunities for projects related to drought resilience (available on Drought Funding webpage: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/drought-funding/>)



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**MENDOCINO COUNTY NEWS**

NEWS CRIME TRAFFIC FIRE CANNABIS ENVIRONMENT GOVERNMENT

LATEST NEWS Fire Burning Northwest of Potter Valley PG&E for Drastic Flow Cuts to Lake Me

## **MENDOCINO COUNTY LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN WATER RESILIENCE**

### **CONDADO DE MENDOCINO PLAN DE RESILIENCIA ANTE LA SEQUÍA**

El Plan de Resiliencia ante la Sequía (DRP, por sus siglas en inglés) está destinado a facilitar la preparación ante la escasez de agua para sistemas de agua pequeños, comunidades rurales y pozos domésticos causado por sequías u otras emergencias.

El Grupo de Trabajo para la Sequía del Condado de Mendocino fue creado para facilitar las respuestas antes, durante y después de los desastres.

El Proyecto de Ley del Senado (SB) 552 fue firmado en 2021, exigiendo que los condados desarrollen un DRP para estar preparados ante la sequía

#### **EL desarrollo del DRP tiene 4 pasos:**

**1. Recolección de Datos:** Identificar bases de datos y herramientas a nivel estatal y regional; realizar entrevistas y encuestas a la comunidad.

**2. Evaluación de Vulnerabilidad y Riesgo:** Identificar las áreas del condado de Mendocino que son más susceptibles a la escasez de agua, incluyendo pozos domésticos, hogares con tomas de agua superficial privadas y pequeños sistemas estatales de agua.

**3. Estrategias de Mitigación a Corto y Largo Plazo:** En coordinación con la comunidad y con gestores de agua, se establecerán estrategias que incluyan acciones de emergencia y medidas preventivas.

**4. Implementación del plan:** El DRP del condado se va implementarse como un esfuerzo colectivo entre los múltiples departamentos del condado y otras agencias estatales y locales.



En mayo de 2024, el condado recibió un fondo económico para facilitar el desarrollo del DRP, que comenzó en junio de 2024.

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# COMMUNITY AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

## ■ UCCE Public Workshops

- Held in September 2024 and February 2025
- Community groups participating:  
Domestic well owners, Small Water Suppliers, Business owners, Irrigation districts, Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, CA Department of Water Resources, Cities, News outlets, NGOs and grassroots organizations, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Cahto Tribe

## ■ CDTF Meetings

- Held in September 2024 and February 2025

## ■ Additional Outreach and Engagement

- Meeting with the Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC)
- Presentation at the March DWR California County Café Series meeting
- Meeting with Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians



Concerns  
about water  
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Strategies and  
Barriers to  
access/manage  
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droughts

Importance of  
community  
engagement

### Key Takeaways

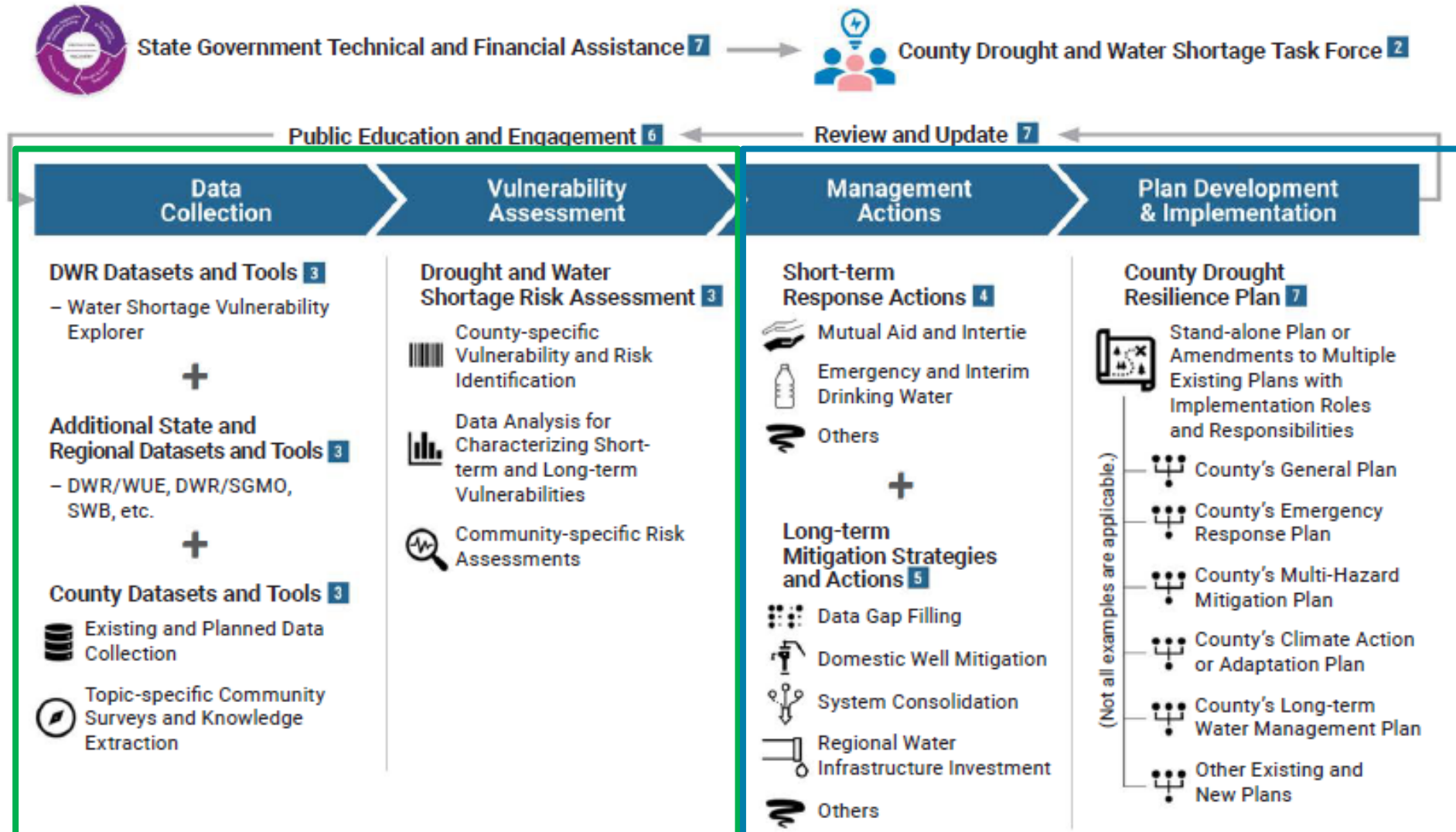
The open discussions created a valuable space for listening to the community's concerns and ideas, helping to shape the DRP moving forward.



## **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OF DRAFT DRP AND COMMENTING PROCESS**



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN DEVELOPMENT










Presented and Discussed at September 2024  
GGC Meeting and UCCE Public Workshop

Presented and Discussed at February 2025  
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# DRP DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

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\*The Final DRP will be presented for adoption at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 20, 2025

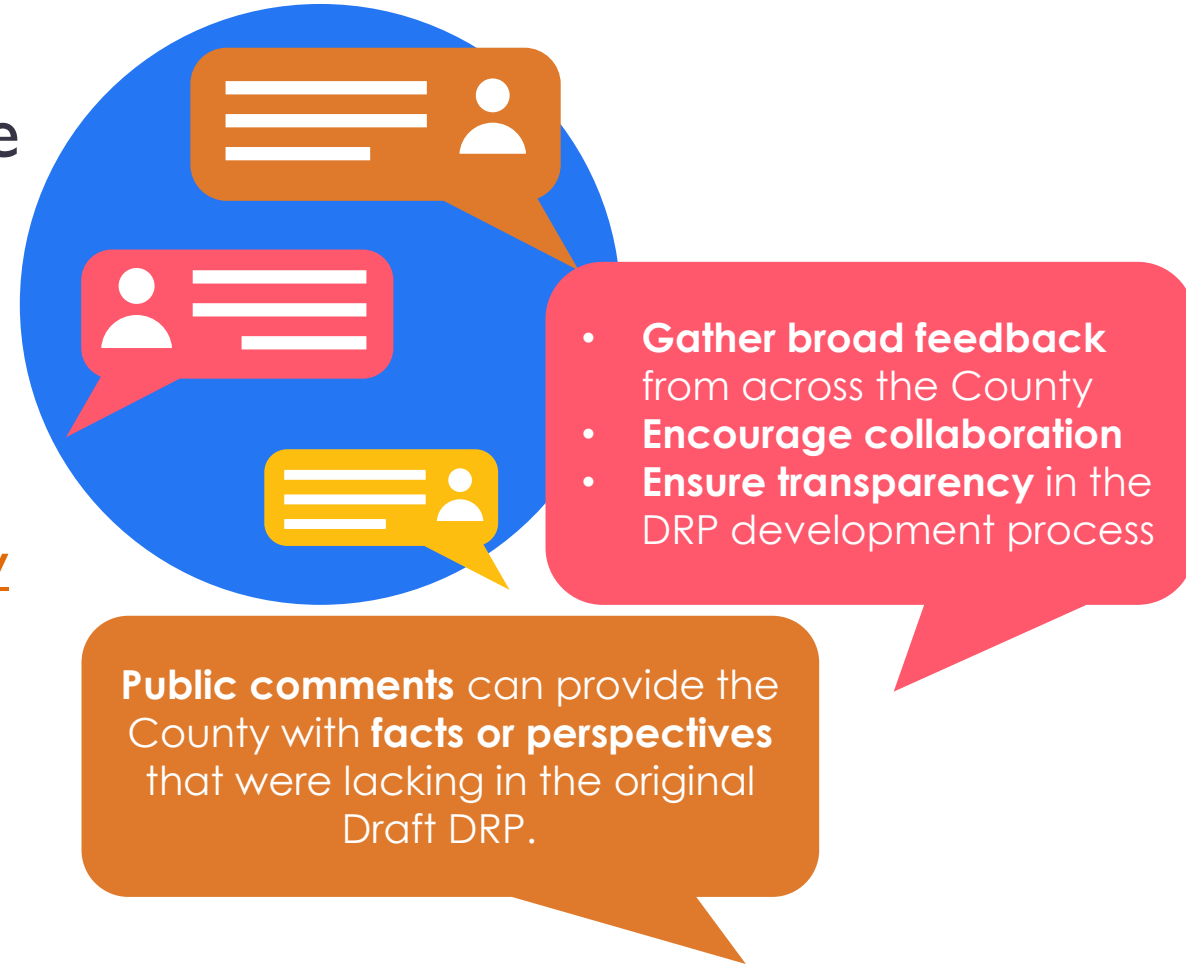
# PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

- Although CWC §10609.70 does not require a public comment process, the County considers it a vital part of the DRP development process to gather valuable input from County stakeholders.
- The Draft DRP is available on the [County DRP webpage](https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan) for public review.

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>

- The public commenting period will be open for a 31-day period from:

**March 26, 2025 - April 25, 2025**



# DRP DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

## Mendocino County DRP

*\*Not explicitly included in CWC regulation but suggested by DWR*

<b>ES</b>	<b>Executive Summary</b>	
<b>Section 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	*
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force</b>	CWC §10609.70(a)(1)-(3)
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Drought and Water Shortage Risk Assessment</b> Defining hazards and County assets, risk assessment methodology and results	CWC §10609.70(b)
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>Existing Drought Response Actions</b> Summary of past and existing actions within the County	*
<b>Section 5</b>	<b>Short-Term Response Actions</b> Drought stages, drought response triggers, and short-term response actions	CWC §10609.70(b)(3)
<b>Section 6</b>	<b>Long-Term Mitigation Actions and Strategies</b> Summary of long-term mitigation actions (e.g. funding, domestic well mitigation, and consolidation opportunities)	CWC §10609.70(b)(1)-(2)
<b>Section 7</b>	<b>Implementation Considerations</b> Discussion of agencies responsible for implementation, as well as funding and adaptive management	CWC §10609.70(b)(4)-(5)
<b>Section 8</b>	<b>References</b>	

# PUBLIC COMMENTING PROCESS

- Comments will be accepted:
  - **For general comments:** By completing the “General Commenting Form” on the [County DRP webpage](#)
  - **For more detailed comments:** By completing the “Review and Commenting Form” and submitting the file through the “General Commenting Form”
- Comments must be received no later than **April 25, 2025**.
- Comments can be submitted anonymously by leaving the "Reviewer Name" field blank.

General Commenting Form

Review and Commenting Form



## DRP ADOPTION PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS



# FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting	Date	Planned Topic
BoS Meeting	May 20, 2025	Presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of comments received and how they were addressed</li><li>- Resolution to authorize County staff to upload final DRP to DWR portal</li></ul>

## NEXT STEPS

- Review and address comments received through the public commenting process
- Finalize DRP

# DRP ADOPTION PROCESS

## 1. Finalization of the DRP

- a) Review comments submitted through the public commenting process
- b) Incorporate applicable comments into the Final DRP
- c) Summarize comments received by the public, as well as the County's responses to these comments as an appendix to the Final DRP

## 2. Present Final DRP at BoS Meeting on May 20, 2025

- a) Present a summary of DRP and previous efforts at BOS meeting
- b) Address questions and comments on Final DRP
- c) Adopt the DRP adoption resolution recommended by MCWA
- d) Upload Final DRP to DWR's [County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Program Portal](#) and submit to DWR.



**END**





## **APPENDIX C**

### **UCCE Public Workshops Materials and Attendance**

# MENDOCINO COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

**5 SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1**

**ANDREE LEE – EKI ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**  
**LAURA GARZA – UCCE WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISOR**

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# PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

## **I. Provide clear understanding of the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)**

Purpose, scope, and the process of its development.

## **II. Open Discussion**

Gather valuable input from all of you regarding your experiences, challenges, and ideas related to drought preparedness

# AGENDA

## I. Understanding Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)

1. Drought in Mendocino
2. SB 552 and DRP Background
3. County Drought Task Force
4. DRP Development Process
5. Risk Assessment
6. Public Engagement Opportunities

## II. Community Open Discussion

- I. Questions and Discussion





# DROUGHTS IN MENDOCINO



# UNDERSTANDING DROUGHT

**Drought** is the lack of precipitation over an extended period. It is a normal, recurrent feature of climate that occurs in virtually all climate zones.

The duration of droughts varies widely: from months and years, to decades.



# UNDERSTANDING DROUGHT

**Because of the interplay between a natural drought event and various human factors, drought means different things to different people.**



**Domestic Use**



**Agriculture**



**Businesses**



**Fish and Game**

**Droughts are among the most expensive weather-related events**



# DROUGHT IN MENDOCINO

## Mendocino County

was one of the first places where California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in the latest drought (2020-2022).

- Calmatters.org












# DROUGHTS INTENSITY AND IMPACTS

Intensity	Description	Possible Impacts
D0	Abnormally Dry	<p>Going into drought: short-term dryness slowing planting, growth of crops or pastures</p> <p>Coming out of drought: some lingering water deficits pastures or crops not fully recovered</p>
D1	Moderate Drought	<p>Some damage to crops, pastures</p> <p>Streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing or imminent</p> <p>Voluntary water-use restrictions requested</p>
D2	Severe Drought	<p>Crop or pasture losses likely</p> <p>Water shortages common</p> <p>Water restrictions imposed</p>
D3	Extreme Drought	<p>Major crop/pasture losses</p> <p>Widespread water shortages or restrictions</p>
D4	Exceptional Drought	<p>Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses</p> <p>Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies</p>

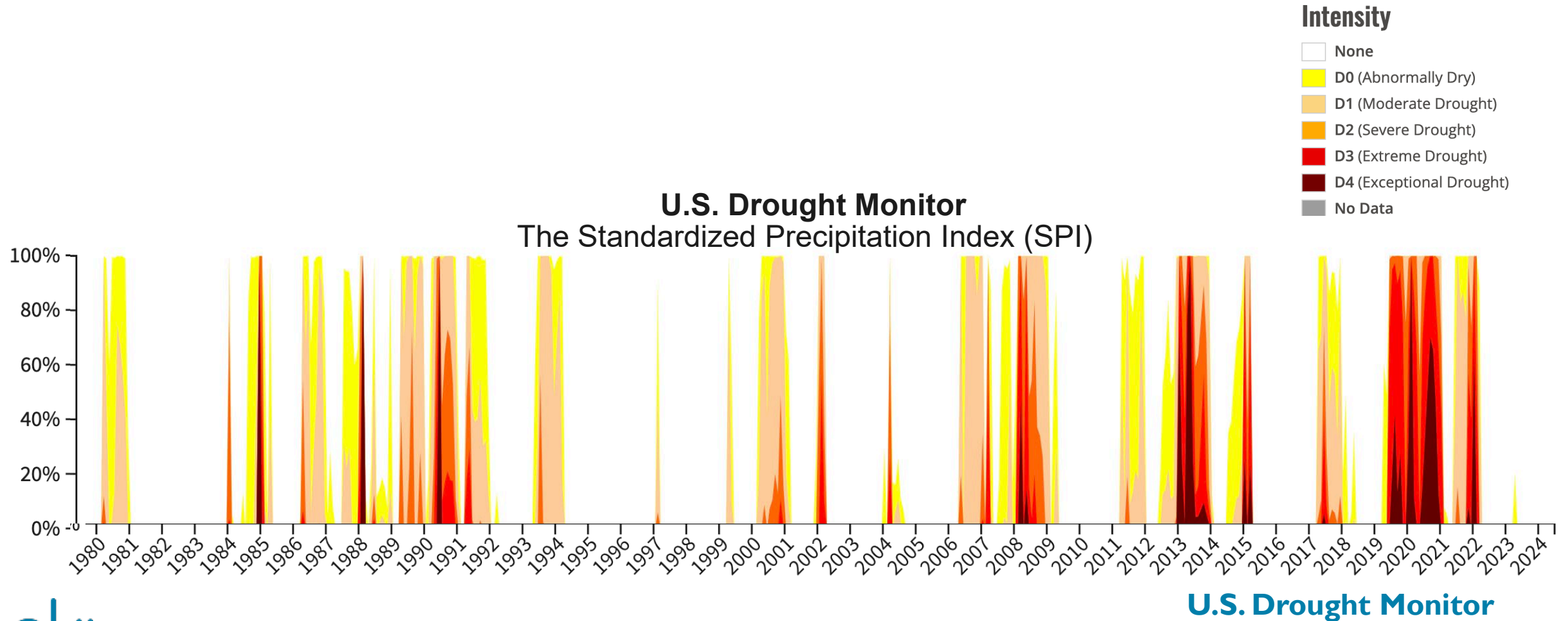
## U.S. Drought Monitor

### Intensity

	None
	D0 (Abnormally Dry)
	D1 (Moderate Drought)
	D2 (Severe Drought)
	D3 (Extreme Drought)
	D4 (Exceptional Drought)
	No Data

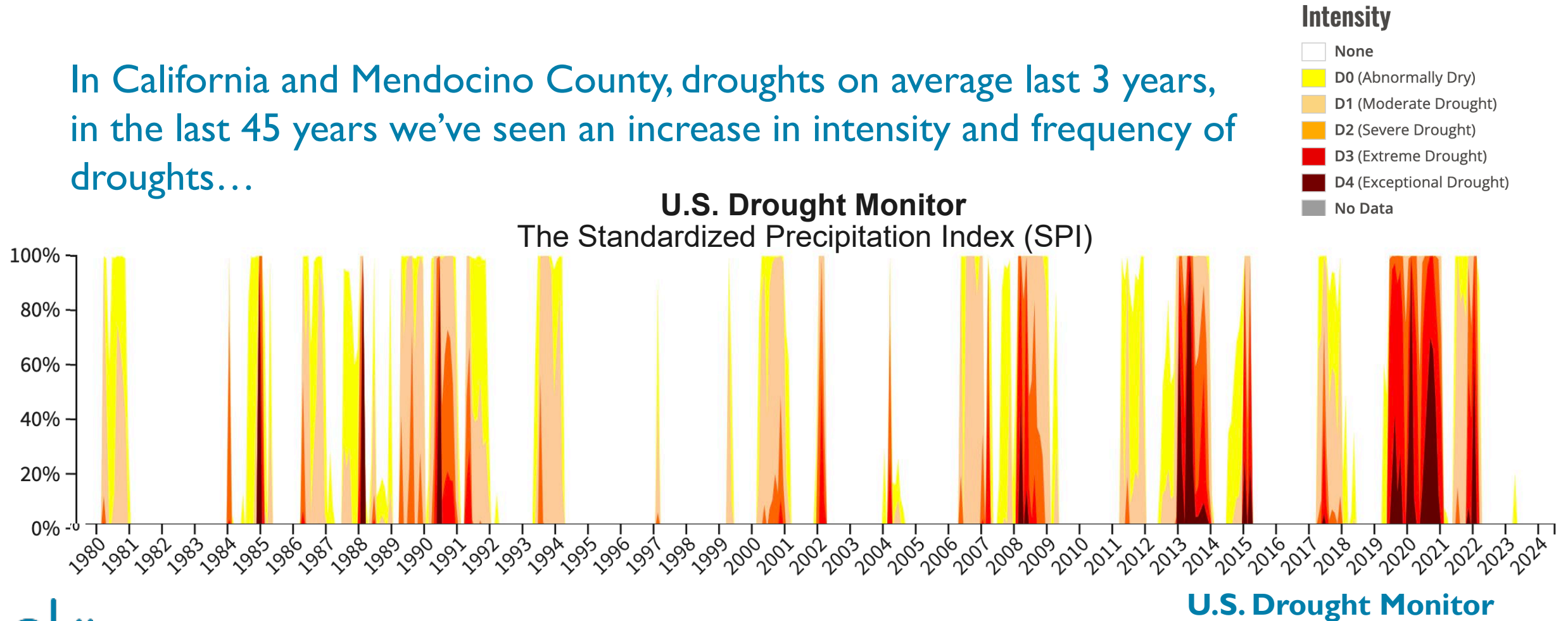
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# MENDOCINO HISTORIC DROUGHTS



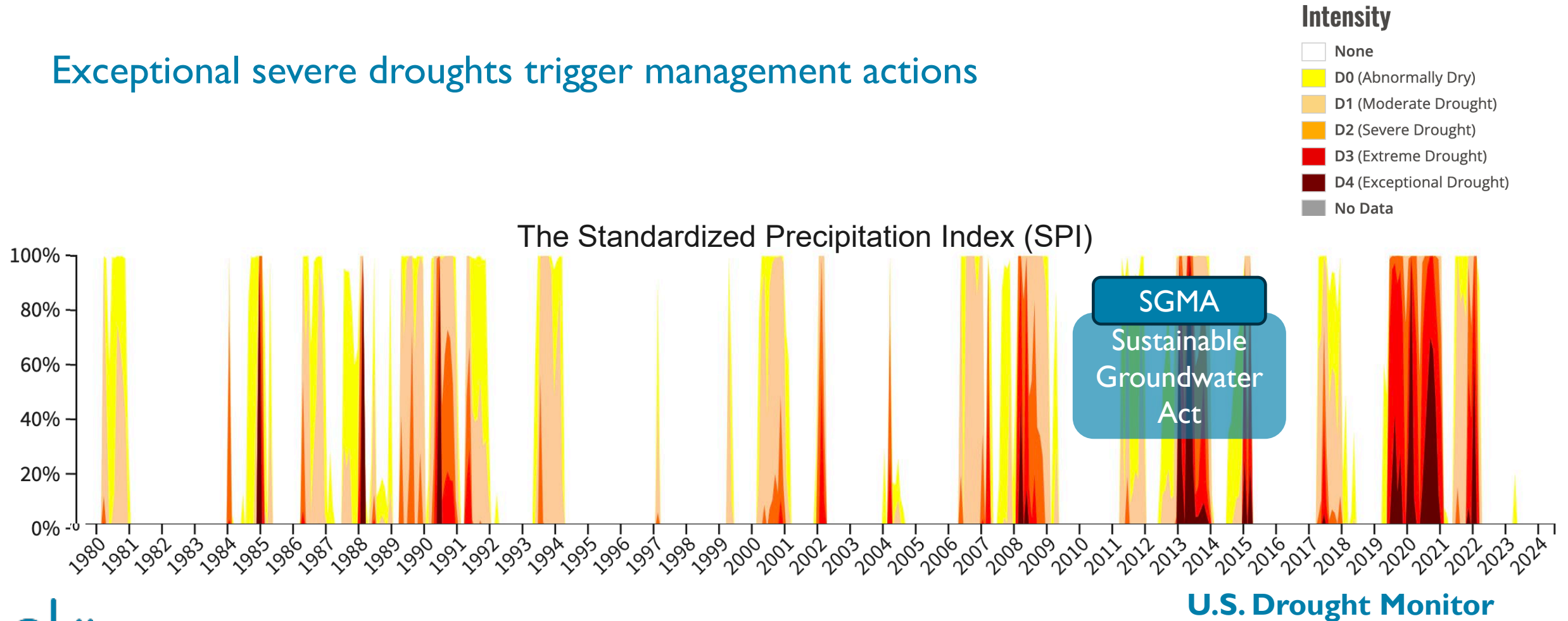
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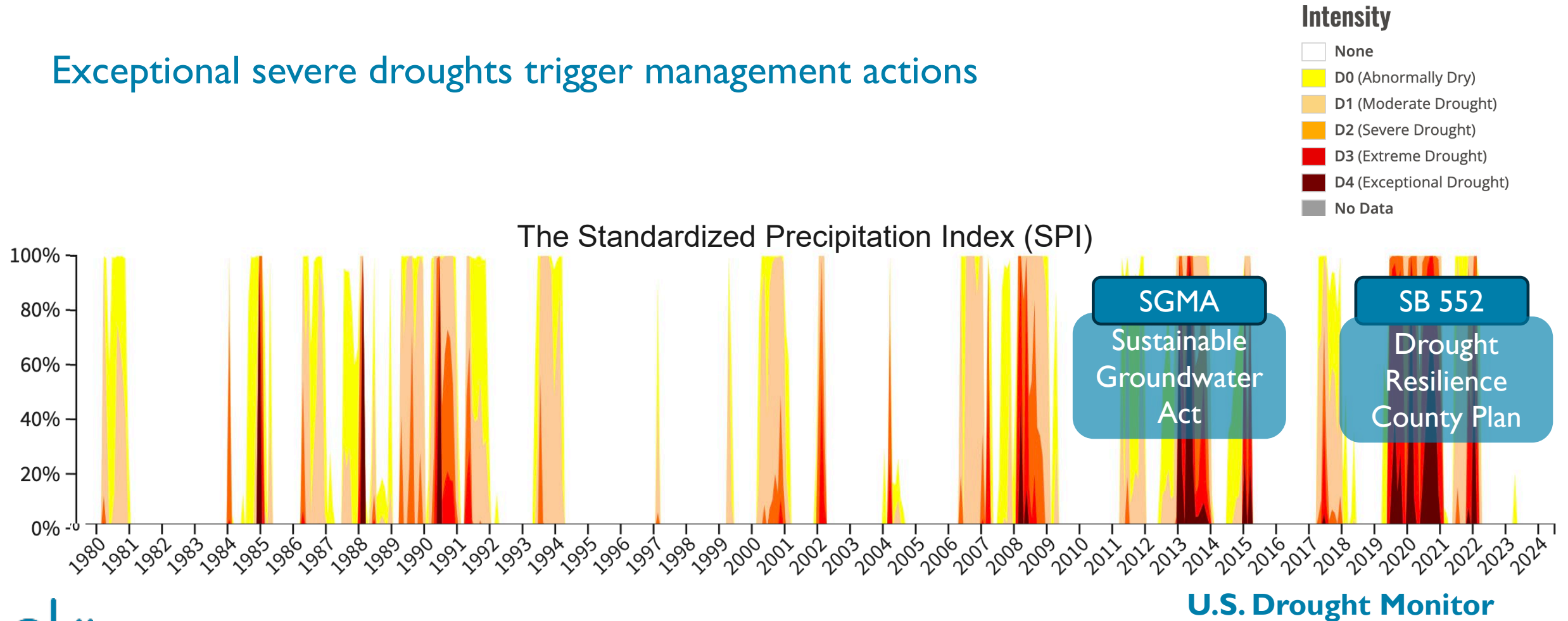
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Exceptional severe droughts trigger management actions



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## **SB 552 AND DRP BACKGROUND**





# SB-552 OVERVIEW

- Signed by the Governor of California in September 2021
- Outlines requirements for small water suppliers, county governments, DWR, and the State Water Board to implement more proactive drought planning and be better prepared for future water shortage events or dry years
- In February 2024, the County received a \$125,000 grant from DWR to support SB 552 compliance, including convening of a Drought Task Force and development of a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP)



<https://www.kqed.org/science/1975549/russian-river-drought-sonoma-and-mendocino-residents-save-the-little-water-they-have>

# SB 552 COUNTY REQUIREMENTS (CA WATER CODE § 10609.70):

1

## Establish a Standing County Drought Task Force

- To facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells
- Invite representatives from the state and other local governments (GSAs, Water Suppliers, Residents) to participate in the task force

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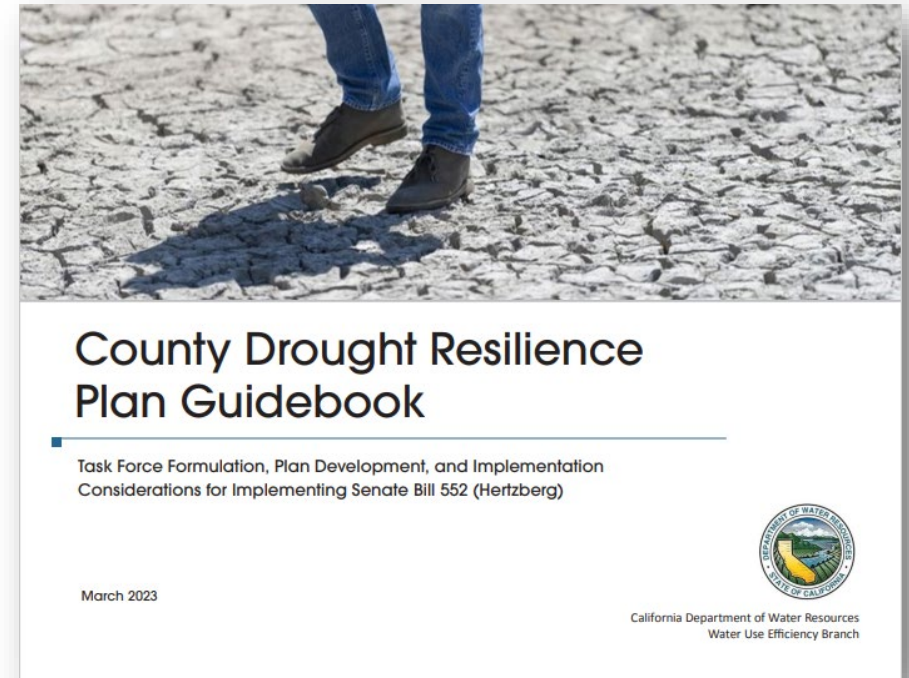
## Develop a Drought Resilience Plan

- Develop a plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells.



# DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN COMPONENTS

- Per SB 552, Drought Resilience Plan must consider, at a minimum:
  1. Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells
  2. Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs
  3. Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions
  4. An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan
  5. An analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan





# COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE



# TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES & POTENTIAL ROLES

## Requirements

Established before 1 Jan 2022.

Have regularly scheduled meetings during non-emergency periods, and more frequent meetings during drought and water shortage emergencies.

Provide level of function and participation included in SB-552 and demonstrate its continuation in perpetuity.

Facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness and collaborate in development of DRP.



## Potential Roles

Share findings and recommendations with communities and provide briefings to the BOS.

Identify data gaps and necessary actions for improved drought and water shortage planning.

Facilitating proactive planning and coordination to reduce risk of water shortage (GSP implementation, SB-552 compliance, human right to water, etc.)

Share and pursue funding opportunities for improving water resiliency.

Encourage and implement long-term planning that anticipates budget and policy needs.

# COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE (CDTF)

- The CDTF has met frequently since 2021 and currently convenes during County General Government Standing Committee (GGSC) Meetings
- Invited Membership
  - “Core” members that are legally responsible for public water systems, state smalls, domestic wells, or implementing SB-552.
    - Mendocino County
    - Major Water Suppliers (Cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, and Willits, MCCSD, RRFCCID)
    - Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA)
    - Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD)
  - Other members include tribes, other public water systems, residents supplied by domestic wells or state smalls, and state water agencies



## Mendocino County Drought Task Force Charter

Mendocino County (County) has developed this Charter to establish and maintain a County Drought Task Force in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 552 and the Best Practices outlined in the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook<sup>1</sup>, dated March 2023.

### PURPOSE & GOALS

The purpose of the Drought Task Force is to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells by identifying short-term and long-term solutions to improve County water supply reliability and protect ecosystem health. The Drought Task Force will lead and support coordination of government agencies, community organizations, residents, tribes, and private entities that are involved in water, wastewater, conservation and flood control services throughout the County.

### BACKGROUND

The Drought Task Force is maintained under the County Board of Supervisors (Board) Public Health, Safety, and Resources (PHSR) Standing Committee. As such, the Drought Task Force is subject to the *Rules of Procedure of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino*, which outlines the working procedures for Board and committee meetings. Two County Supervisors are appointed as members of the PHSR Committee (referred to as "Board PHSR Appointees" herein) and oversee the Drought Task Force. The Board PHSR Appointees are required to report to the full Board after each PHSR committee meeting, including Drought Task Force meetings, and bring Drought Task Force recommendations and actions before the full Board for decision-making.

### Membership

The Drought Task Force is comprised of core members that are representatives of organizations and agencies legally responsible for public water systems, state small water systems, and domestic wells and implementing the requirements of SB 552. Other members of the Drought Task Force include those who may have resources, capabilities, and ideas to contribute to drought and water shortage supply planning. Representatives from the following groups will be invited to participate in the Drought Task Force:

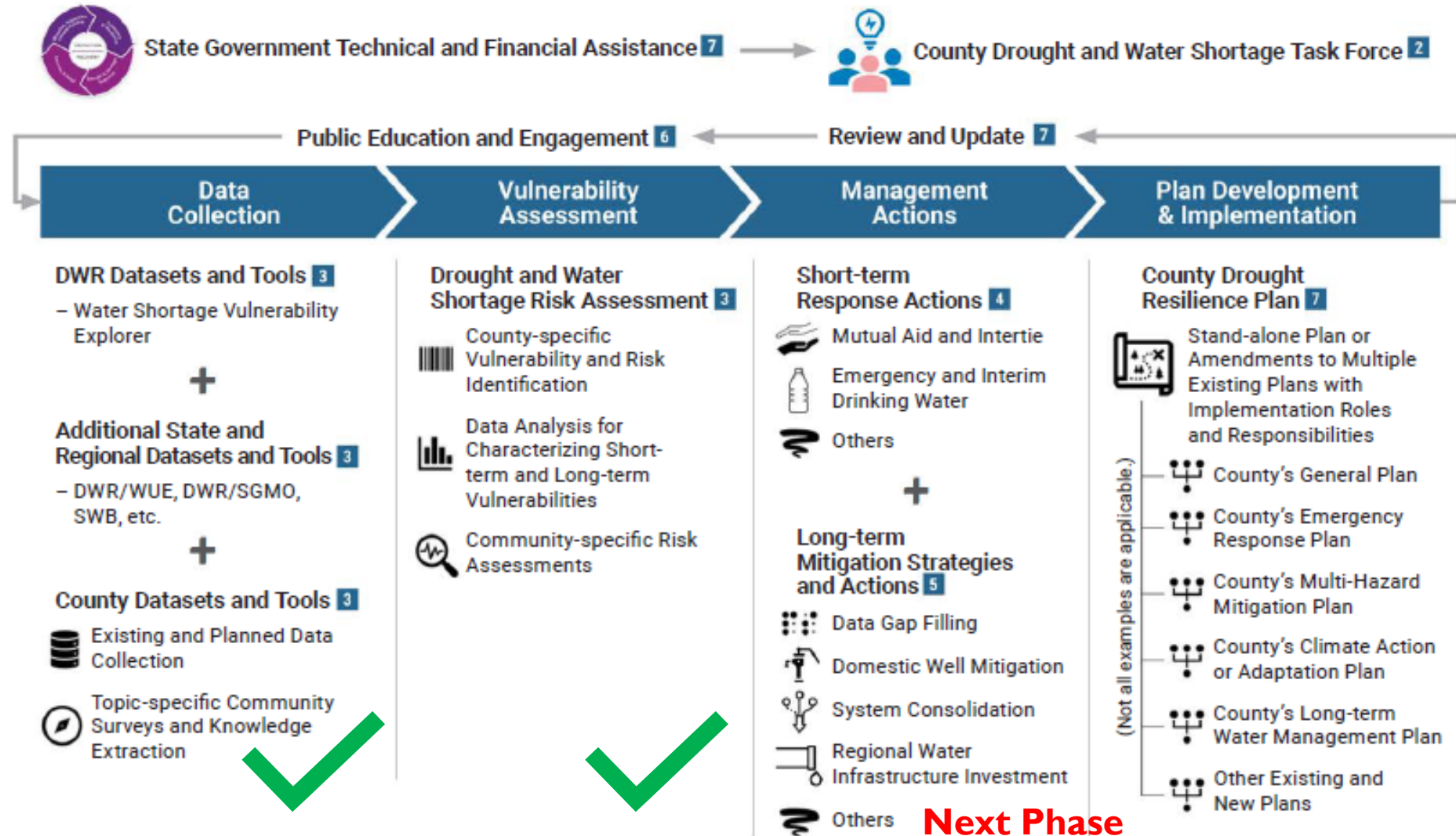
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# DRP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



# DROUGHT RESILIENCY PLAN DEVELOPMENT



# DROUGHT RESILIENCY PLAN TIMELINE



\* County Drought Task Force meetings planned for: September 25, 2024 and January, March, and April 2025 (Dates TBD)

\*\* A second community workshop is planned for February 2025

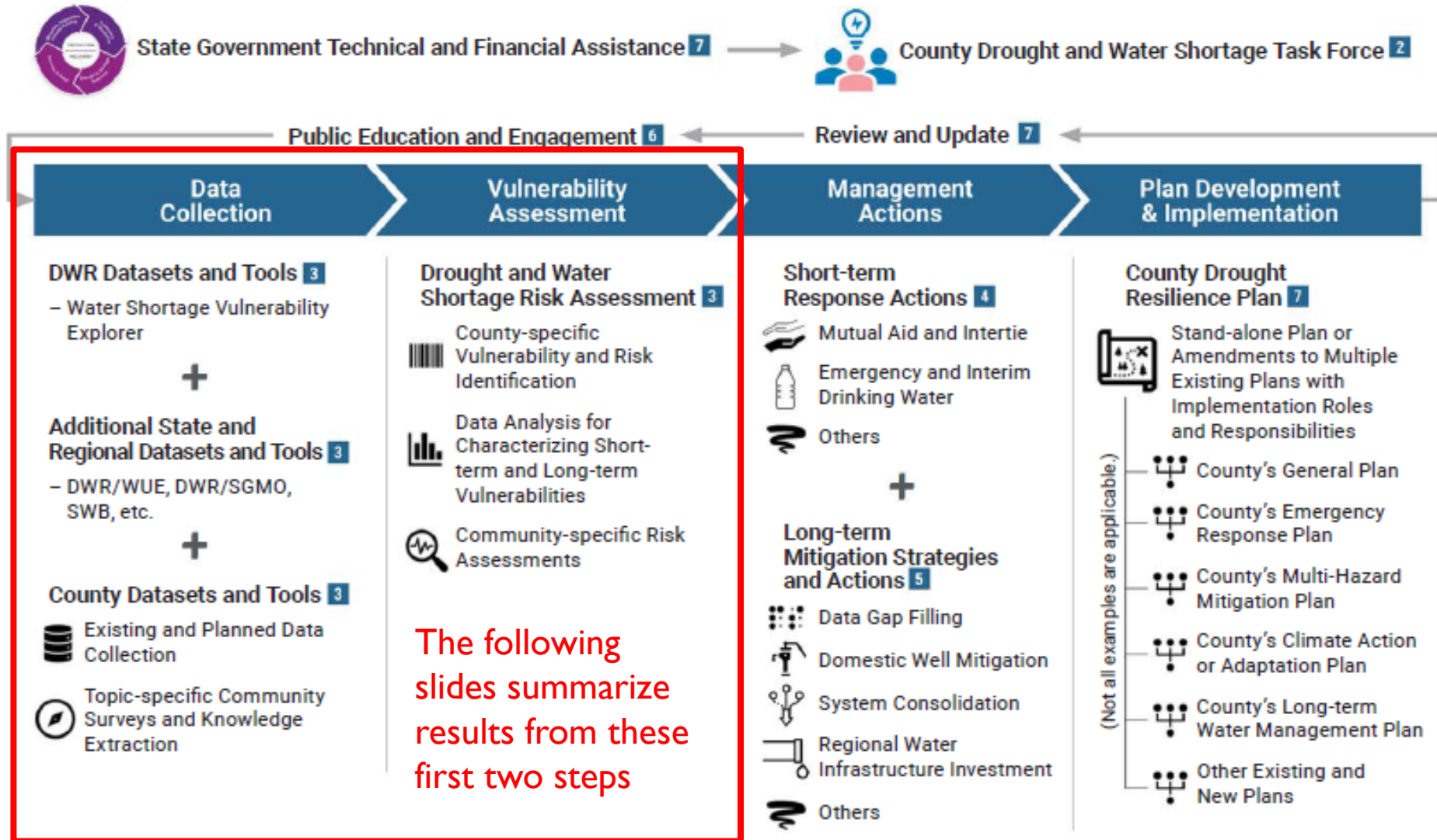




# DROUGHT AND WATER SHORTAGE RISK ASSESSMENT



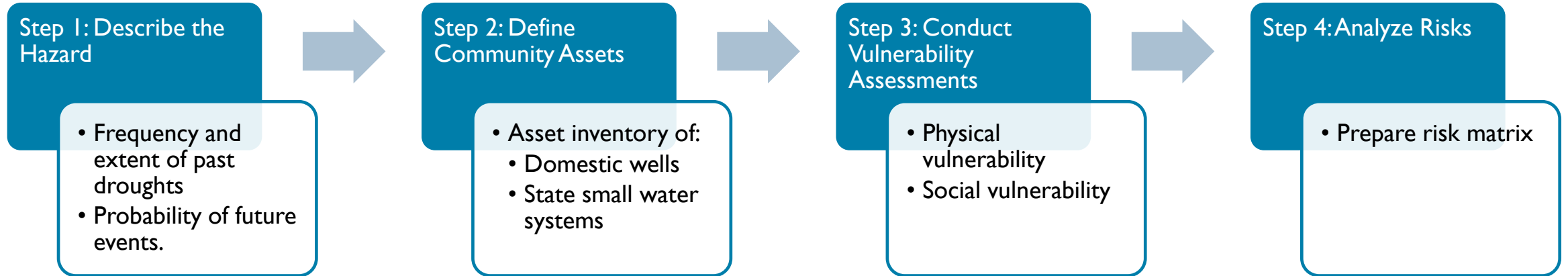
# DROUGHT RESILIENCY PLAN DEVELOPMENT



The following slides summarize results from these first two steps

From DWR's County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook

# RISK ASSESSMENT APPROACH



- Relevant physical vulnerabilities associated with drought include Household Water Outage, Dry Well Susceptibility, Groundwater Level Decline, Wildfire, and Groundwater Quality,
- Social vulnerabilities include Household Income, Employment Status, Language, etc.
- DWR's statewide physical and social vulnerability scoring was spatially overlaid with domestic well and state small water system locations to identify at-risk populations

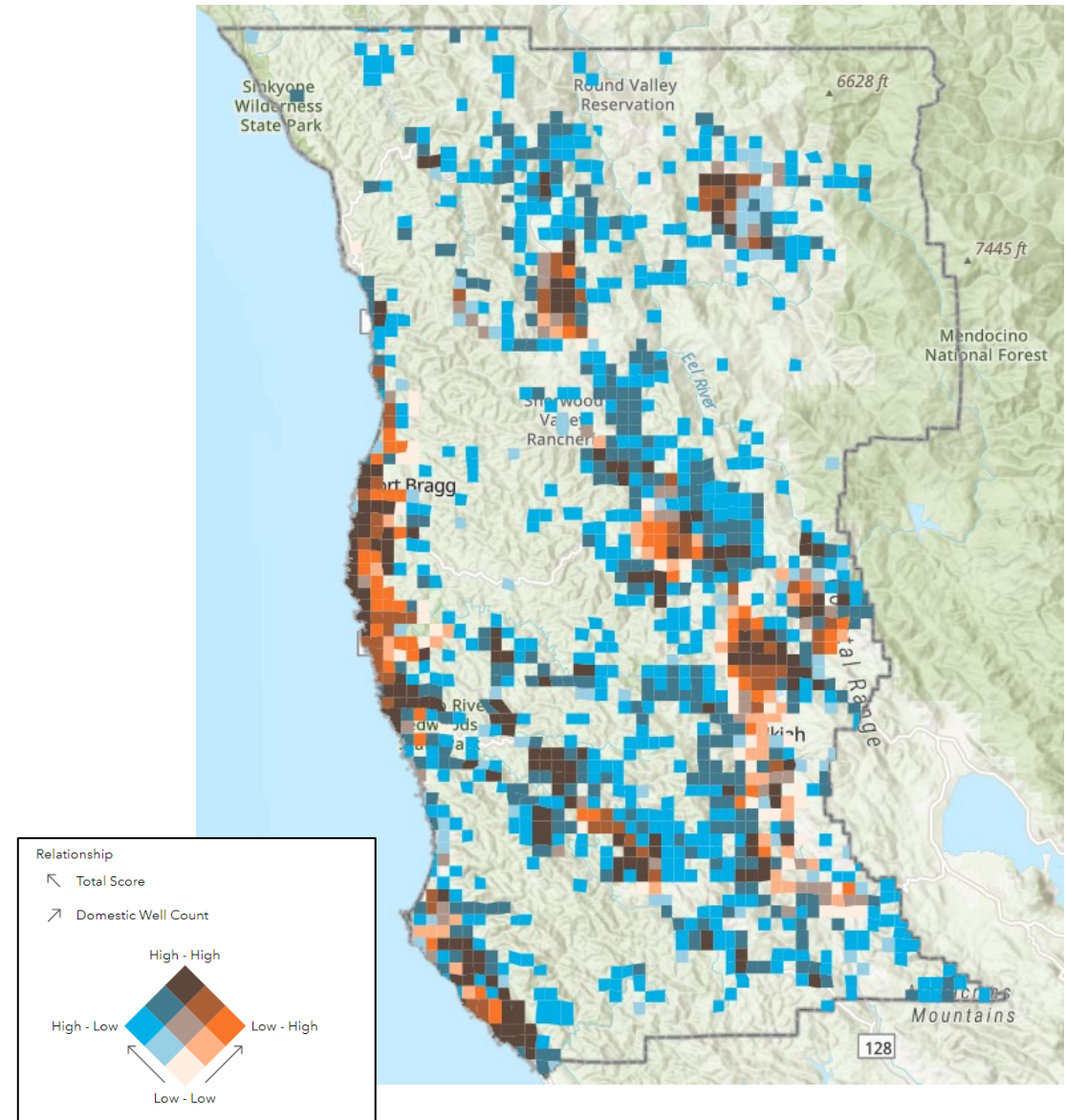
# RISK MATRIX

- Risk Categories are qualitatively described following the DWR method using state-wide percentiles.
- Domestic wells and State Smalls are largely at-risk (medium or high risk) due prominently to wildlife vulnerability, shallow depth of aquifers outside Ukiah Basin, and local groundwater quality concerns.

Asset	Count	Selected Physical Vulnerability Criteria					Total Physical Vulnerability	Total Social Vulnerability
		Household Water Outage	Dry Well Susceptibility	Groundwater Level Decline	Groundwater Quality	Wildfire		
Board of Supervisors District #1								
Domestic Wells	1,202	Low	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
State Small Water Systems	8	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
Board of Supervisors District #2								
Domestic Wells	11	Low	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Board of Supervisors District #3								
Domestic Wells	1,440	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	7	Medium	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High
Board of Supervisors District #4								
Domestic Wells	1,943	High	High	Low	High	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	9	High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
Board of Supervisors District #5								
Domestic Wells	3,376	High	High	Low	Low	High	High	High
State Small Water Systems	24	High	Medium	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High

# AT-RISK DOMESTIC WELLS

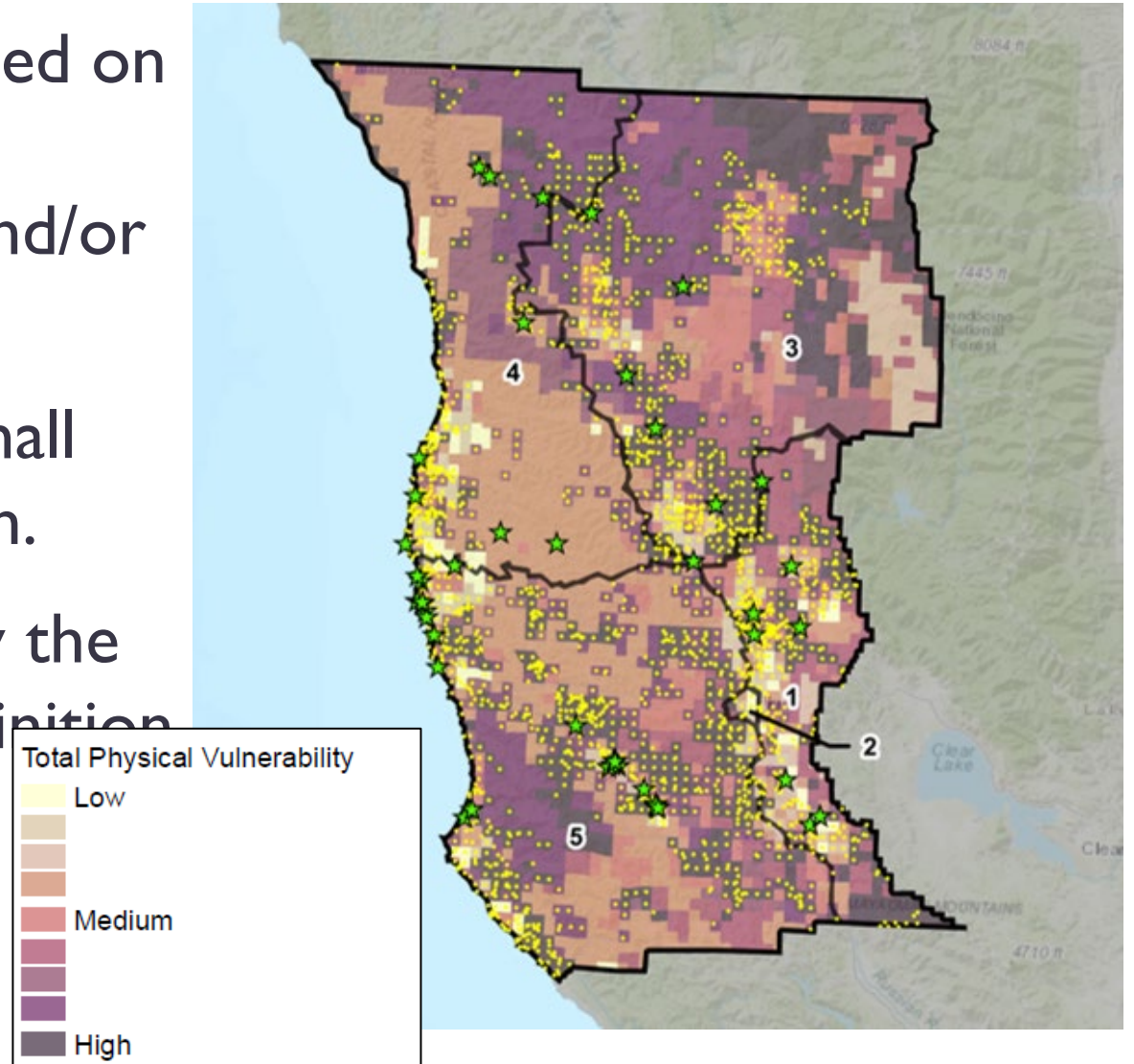
- All areas mapped should be considered, however highest risk areas (dark brown) include:
  - City of Fort Bragg
  - Census Designated Places: Calpella, Talmage, Brooktrails, Covelo, Boonville, Philo, Manchester, Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley
  - Unincorporated Communities: Mendocino (town), Pine Grove, Caspar, Whitesboro, Navarro, Fish Rock, The Oaks, Yorkville
  - Tribes: Redwood Valley Rancheria, Pinoleville Rancheria, Coyote Valley Reservation, Yokayo Tribe of Indians
- Other Areas:
  - South and East of Willits
  - Southeast of Point Arena





# AT-RISK STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS

- 42 state small water systems (based on an inclusive definition due data uncertainty) show high physical and/or social vulnerability to drought.
- This accounts for 88% of state small systems under the same definition.
- The percentage remains relatively the same even with more limiting definition of state small water systems.





# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES





# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



DRP  
Webpage



Educational  
Material



Community  
Meetings



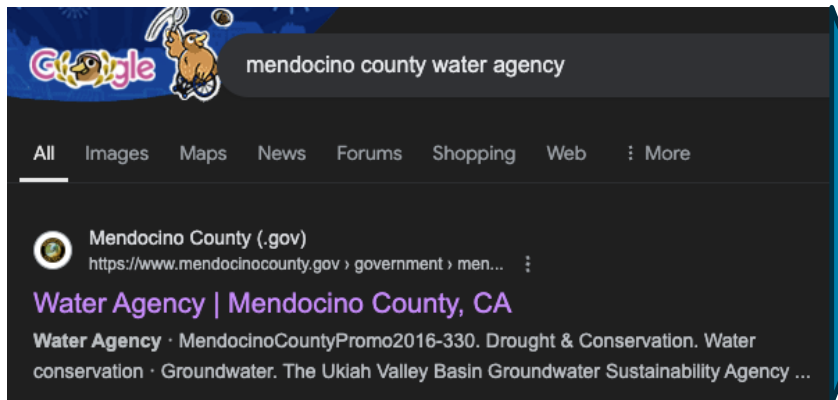
Task Force  
Meetings



Public  
Commenting  
on DRP



# 1. DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN WEBPAGE



**COUNTY OF  
MENDOCINO**  
*California*

Government Departments Residents Business How Do I...

- Water Agency
  - Drought & Water Conservation
    - Drought Funding
    - Drought Resilience Plan
      - Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form
      - Get DRP Email Updates

Departments » Water Agency » Drought & Water Conservation »  
**Drought Resilience Plan**  
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**About SB 552**  
In September 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 552 (Hertzberg), which requires state and local governments to share responsibility in planning and responding to water shortage events, particularly for state small water systems and rural communities supplied by domestic wells. Through SB 552, the California State Legislature identifies counties as the best-suited government entity to provide the needed leadership to improve water resilience for state small water systems and domestic wells.

<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>

# 1. DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN WEBPAGE

- Background and DRP Development Process
- Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form:
- DRP Email Update Sign-up



<https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan>

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## 2. EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL



### 3. COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Hosted by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) – Mendocino County
- Purpose is to showcase what is the DRP and get community feedback
- Next workshop will be held in February 2025 (Date TBA)



— JOIN THE —  
**MENDOCINO COUNTY  
DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN  
KICKOFF MEETING**

The Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) is under development to support and facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness in our community

 September 5th, 2024  3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

 In-person: UCCE / Farm Advisor Building  
890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, Ca

 Online: Zoom

 Refreshments

**YOUR INPUT IS KEY!**

We are looking for active involvement from the community to provide insights and feedback to the DRP.

For more info contact: Laura Garza,  
UCCE Water and Climate Change Advisor  
legarza@ucanr.edu



Scan or Click  
to register

## 4. COUNTY DROUGHT TASK FORCE (CDTF) MEETINGS

- DRP agenda items will be presented at CDTF Meetings under the General Government Standing Committee (GGSC) or BoS meetings,
  - Open to the public
- Planned CDTF Meeting Dates:
  - GGSC Meeting:
    - September 25, 2024
    - January 2025 (Date TBA)
    - March 2025 (Date TBA)
    - May 2025 (Date TBA)



## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTING ON THE DRP

**The Draft DRP will be released for public comment on the DRP Webpage** following the March 2025 GGSC/CDTF meeting

- Public comment period will be up to 30 days
- Resolution to submit the Final DRP will be proposed at the May 2025 County BoS meeting





**QUESTIONS?**

About the Drought Resilience Plan Overview (10 Min)



## OPEN DISCUSSION



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# OPEN DISCUSSION

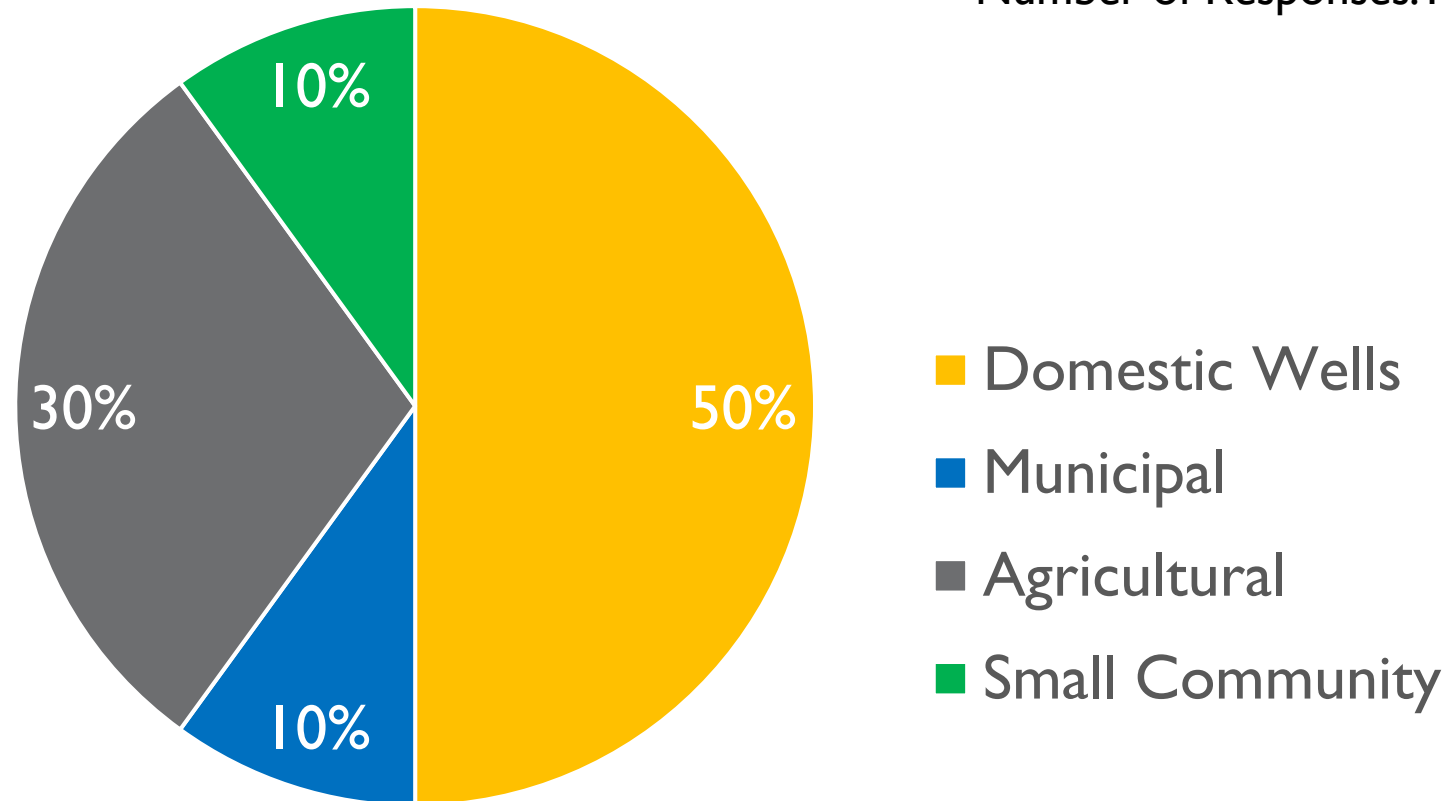
1. Share preliminary  
results of the  
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from the DRP  
Webpage

2. Discuss some of  
the questions  
provided in this  
workshop

# PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM ENGAGEMENT FORM

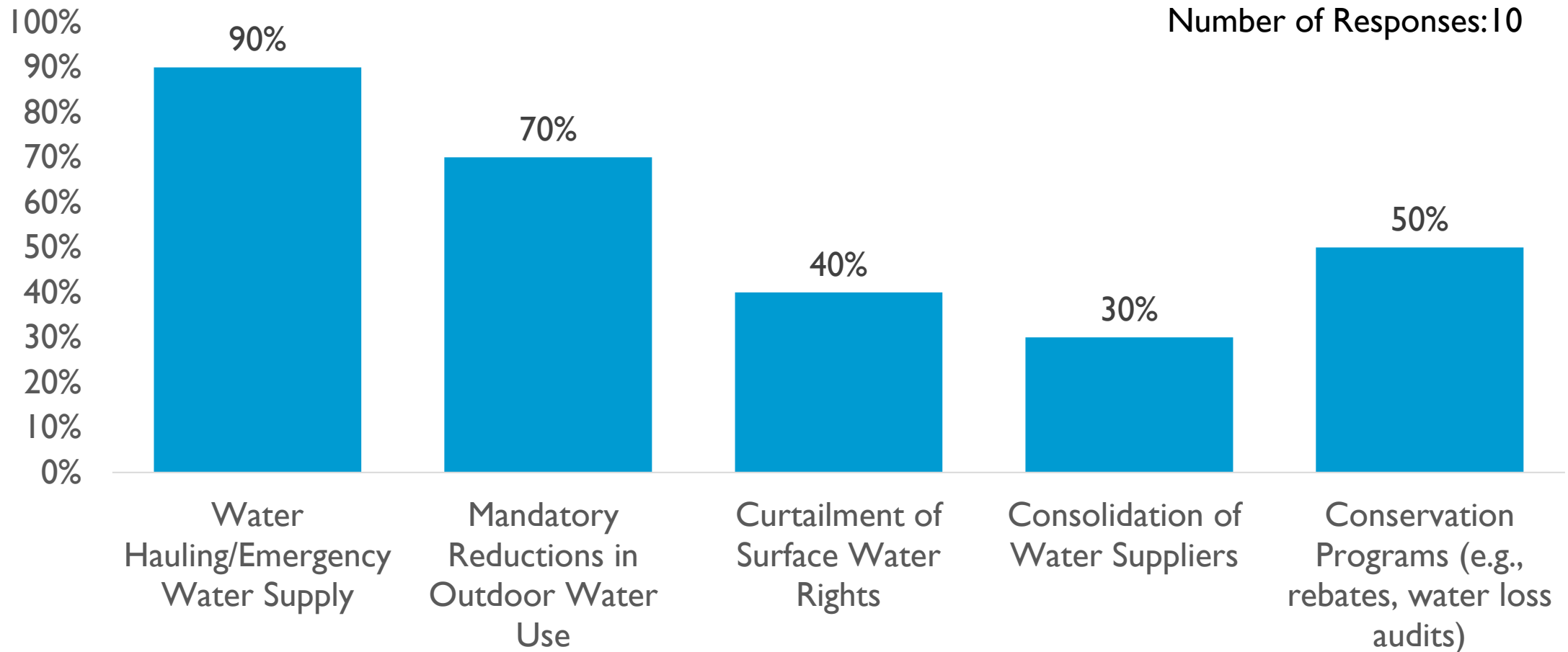
## I. What is the Primary Use of Water?

Number of Responses: 10



# PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM ENGAGEMENT FORM

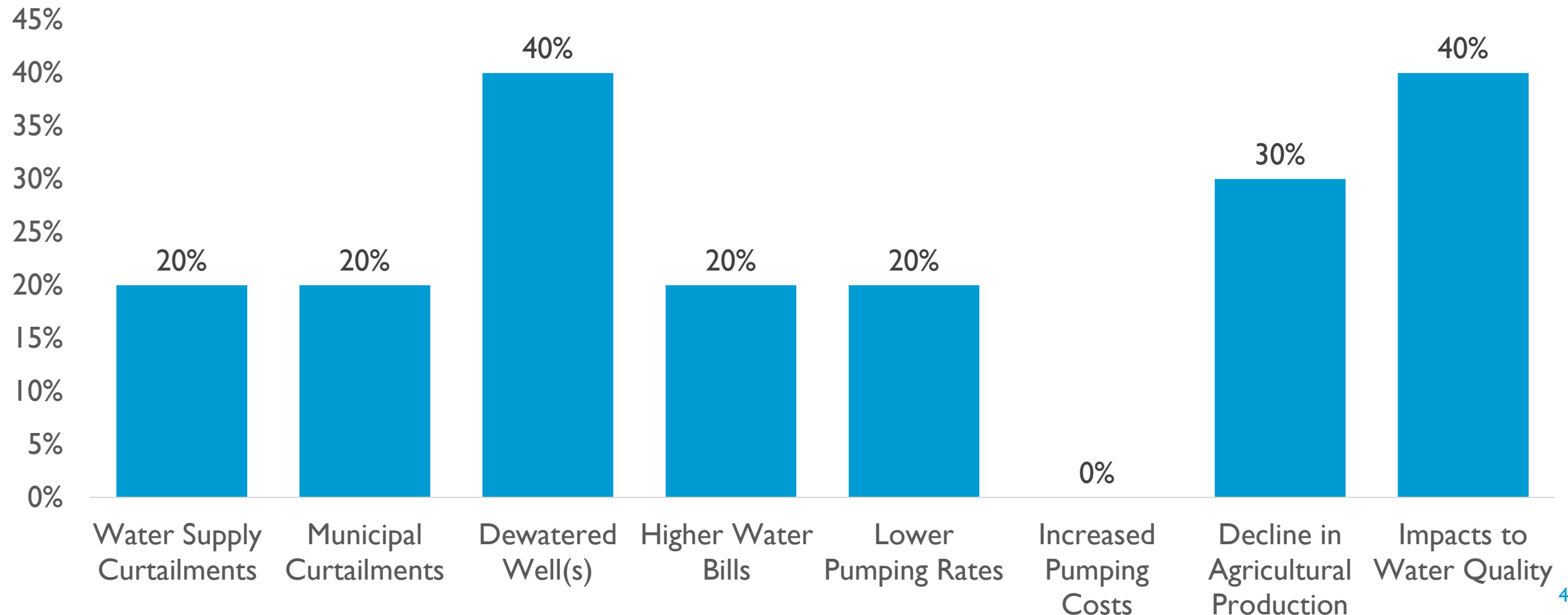
2. Which County-wide or local actions were you or your agency/organization aware of or directly engaged in during the last drought?



# PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM ENGAGEMENT FORM

## 3. Did you experience any of the following impacts during previous droughts?

Number of Responses: 10



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# OPEN DISCUSSION

## I. Open Discussion with questionnaire (30 min)

### Activity:

Online participants – A question will pop up on your screen

In person participants – A questionnaire is provided for you to fill

We will share the overall results and open up the space for discussion, if time allows we'll share some results from the engagement form



# OPEN DISCUSSION



**I. What are your top concerns regarding water availability and management in Mendocino County during droughts? (Select all that apply)**

Water storage capacity

Access to drinking water

Fire suppression

Cost of water

Other (Please describe)

# OPEN DISCUSSION



## 2. How should the County prioritize its efforts in developing a Drought Resilience Plan? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Enhancing water storage
- ☐ Improving water distribution
- ☐ Providing financial assistance
- ☐ Supporting vulnerable communities
- ☐ Promoting educational resources and drought workshops
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

# OPEN DISCUSSION



## **3. What barriers do you see in accessing or managing water resources during drought conditions? (Select all that apply)**

- ☐ Financial limitations
- ☐ Regulatory challenges
- ☐ Infrastructure issues and limitations (aging, inadequate, insufficient)
- ☐ Lack of information or resources
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

# OPEN DISCUSSION



## 4. What strategies do you believe are necessary to ensure water security in Mendocino County? (Select all that apply)

Developing new water sources

Enhancing water storage infrastructure

Strengthening conservation efforts

Supporting local water agencies

Other (Please describe)

# OPEN DISCUSSION

**5. How important is it for the County to engage with various community groups, in the development of the Drought Resilience Plan? Do you find these meetings useful? What else can we do to provide more information to the community?**

Extremely important

Very important

Somewhat important

Not important



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

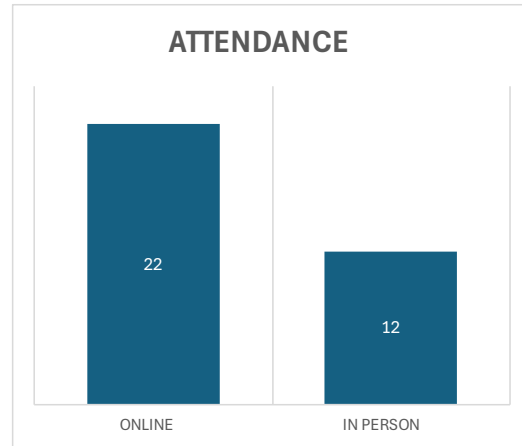
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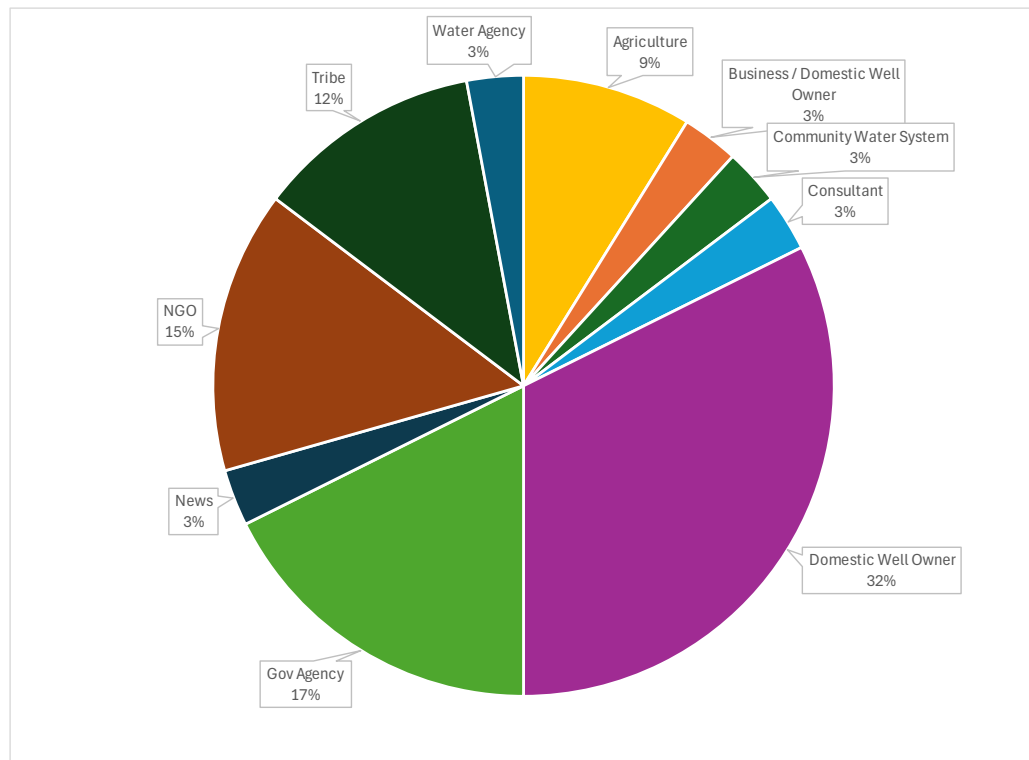
### September 5, 2024 Meeting - Attendance Information

- Attendance Breakdown

- Online: 22
- In Person: 12
- Grand Total: 34



- Community Groups Represented



- Location of Interest of Attendees

- Anderson Valley: 1
- Caspar: 1
- Fort Bragg: 4
- Mendocino: 4
- Mendocino County: 2
- Mendocino Village/Coast: 1



○ Potter Valley:	1
○ Redwood Valley:	2
○ Russian River Watershed:	1
○ Ukiah:	2
○ Willits:	3
○ Grand Total:	34

# Drought Resilience Plan

## for Mendocino County

### Second Public Workshop

Fort Bragg, February 21st, 2025

Laura Garza

UCCE Advisor Water and Climate Change

Amir Mani

Supervising Water Resources Engineer  
EKI Environment and Water

# Quick notes...

1. This presentation will be recorded.

2. Feel free to write your questions on the Zoom chat (online) or in the Comments form (in -person) we will collect those and go back to them at the Q&A session.

# Agenda

1. Introduction: Droughts in Mendocino County
2. Senate Bill 552
3. Drought Task Force
4. Drought Resilience Plan
  - a. Data Collection
  - b. Risk Assessment
  - c. Management Actions
    - Drought Response: Triggers, Stages, Actions
  - d. Plan Implementation
5. Review and Public Commenting Process
6. Q&A Session
7. Next Steps and Follow -up Meetings

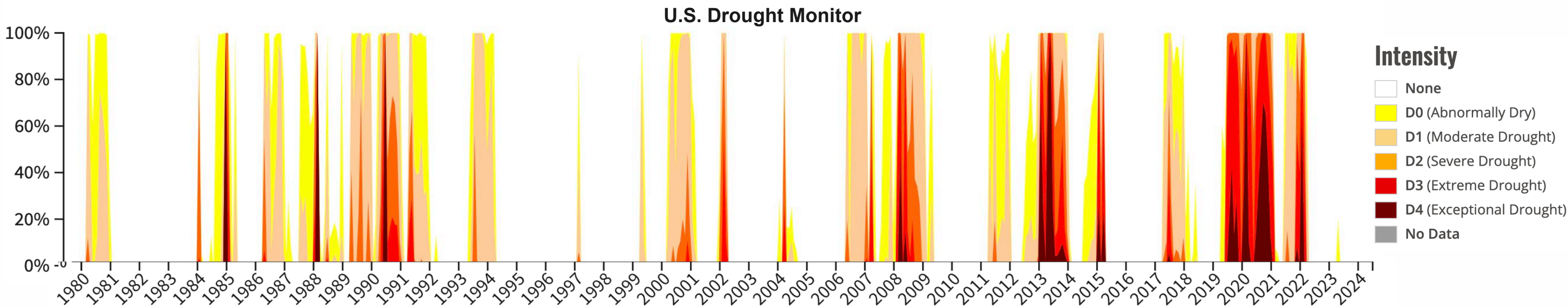
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# Droughts in Mendocino

**LATEST  
NEWS**

Mendocino County was one of the first counties to be declared in a drought emergency in the 2020 -2022 drought.



MendoFever April 22, 2021



# Senate Bill 552



Senate Bill 552 requires state and local governments to share responsibility in planning and responding to water shortage events, particularly for state small water systems and communities supplied by domestic wells.

## Requirements



(1) Convene a standing Drought Task Force

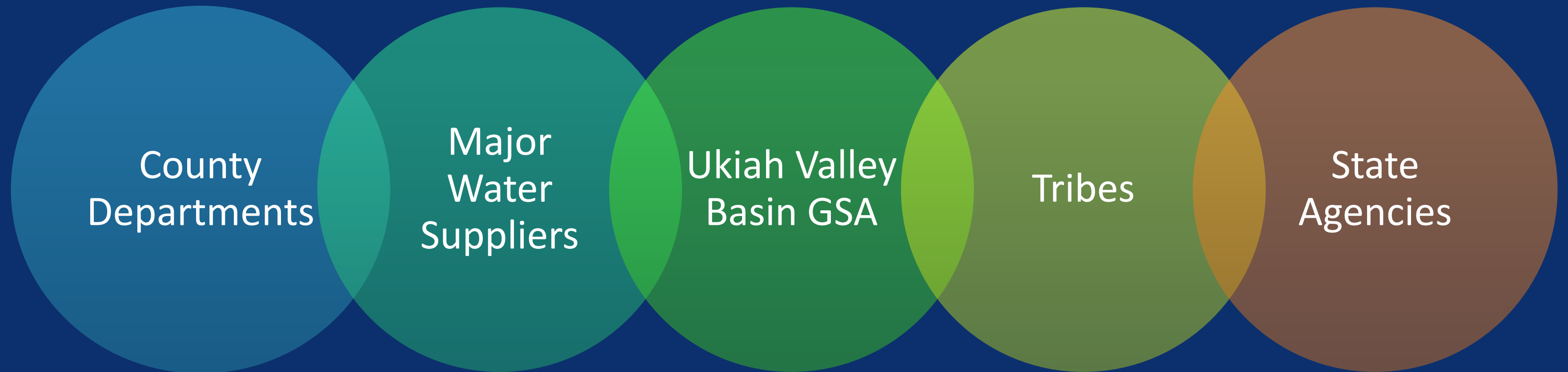


(2) Develop a Drought Resilience Plan

# Senate Bill 552

## Mendocino County Drought Task Force

Comprised of core members that are representatives of organizations and agencies legally responsible for small water systems



# Senate Bill 552

## Drought Resilience Plan

A plan demonstrating the potential drought and water shortage risk and proposing interim and long-term solutions for state small water systems and domestic wells within the County.



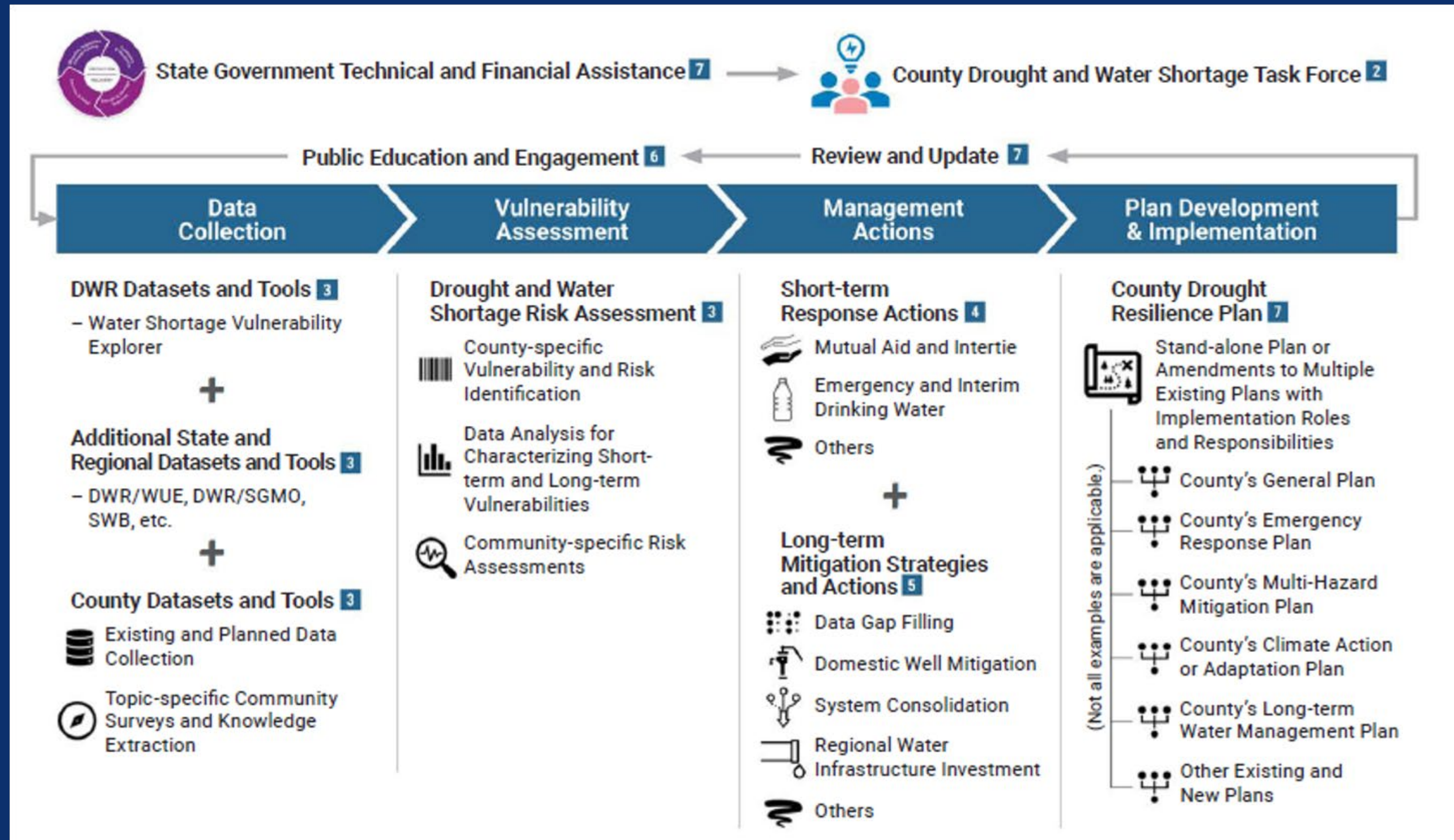
Establish a County  
Drought Task Force  
and develop DRP

Consultant group  
developing the DRP

UCCE provides outreach  
and educational efforts

# Senate Bill 552

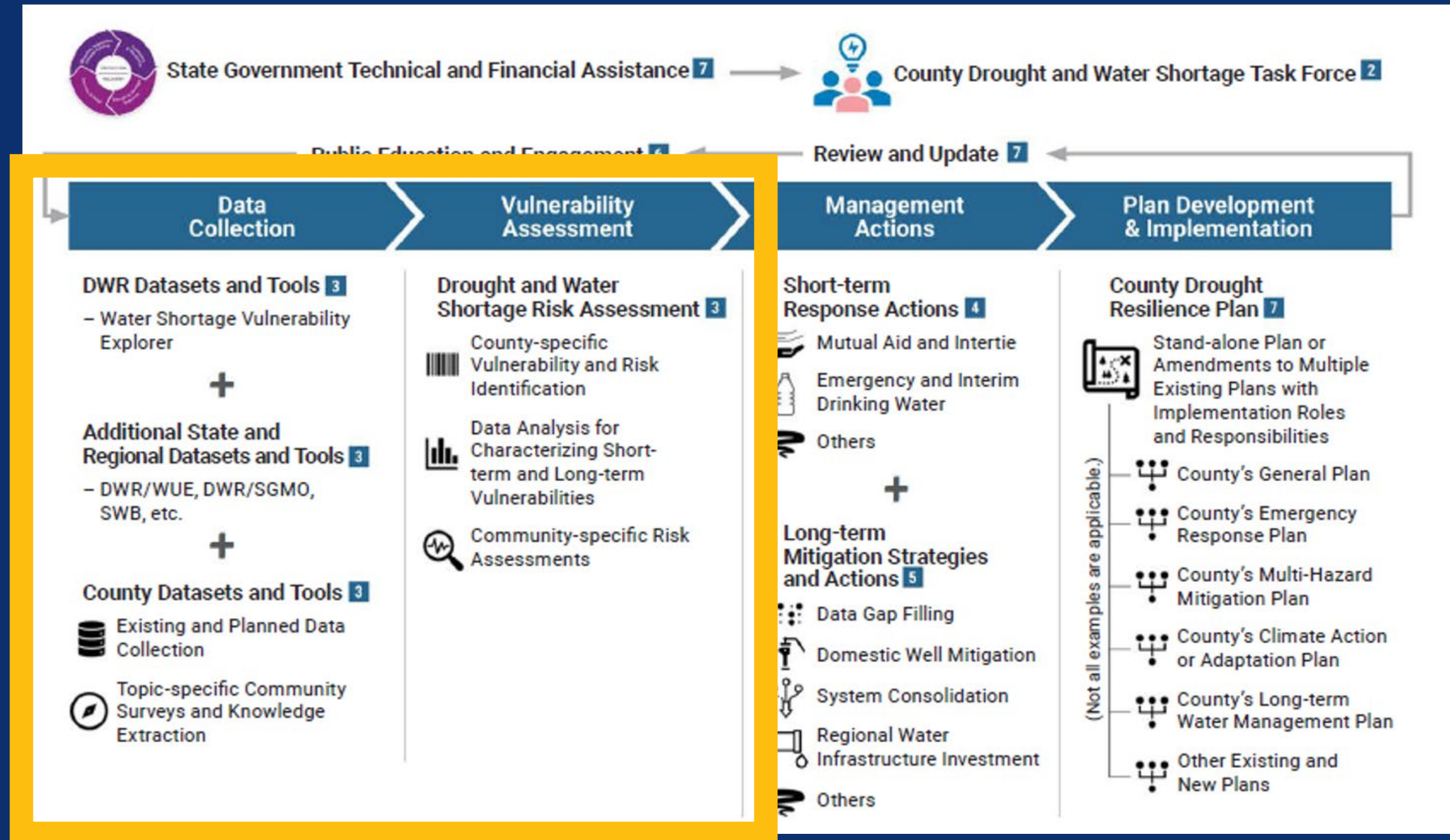
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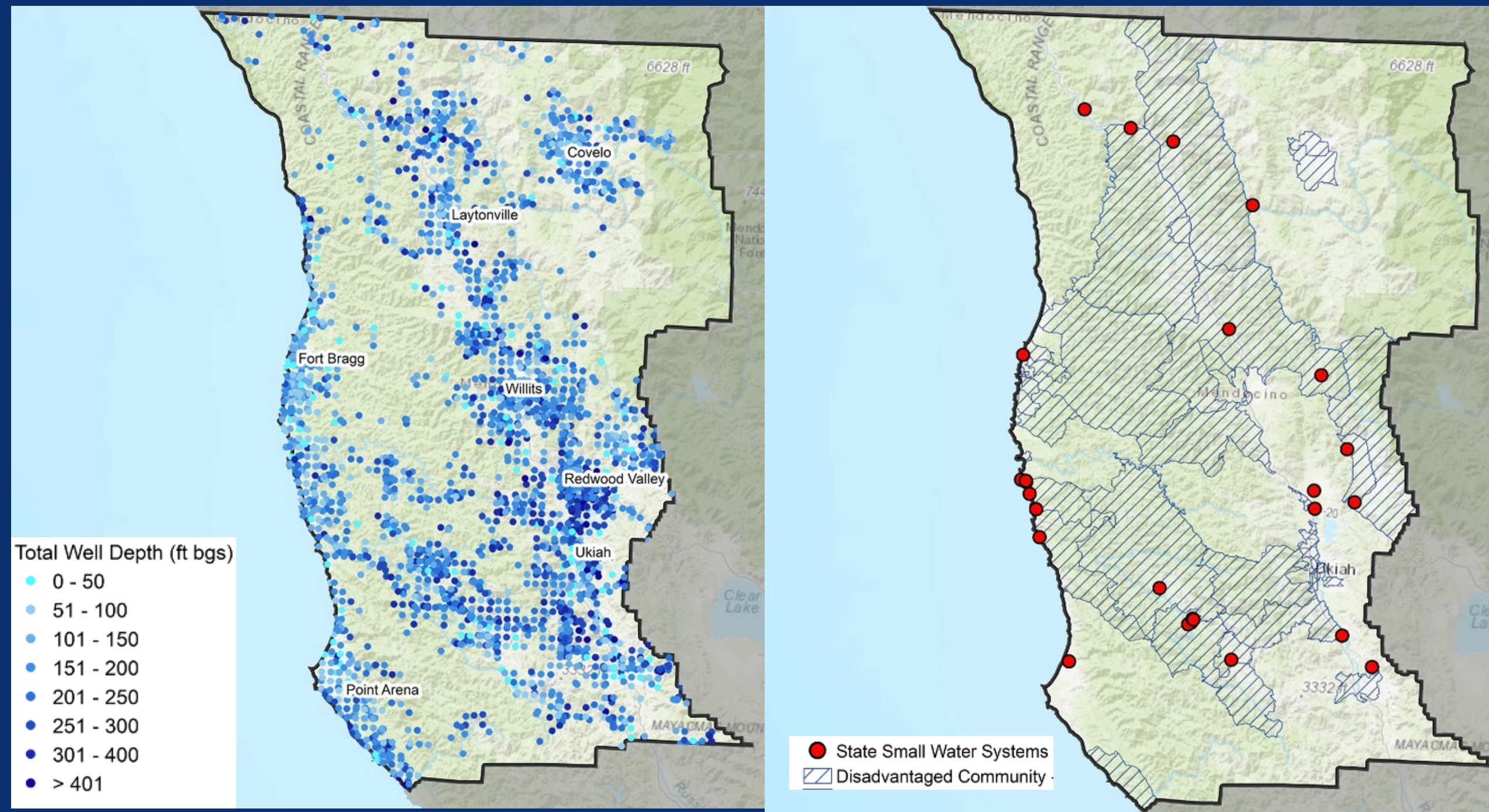


# Drought Resilience Plan

## 1) Data Collection

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State small water systems: 27





# Drought Resilience Plan

## 2) Vulnerability Assessment

### Physical Vulnerabilities

### Social Vulnerabilities

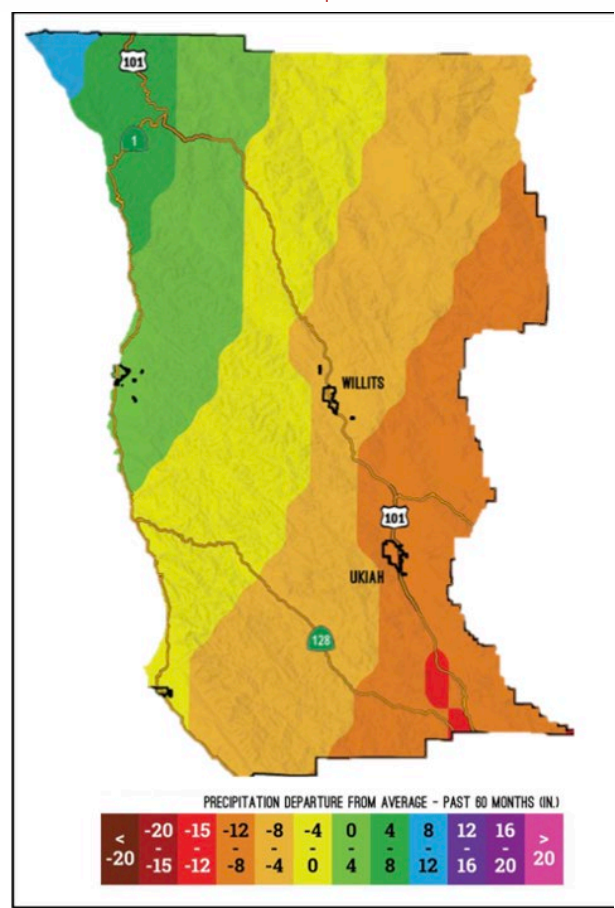


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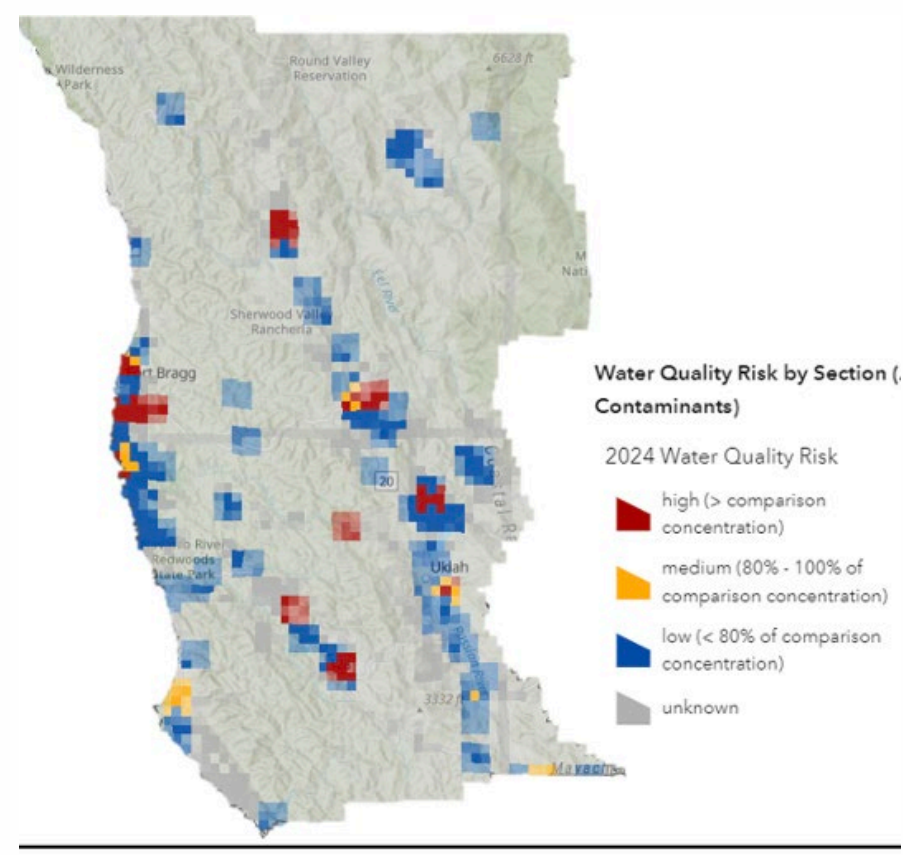


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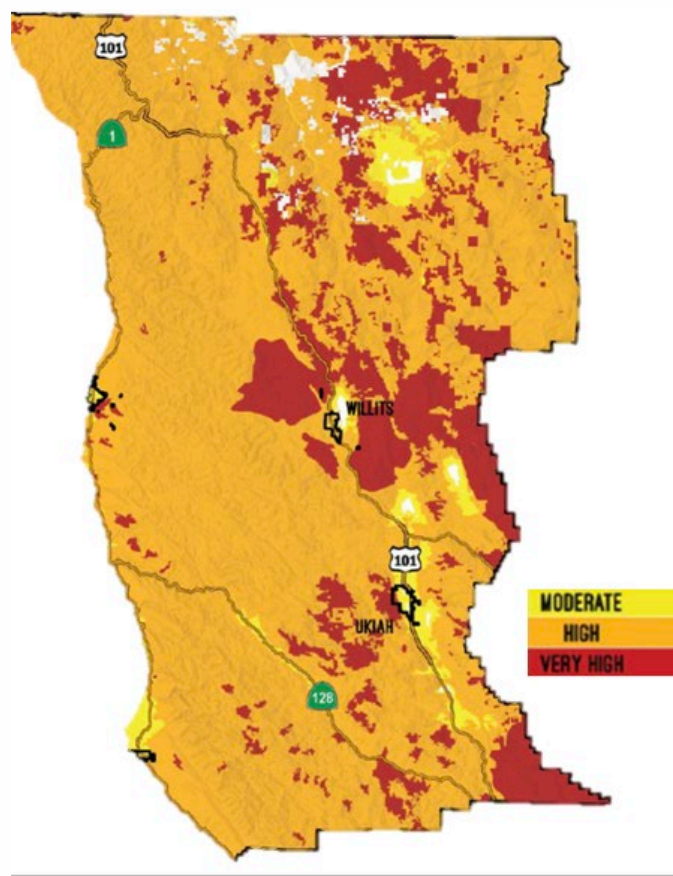


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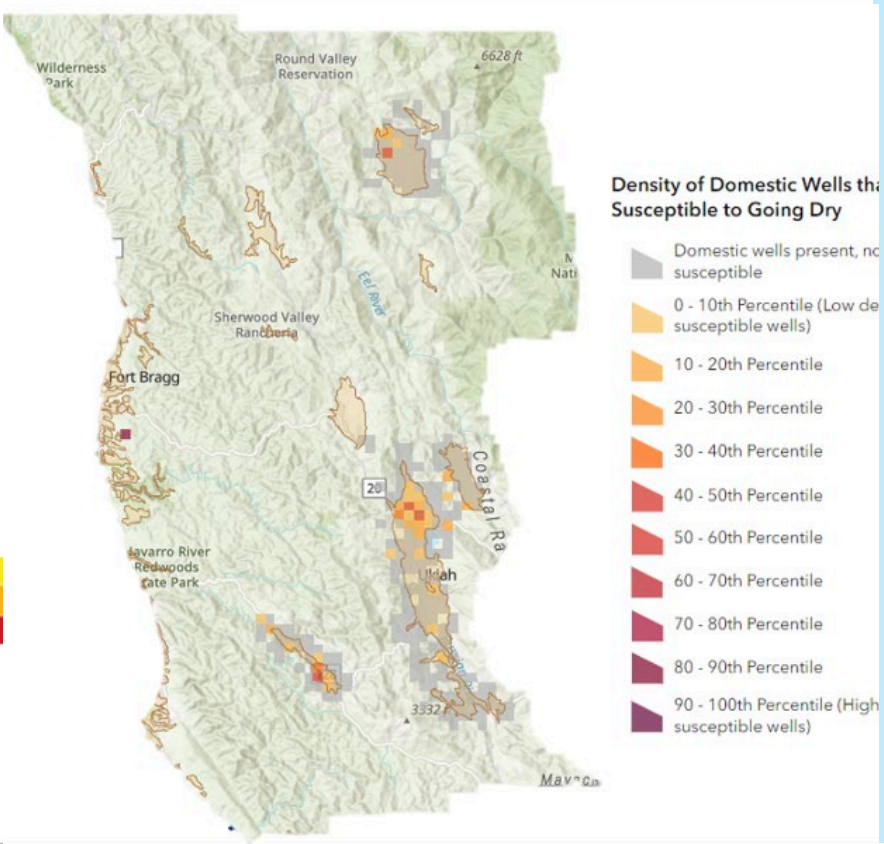


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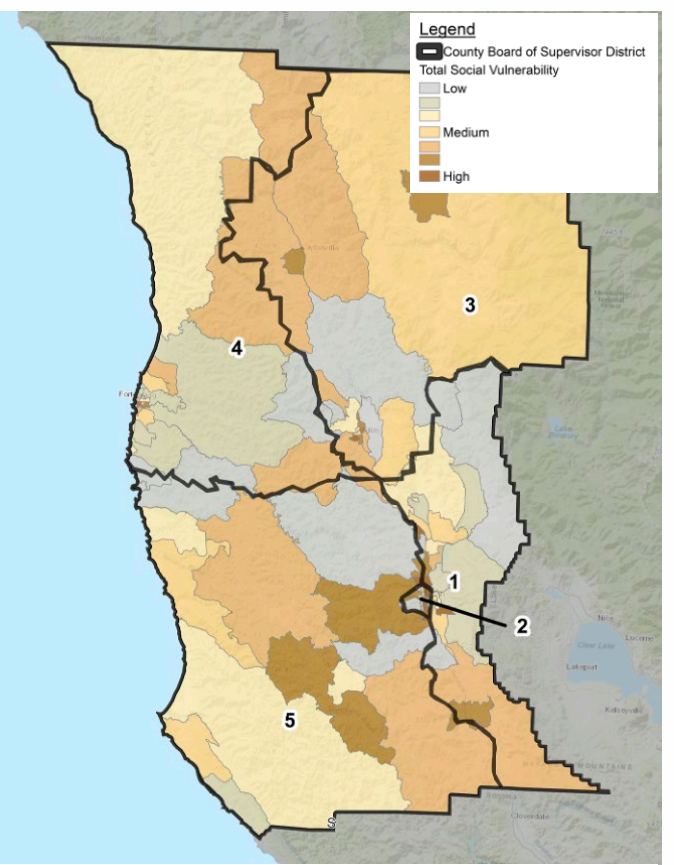
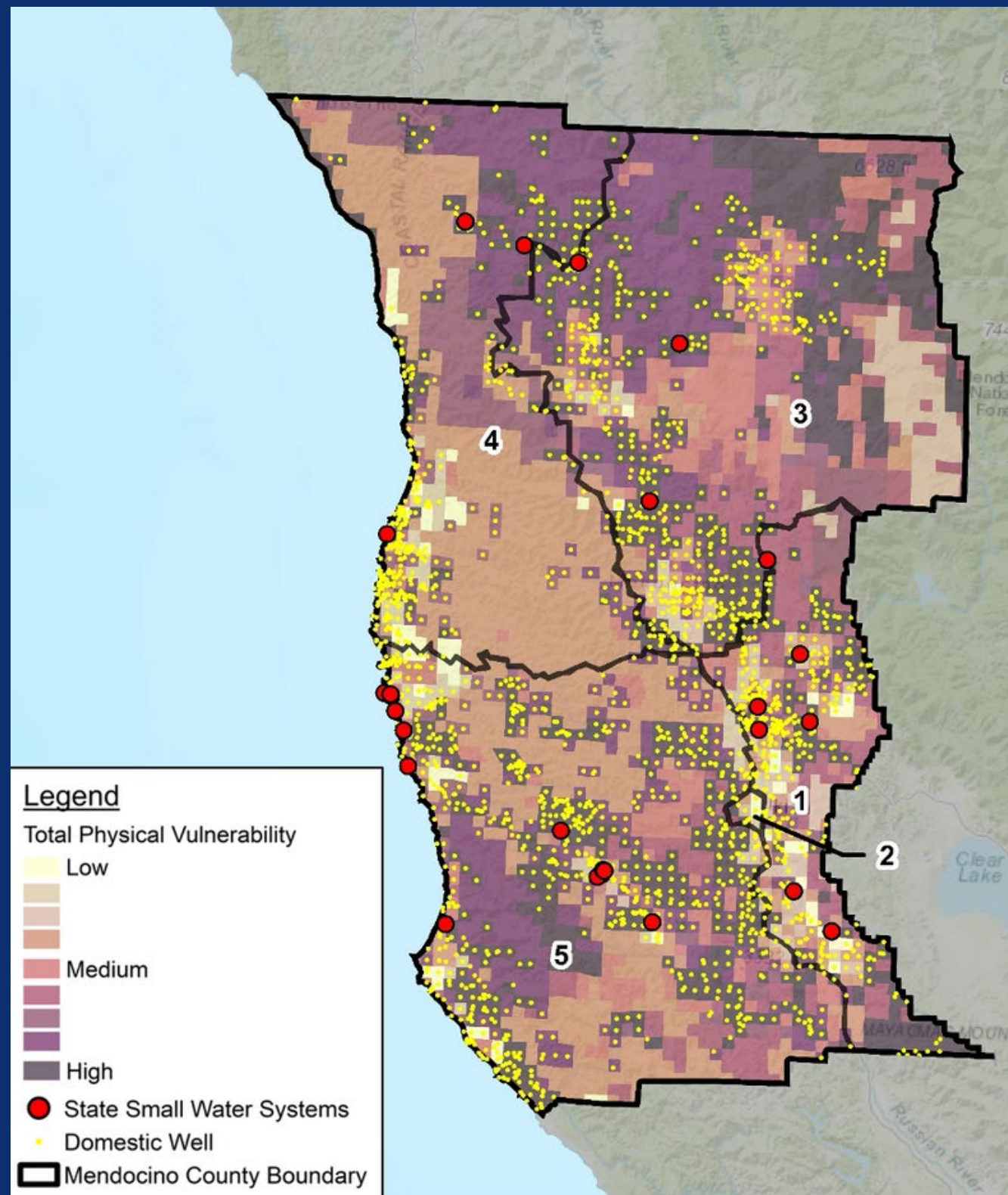


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# Drought Resilience Plan

## 2) Vulnerability Assessment



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State small water systems: 27

With 93% at high risk, 25 out of 27 State Small Water Systems show high vulnerability to drought.

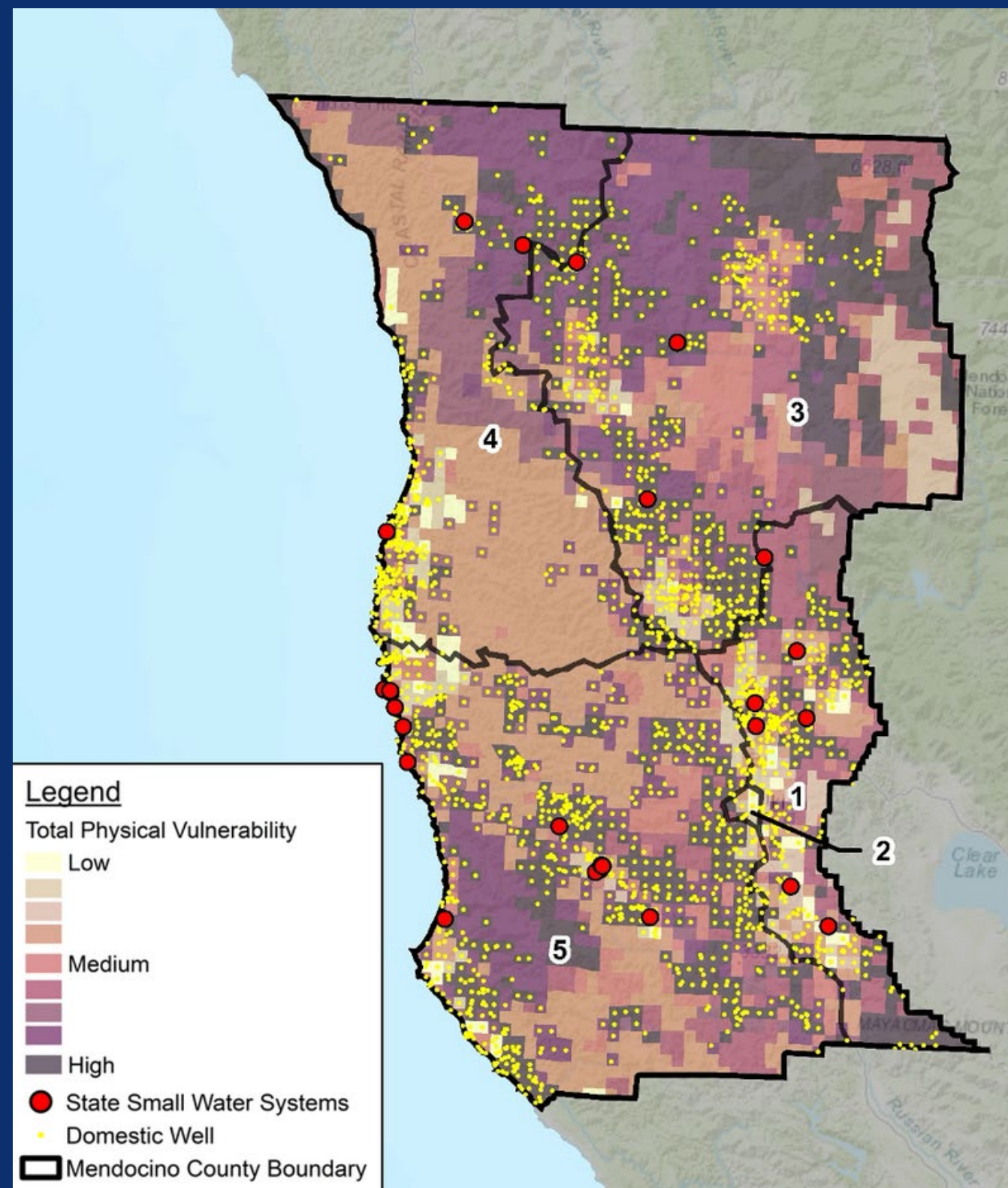
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BoS D1: 6 systems

BoS D3: 4 systems

BoS D4: 3 systems

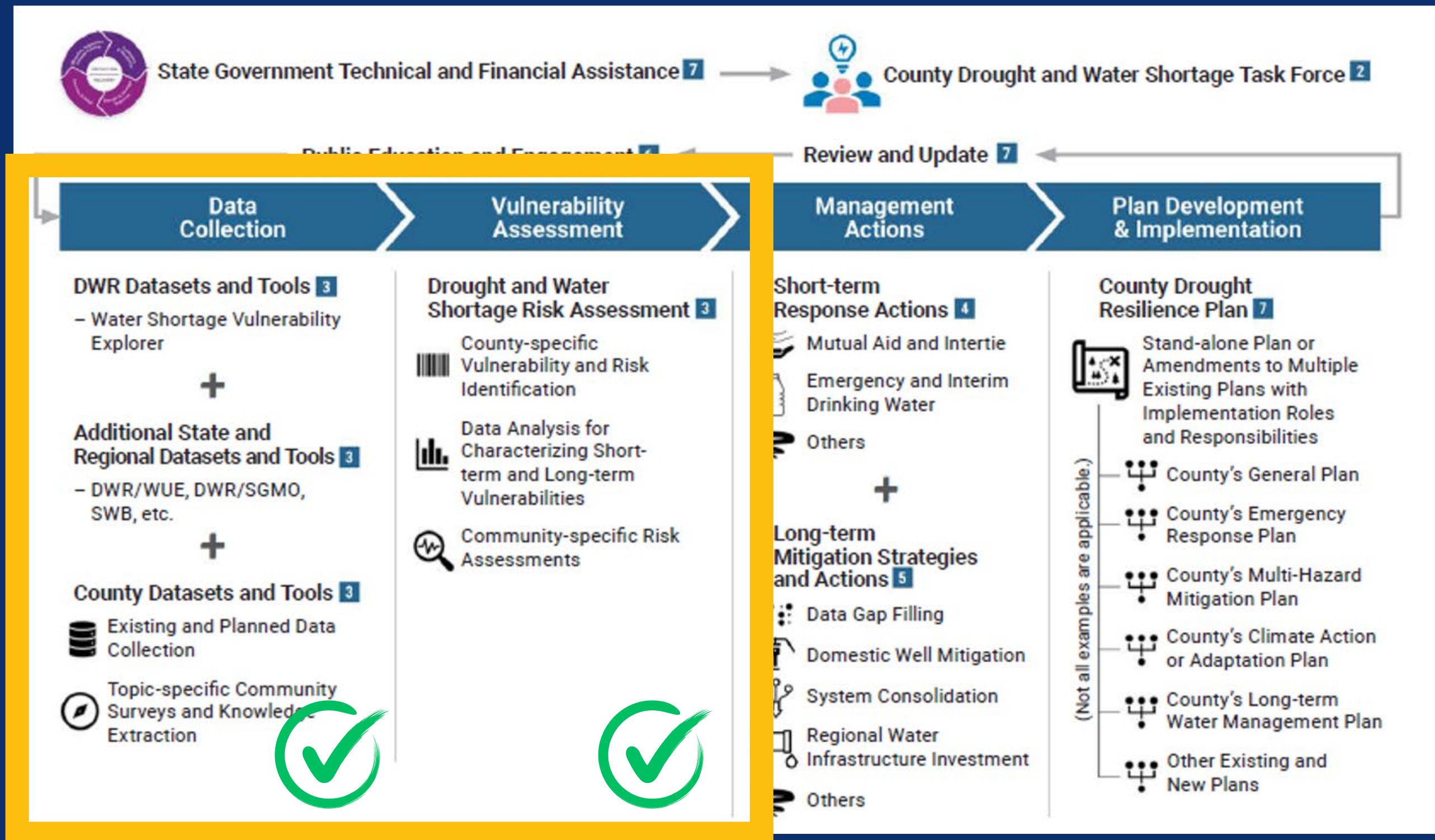
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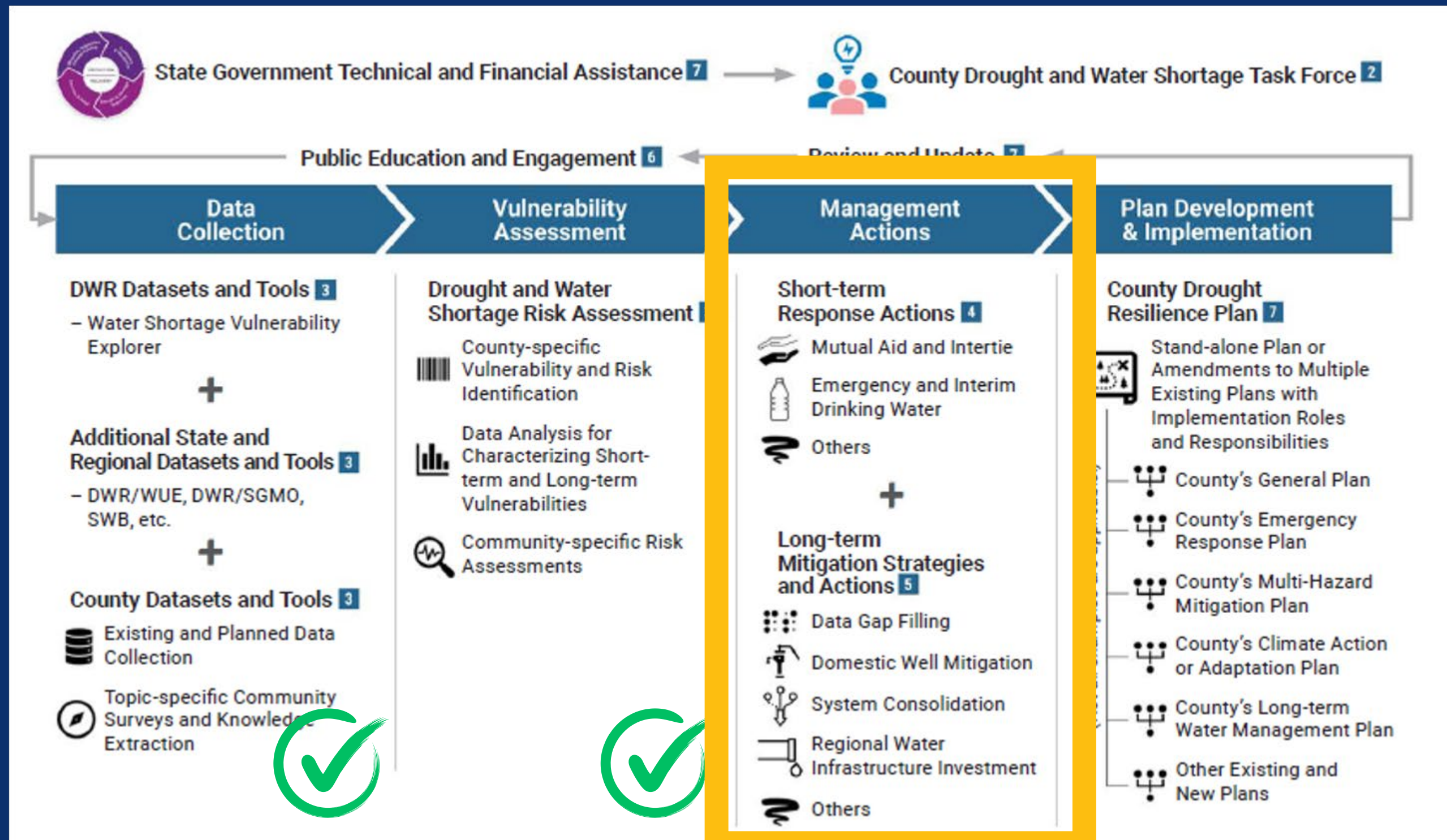
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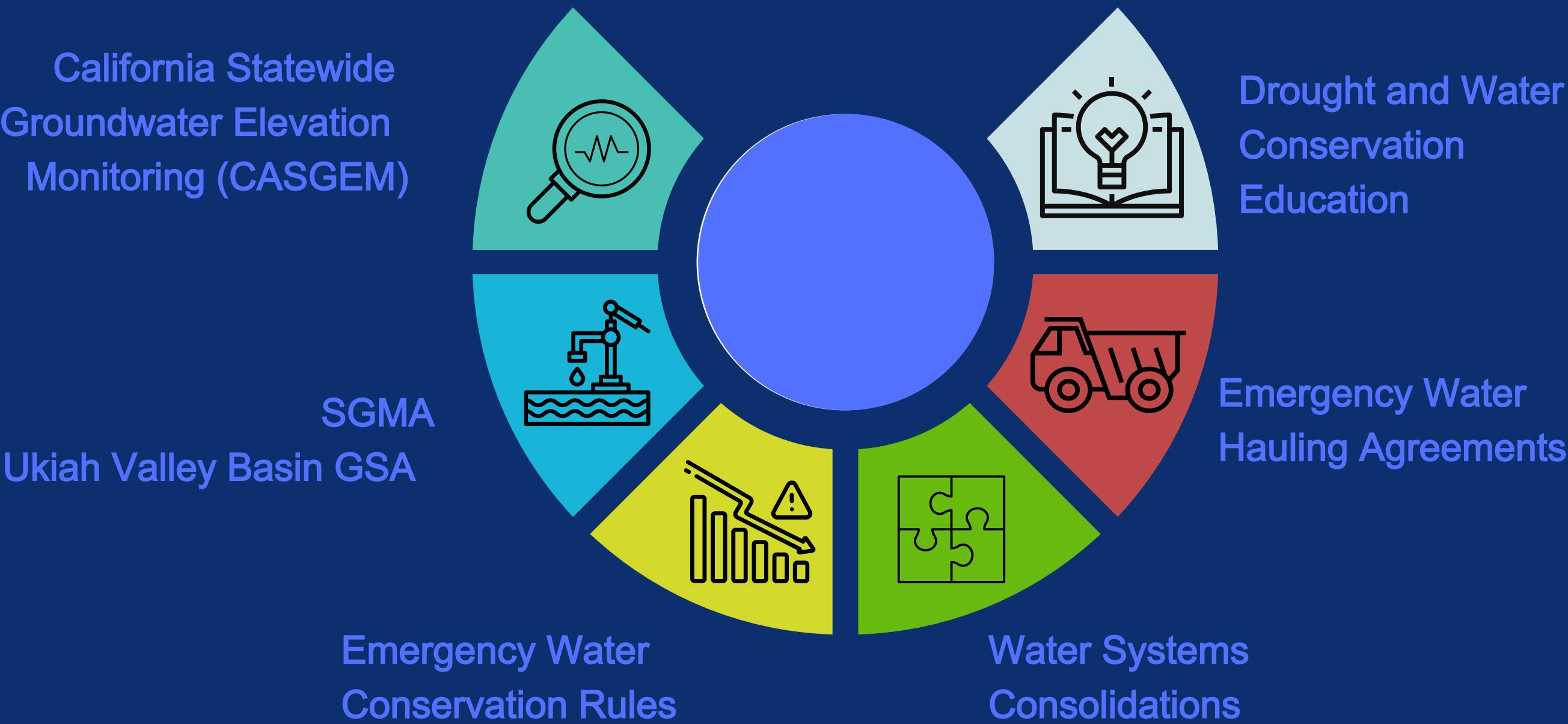
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# Drought Resilience Plan

## 3) Management Actions

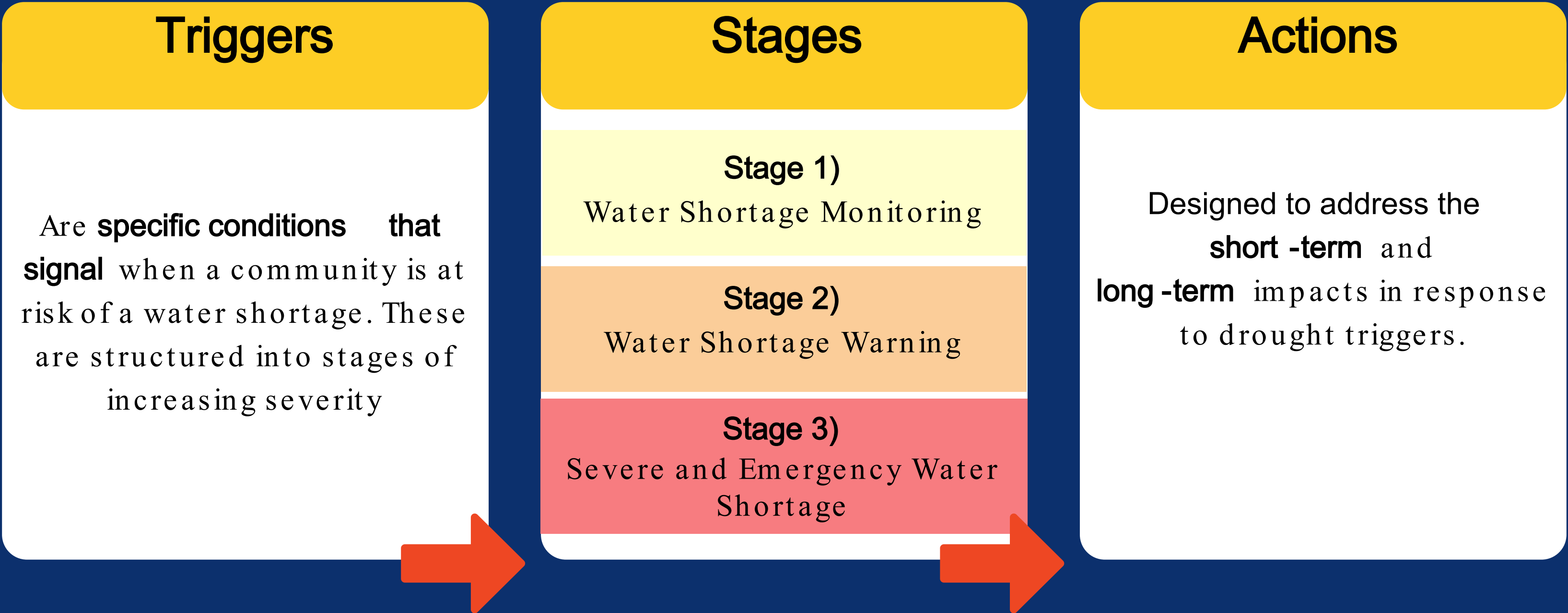
### Previous Response Actions



# Drought Resilience Plan

## 3) Management Actions

### Drought Response



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### Drought Response

#### Triggers

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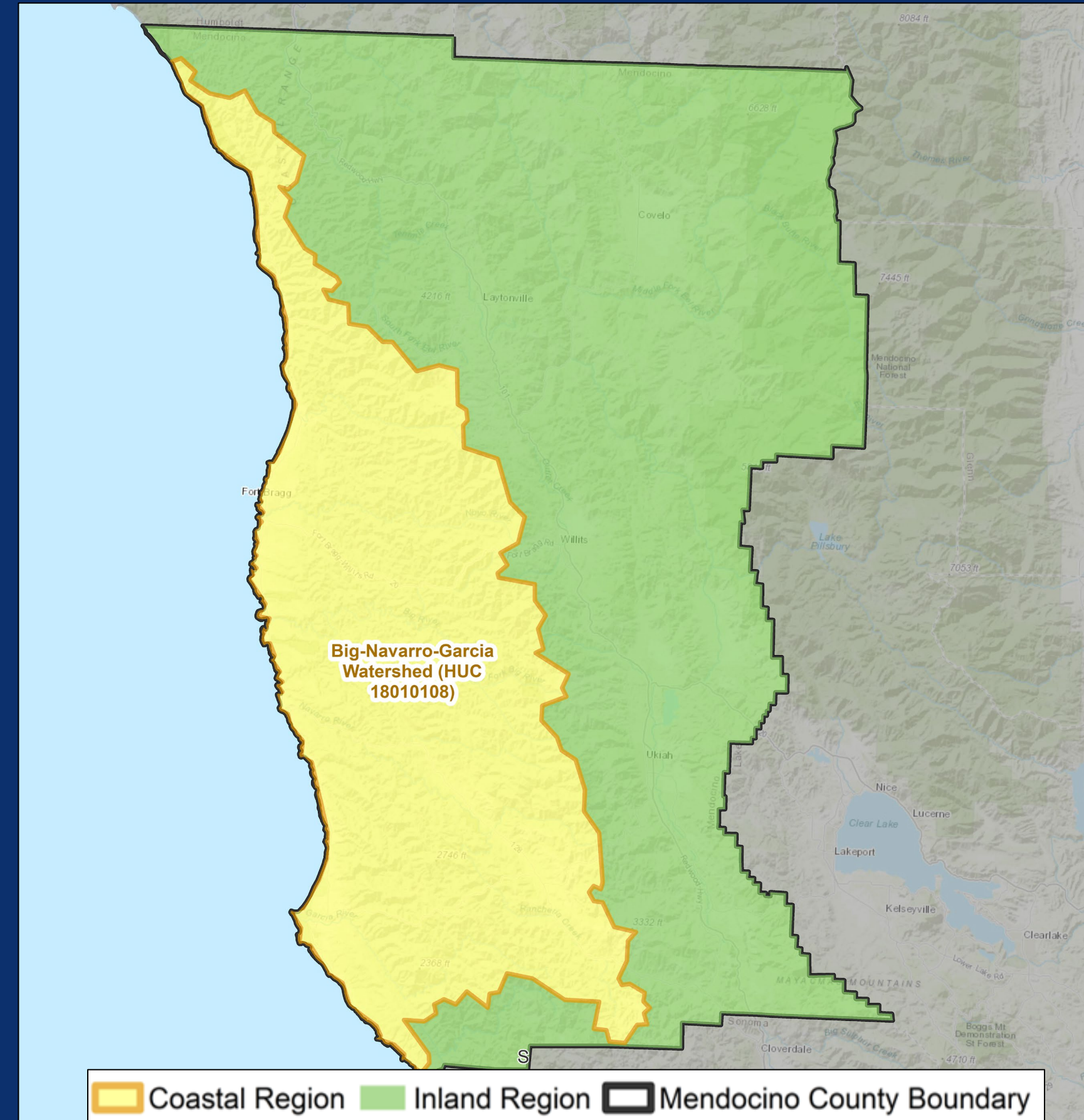




# Drought Response Triggers

Drought triggers are  
geographic focus:

- 1) County Wide
- 2) Regional: Coastal and Inland

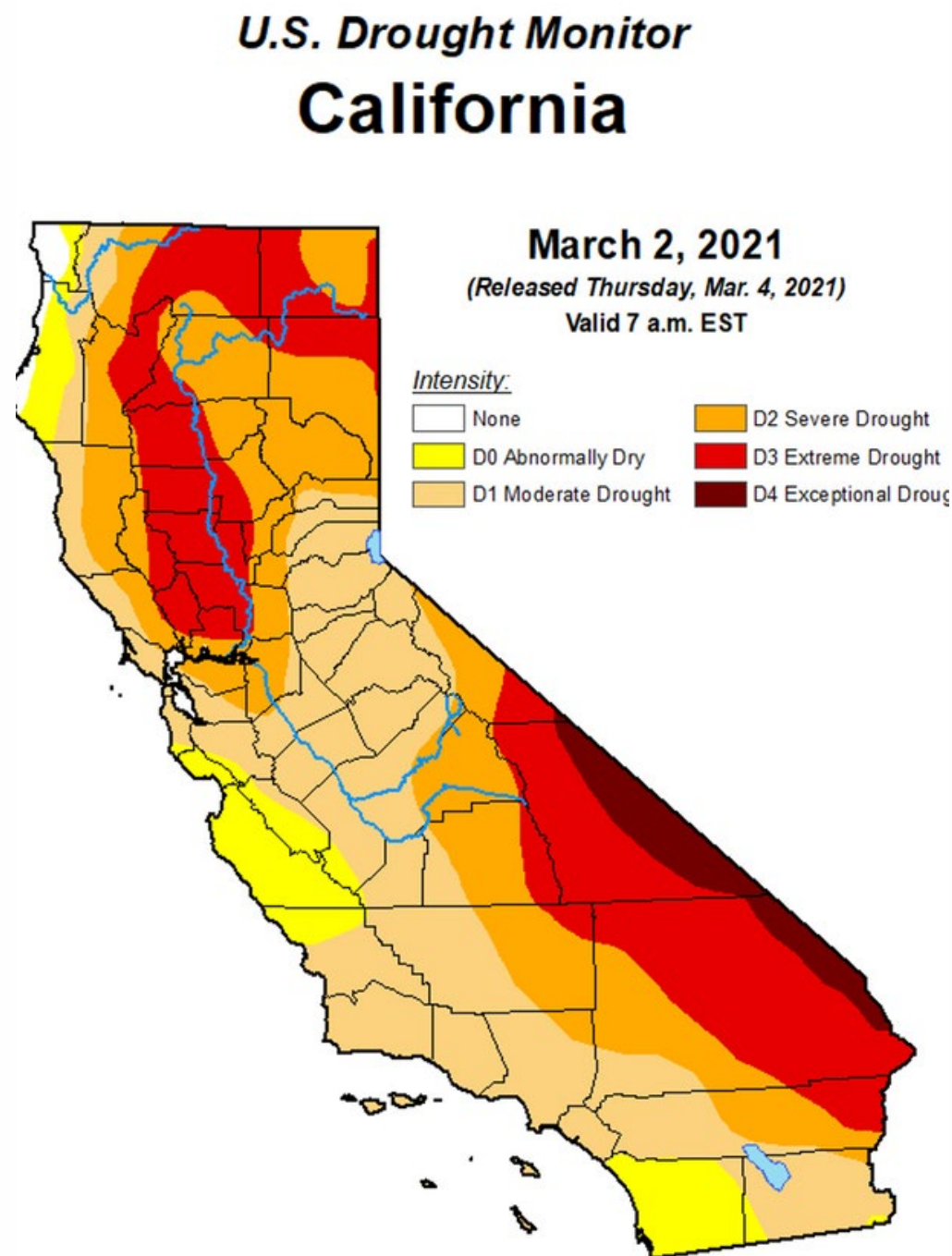






# Drought Response Triggers

## County Wide U.S. Drought Monitor



## Regional Dry Well Reports

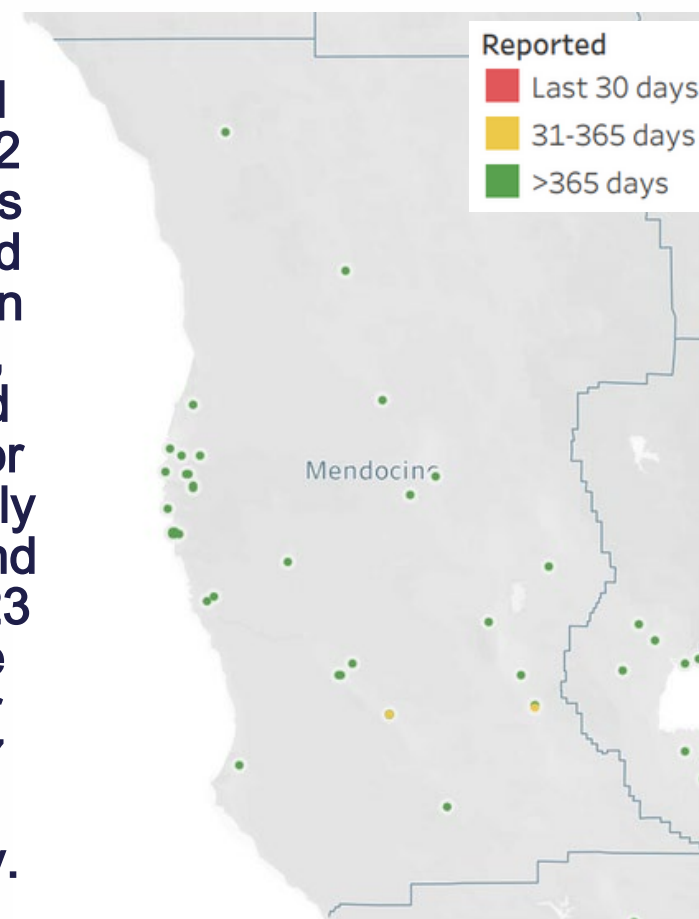


### Dry Well Reporting System

#### Has your well gone dry?

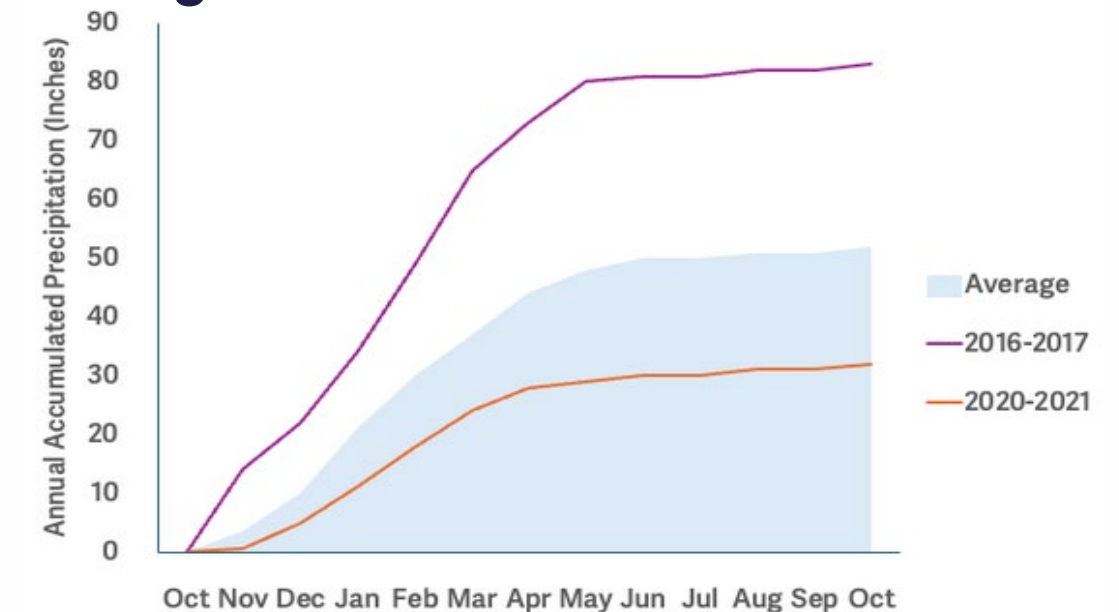
Report it here to inform state and local agencies on drought impacts

In the coastal zone, 11 of 12 dry well reports were submitted in 2021; seven wells ran dry, while four had reduced flow or went seasonally dry. In the inland region, 19 of 23 reports came from 2021 or 2022, with 17 wells running completely dry.

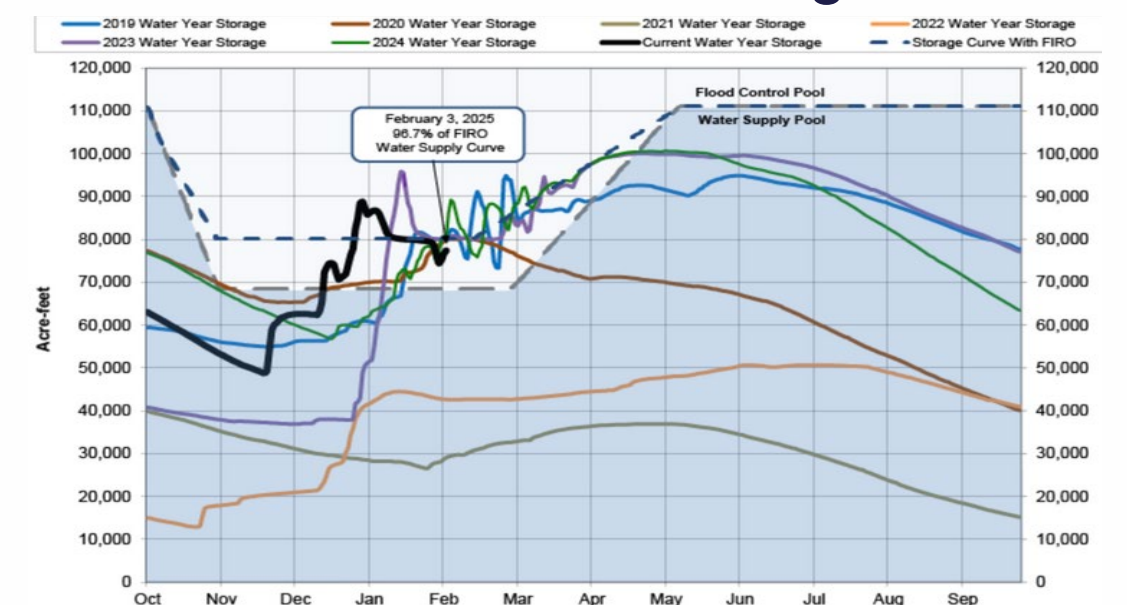


## Regional Water -Year

### Coastal Indicator : Accumulated Rain for Big - Navarro - Garcia Watershed



### Inland Indicator: Lake Mendocino Storage



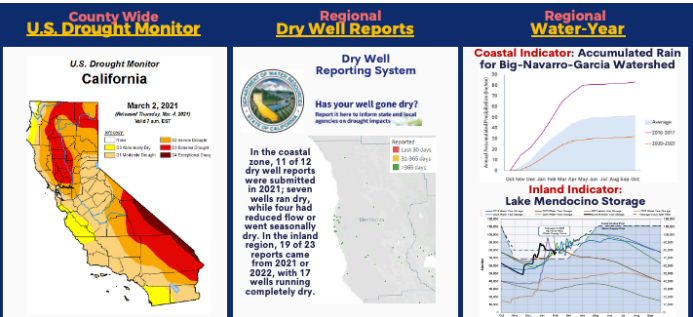
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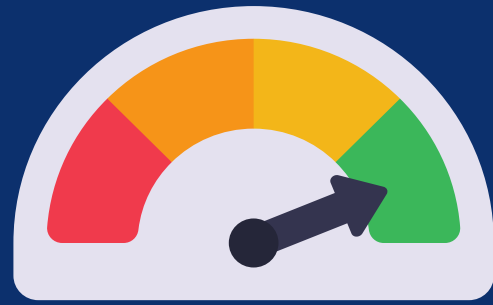
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# Drought Response Stages

Drought Stage	Definitions
1) Water Shortage Monitoring	Reflects <b>non -drought conditions</b> , in which the County is experiencing no significant water shortages or drought-related stress.
2) Water Shortage Warning	Reflects <b>light to moderate drought conditions</b> within the County and triggers increased monitoring and drought response activities.
3) Severe and Emergency Water Shortage	Reflects <b>extreme drought conditions</b> within the County, during which water users may face severe water shortages.

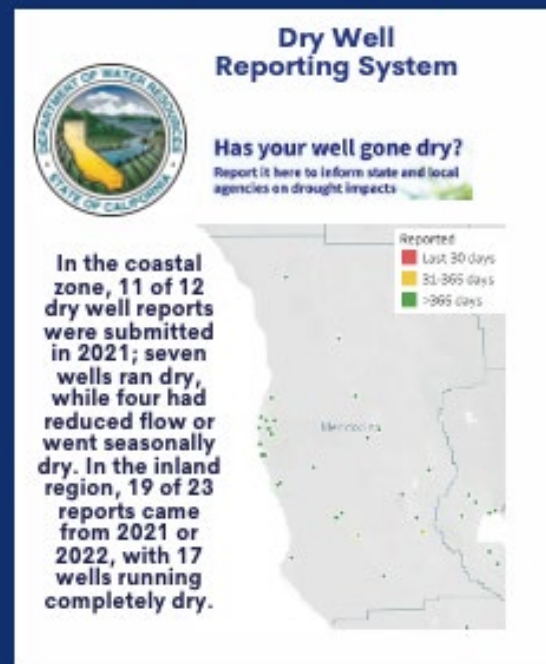




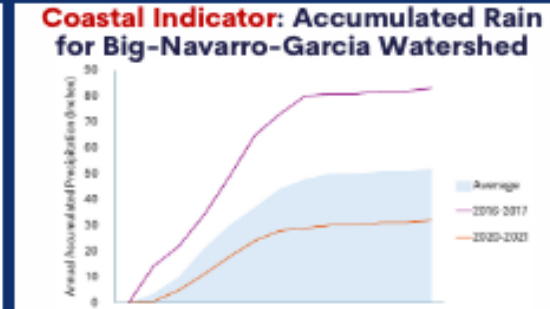
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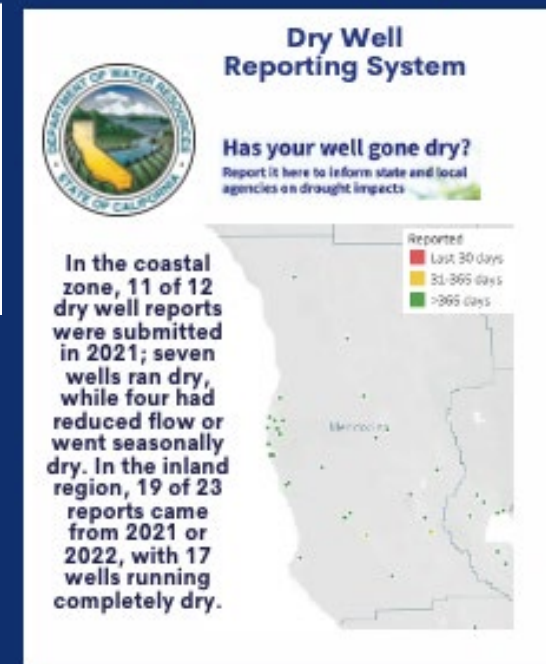
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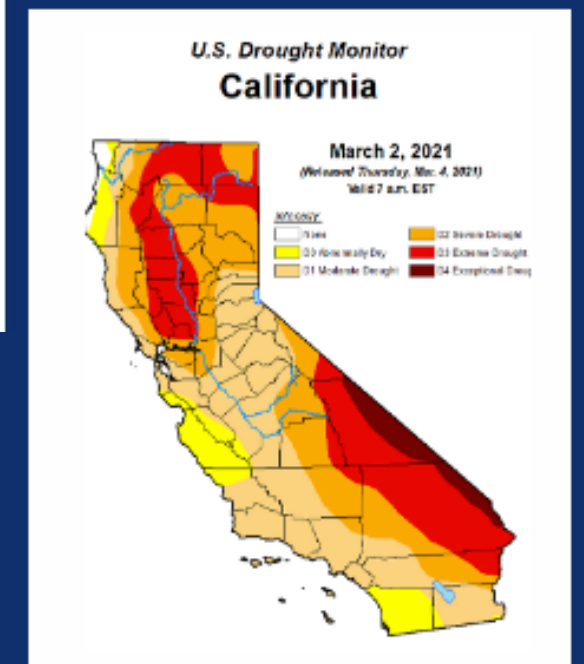
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# Drought Response Stages

Drought Stage	COASTAL REGION		INLAND REGION		COUNTY
	Dry Well Reports	Current Year Hydrology	Dry Well Reports	Current Year Hydrology	U.S. Drought Monitor
1) Water Shortage Monitoring	Less than 4 reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is 80% or more of average	Less than 4 reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is greater than 70% of total target water supply curve	None; <b>OR</b> D0 Abnormally Dry
2) Water Shortage Warning	4 – 12 reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is 50 – 80% of average	4 – 6 reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is 45 - 70% of total target water supply curve	D1 Moderate Drought; <b>OR</b> D2 Drought-Severe for less than 8 consecutive weeks
3) Severe and Emergency Water Shortage	12 or more reports over any three-month period	Two-year precipitation total is less than 50% average	6 or more reports over any three-month period	Lake Mendocino total storage is less than 45% of total target water supply curve	D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks; <b>OR</b> D3 Drought-Extreme; <b>OR</b> D4 Drought-Exceptional

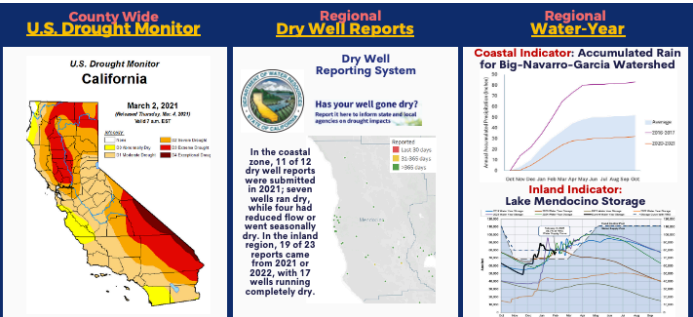
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# Drought Response Actions

Drought Stages	Actions				
1) Water Shortage Monitoring	Tracking, Monitoring, and Info Sharing	Drought Task Force	Mutual Aid Agreements	Partnerships & Coordination (GSA, State, NGOs)	Community Engagement and Outreach
2) Water Shortage Warning		Community Engagement and Outreach	Voluntary Water Cutbacks	Temporary Ordinances	
3) Severe and Emergency Water Shortage		Identify Additional Funding	Emergency and Interim Drinking Water Supplies	Emergency Declarations	



# Drought Response Actions

Drought Stages	Actions	Lead agencies
1) Water Shortage Monitoring	Track drought response triggers Convene CDTF meetings GSA coordination and Partnership with NGOs Implementation of mutual aid agreements Community engagement and outreach	Mendocino County Water Agency (MCWA) County Drought Task Force (CDTF), MCWA UVBGSA, MCWA CDTF members CDTF members, MCWA
2) Water Shortage Warning	Continue Stage I actions Enhance community engagement and outreach Voluntary water cutbacks Temporary ordinances	See agencies above CDTF members, MCWA CDTF members Board of Supervisors (BoS), Executive Office (EO)
3) Severe and Emergency Water Shortage	Continue Stage 1 and 2 actions County, State, and Federal emergency declarations Identification of funding Emergency/Interim water supplies (filling stations, water hauling, bottled water)	See agencies above BoS, EO, Office of Emergency Services (OES) EO and County Grants Unit County OES, MCWA, CDTF members

**CDTF:** County Drought Task Force; **GSA:** Groundwater Sustainability Agency; **MCWA:** Mendocino County Water Agency; **UVBGSA:** Ukiah Valley Basin GSA; **EO:** Executive Office; **BoS:** Board of Supervisors; **County OES :** County Office of Emergency Services



# Drought Response Actions

## Long -Term Action:

Long-term improvement through continued outreach and education and facilitating collaboration, coordination, and agreements between water systems and agencies, aligned with Stage 1 Drought actions.

### Stage 1 Actions

Tracking,  
Monitoring, and  
Info Sharing

Drought Task  
Force

Mutual Aid  
Agreements

Partnerships &  
Coordination  
(GSA, State,  
NGOs)

Community  
Engagement  
and Outreach





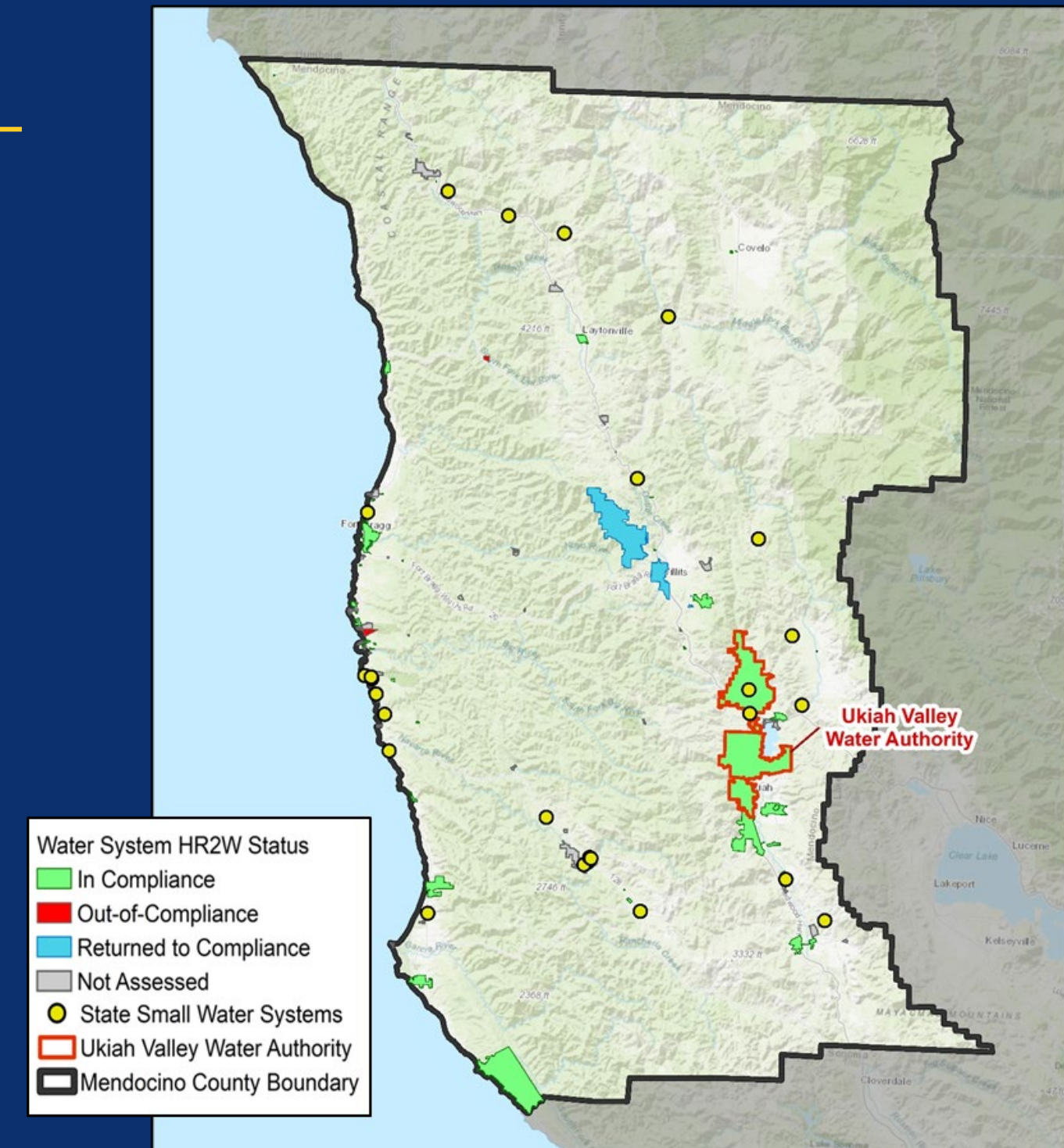
# Drought Response Actions

## Long -Term Mitigation: Consolidation

Consolidation can lead to enhanced water supply reliability and resiliency for State Small Water Systems

### Types of Consolidation

- **Managerial** : Systems merge their technical, managerial, and financial components
- **Physical** : Systems merge, share, and/or expand their physical water system infrastructure
- **Regionalization** : Consolidation on a larger scale; multiple water systems form a single system



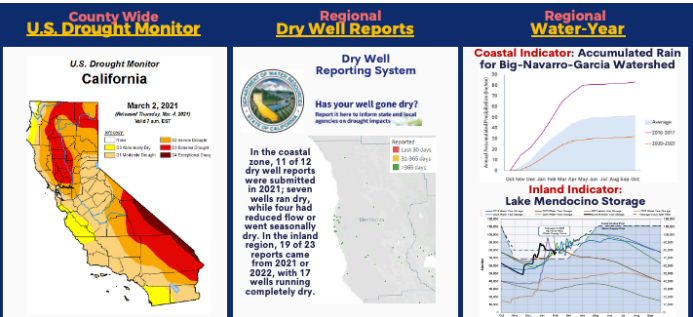
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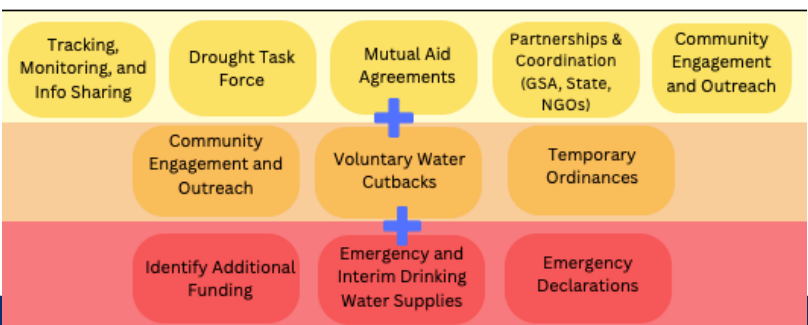
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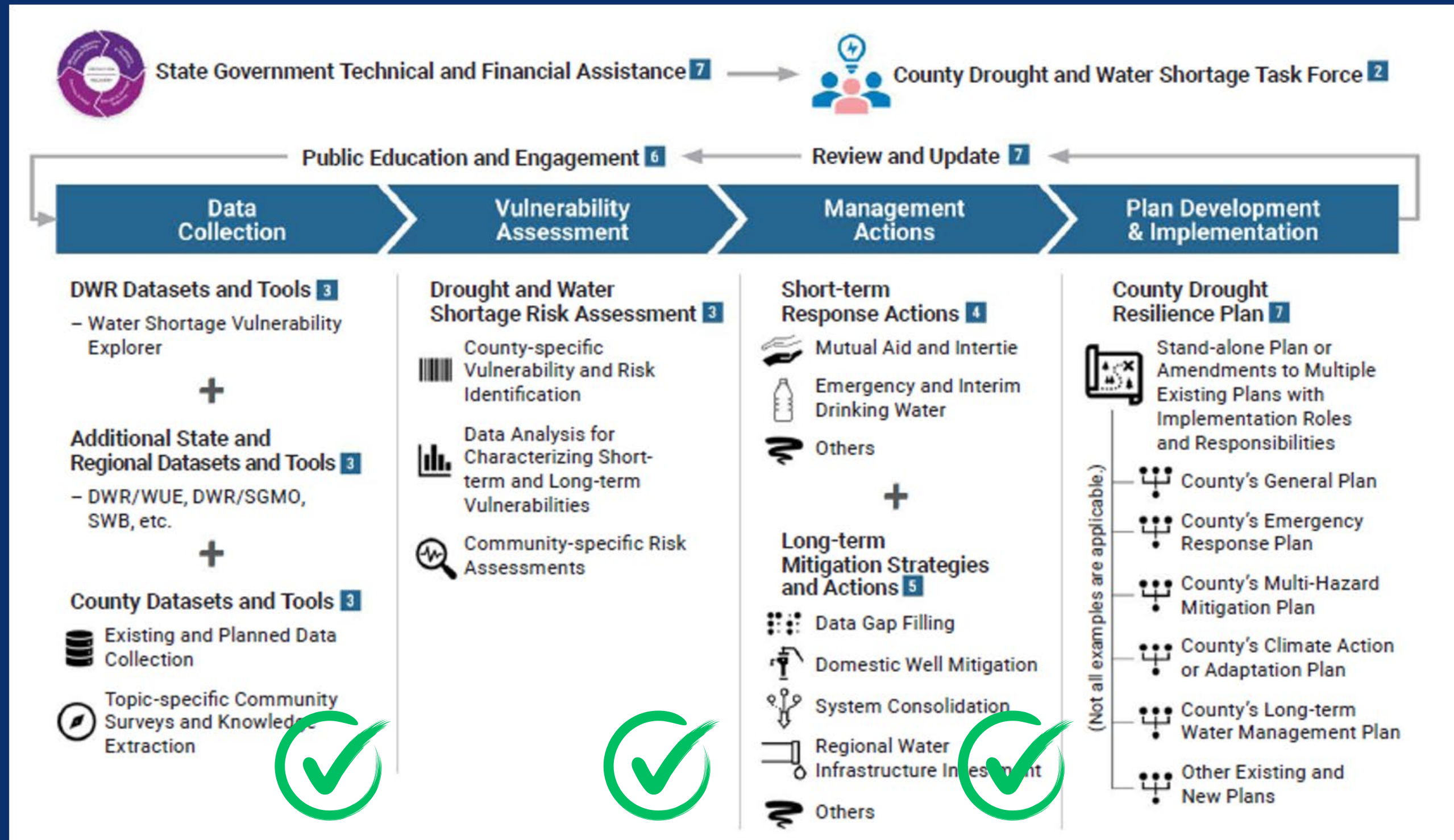
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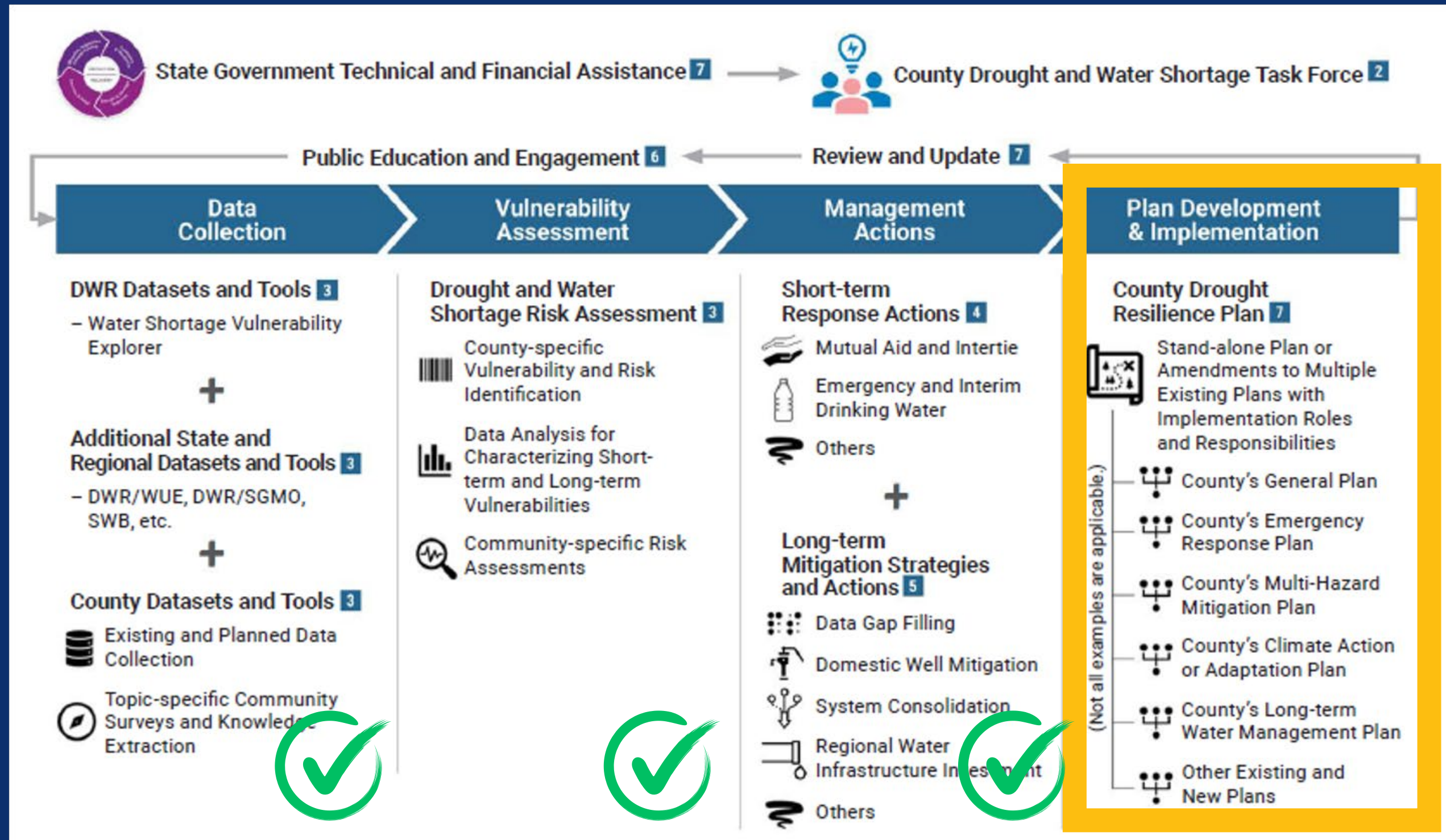
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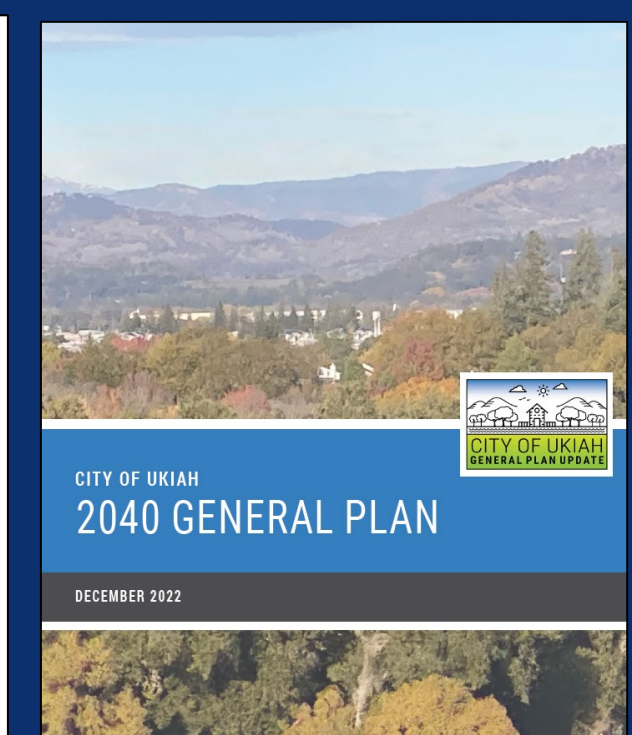
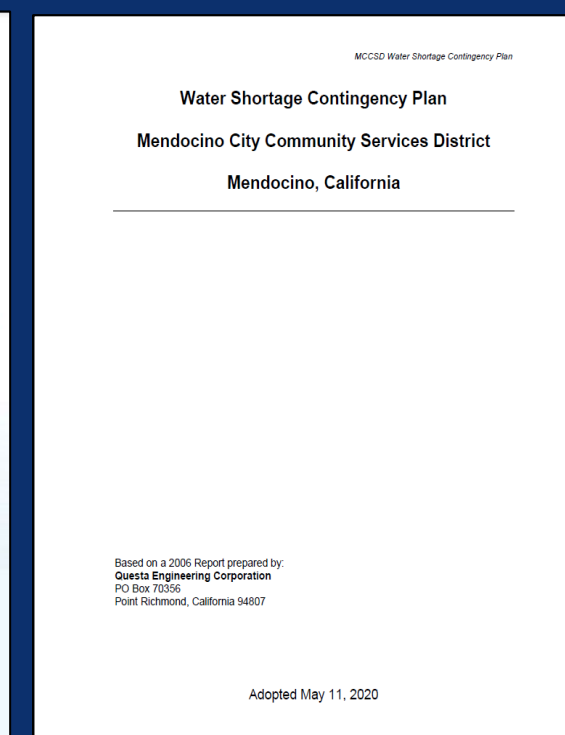
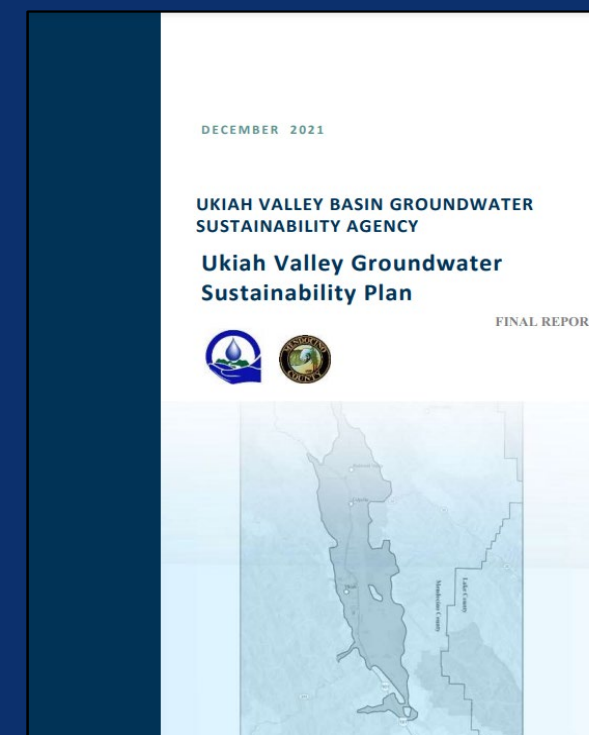
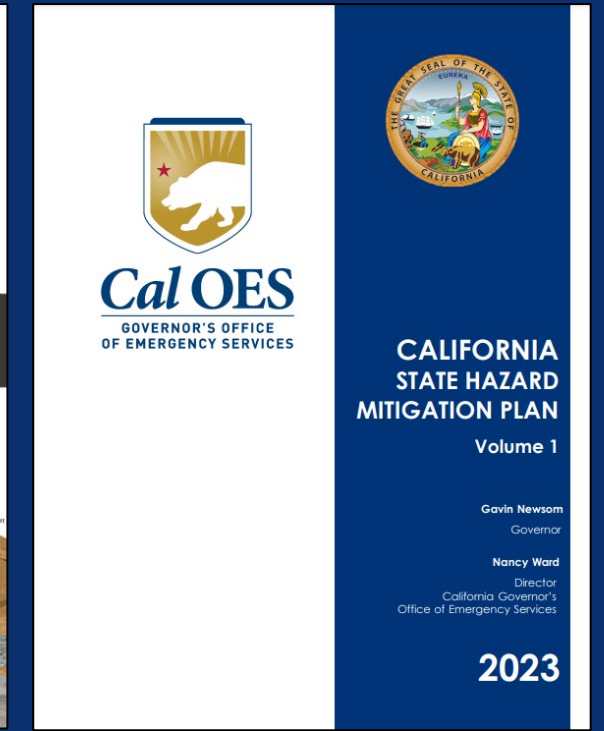
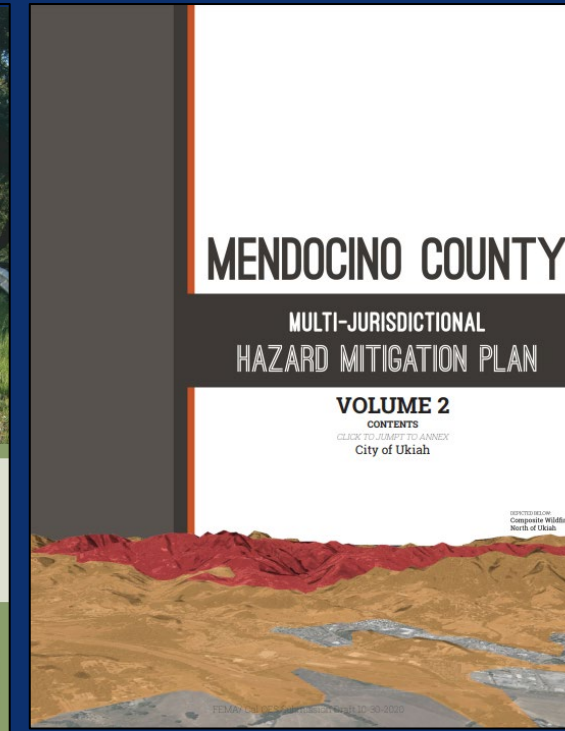
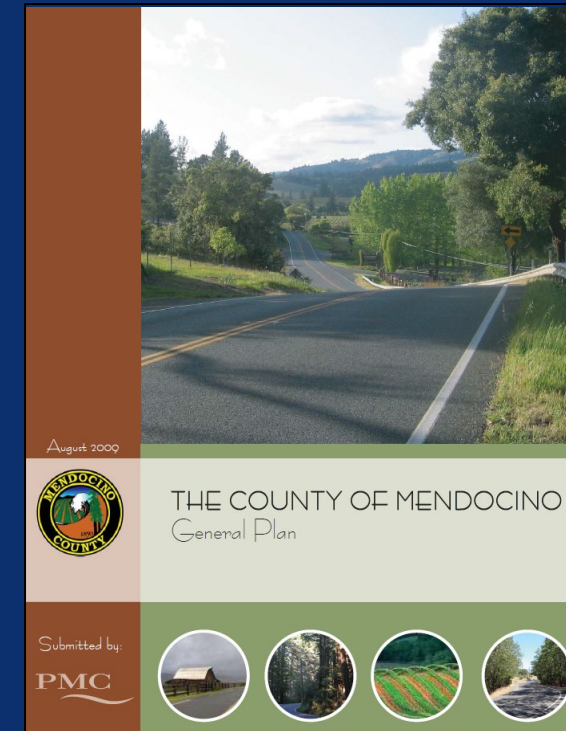
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## 4) Plan Implementation

The DRP will be implemented through a collective effort among:  
MCWA, County departments, and local agencies, including CDTF members.

The DRP is a standalone document that will be implemented in conjunction with other state, county, and local plans

- State and County Hazard Mitigation Plans
- County General Plan
- City and County Emergency Operations Plans
- City and water supplier planning documents
- Ukiah Valley Basin GSP





# Drought Resilience Plan

## 4) Plan Implementation: Considerations

### Adaptive Management

County will assess and update the **DRP** as needed to reflect:

- Changing conditions
- Availability of new data
- Adjustments to response actions based on drought events
- CDTF discussions on agency roles and response actions/triggers

### Funding

Led by Grants Unit and Executive Office

#### Federal Assistance Programs

USDA, Reclamation's WaterSmart Program

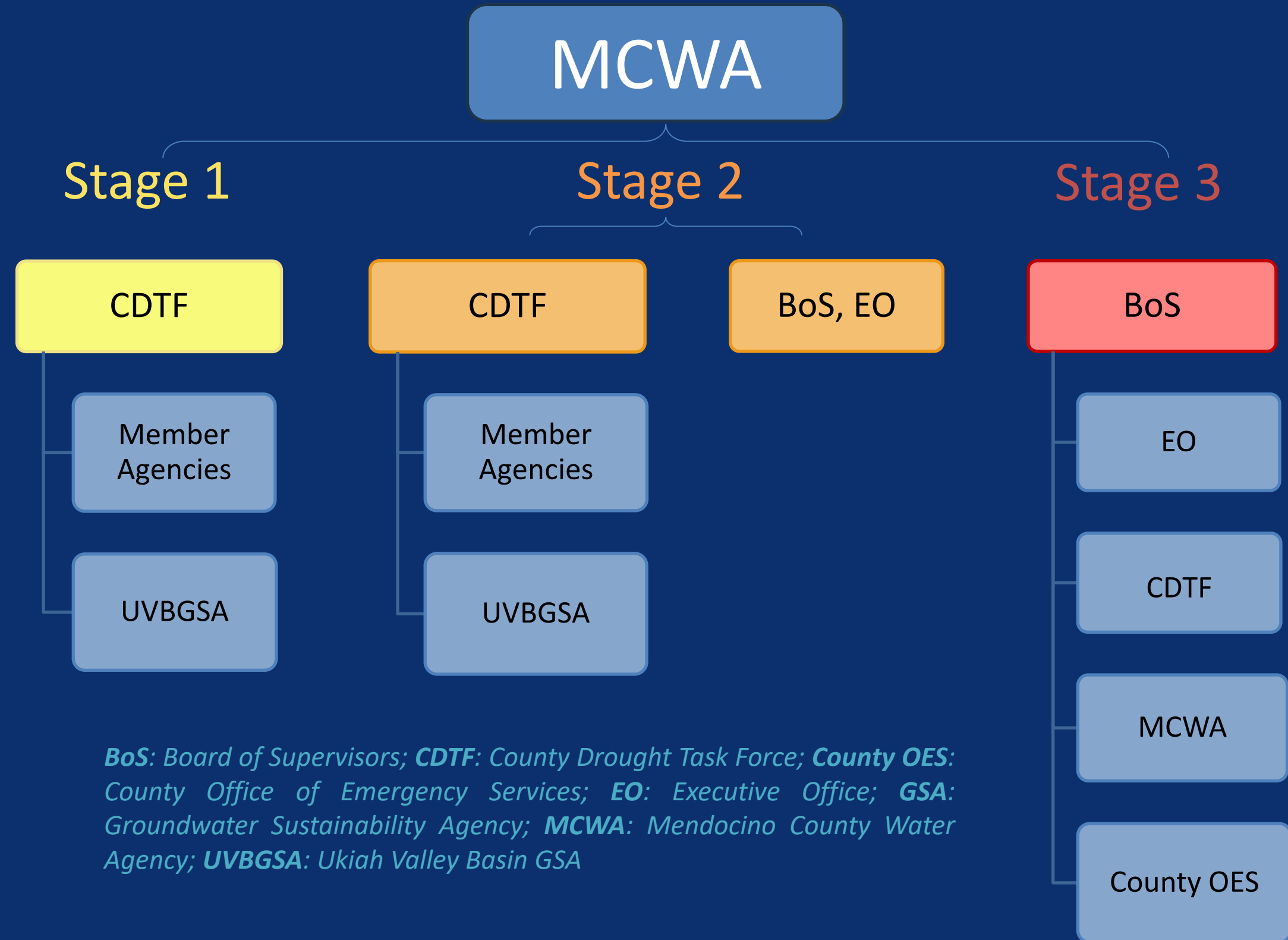
#### State Grants and Loans

- DWR, SWRCB: Includes funding for consolidation, emergencies, direct technical assistance, etc.
- California Financing Coordinating Committee: list of state, federal, nonprofit, and other funding programs

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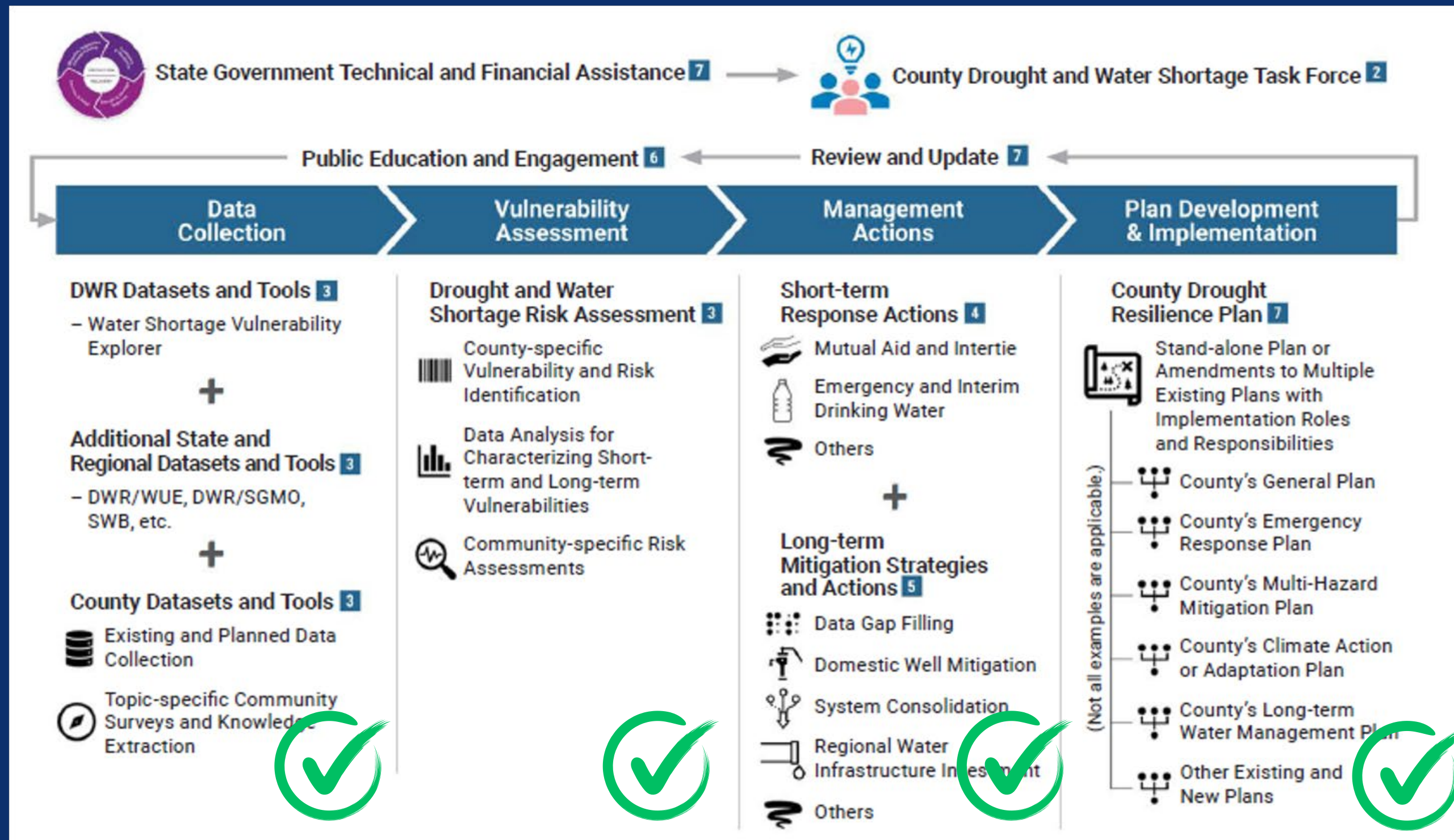
## 4) Plan Implementation: Road Map

- MCWA will oversee implementation of the DRP.
  - Implementation of actions and programs under DRP by MCWA and other County Departments will follow BoS's directions.
- The lead agency/agencies responsible for implementing actions is dependent on the drought stage and specific response action.



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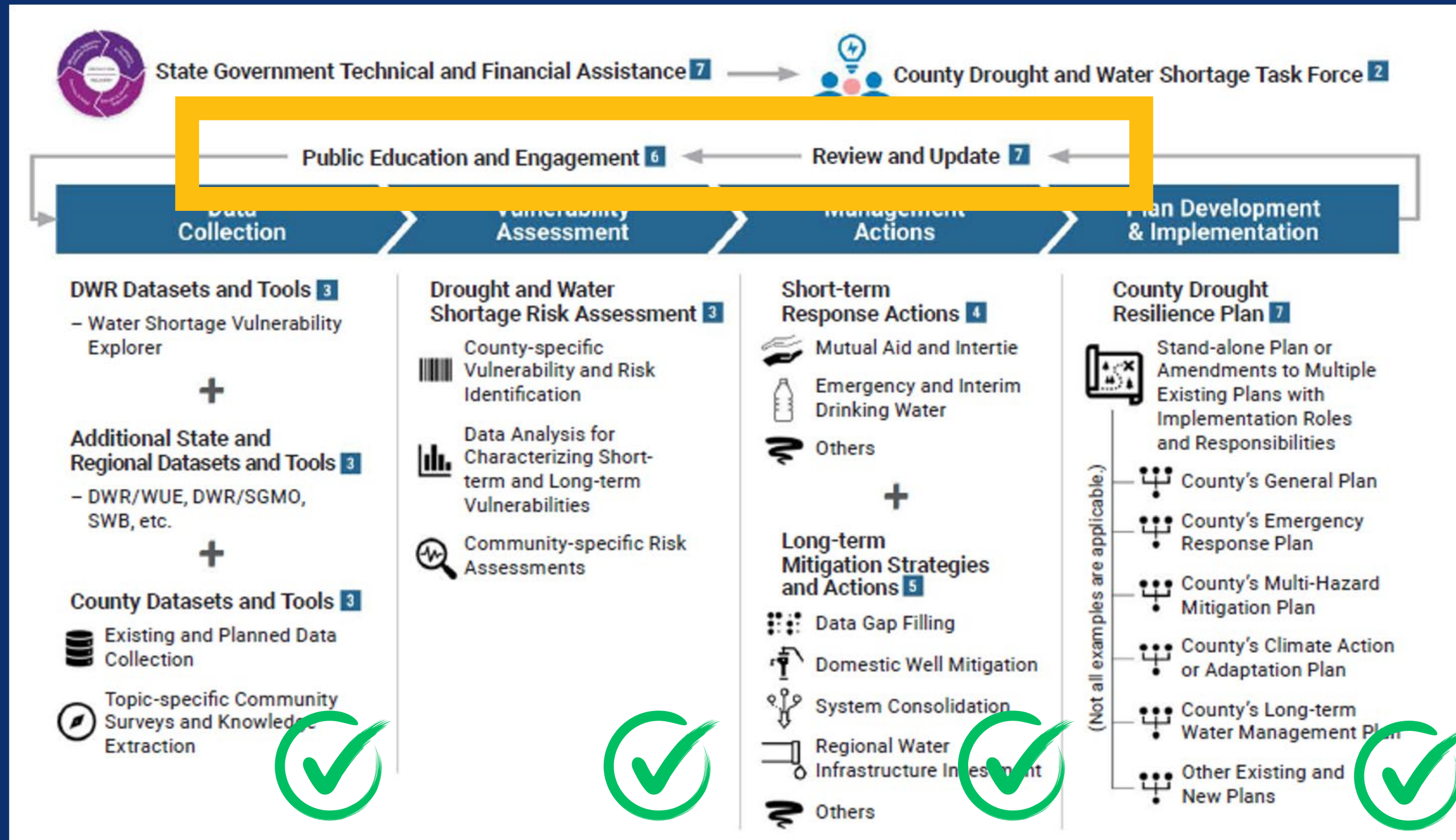
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# Review and Public Comment Process

# Drought Resilience Plan

## Review and Commenting Process

The purpose of the Review and Comment Period is to gather broad feedback from across the County, encourage collaboration, and ensure transparency in the development of the DRP.



**Public comments** can strengthen the DRP by providing the authoring agency with **facts or perspectives** that were lacking in the original draft.

# Drought Resilience Plan

## Review and Commenting Process

### How much time do I have?

Commenting period will take **30 days** ,  
from **March 25th** to **April 25th**

### Where can I submit my comment?

The DRP Webpage will have a dedicated site to download the Plan's draft and submit your comments.

The screenshot shows the County of Mendocino website's navigation bar with links for Government, Departments (highlighted), Residents, Business, and How Do I... Below the navigation bar is a sidebar menu with links to Water Agency, Drought & Water Conservation, Well Owner Resources, Drought Funding, Drought Resilience Plan (highlighted), Drought Resilience Plan Public Engagement Form, Get DRP Email Updates, and Dry Water Year Tools. The main content area displays the breadcrumb trail: Departments » Water Agency » Drought & Water Conservation » Drought Resilience Plan ». The title is 'Sign Up For Updates! - Drought Resilience Plan'. It includes links for Font Size, Share & Bookmark, Feedback, and Print. The first step is to enter an email address to subscribe to updates. A text box is provided for the email address. Below the text box is a reCAPTCHA widget with the text 'I'm not a robot' and a 'SUBMIT' button. The page number 'Page 1 / 1' is displayed in the bottom right corner.

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1. Please enter your email to subscribe to updates about the County Drought Resilience Plan.

To receive a copy of your submission, please fill out your email address below and submit.

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**SUBMIT**

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# Drought Resilience Plan Commenting Process

# Review and Commenting Form

For general comments: By completing the “General Commenting Form” on the County DRP webpage

For more detailed comments: By completing the “Review and Commenting Form” and submitting the file through the “General Commenting Form”

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# Best Practices for Written Commenting



## 1. Before you comment:

- a. Identify, collect, and review background information:      [DRP Website](#), [Factsheets](#), [PPTs](#)...
- b. Create a checklist of important considerations      (e.g. response actions)

## 2. Reviewing the document:

- a. Focus on particular sections and skim others
- b. Check the document against your checklist, create notes.

## 3. Preparing to comment:

- a. Define your objectives
  - i. E.g. ensure my small water system is mapped, or to catch and correct factual errors or data gaps.
- b. Use clear organization, formatting, and language.
  - i. Use headings and sub-headings to separate your points, Phrase your comments as statements, not questions, avoid dense blocks of text, etc.

**Q&A**



# Next Steps and Important Dates

# Next Steps and Follow-up meetings

Meeting	Date	Planned Topic
CDTF Meeting	February 26, 2025	Presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposed Short-Term and Long-Term Response Actions</li><li>- Implementation roadmap</li></ul>
CDTF Meeting	March 26, 2025	Public workshop on draft DRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of outreach efforts</li><li>- Overview of draft DRP</li><li>- Public commenting process</li><li>- Adoption process</li></ul>
BoS Meeting	May 20, 2025	Presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary of comments received and how they were addressed</li><li>- Resolution to authorize County staff to upload final DRP to DWR portal</li></ul>

# Thank You.

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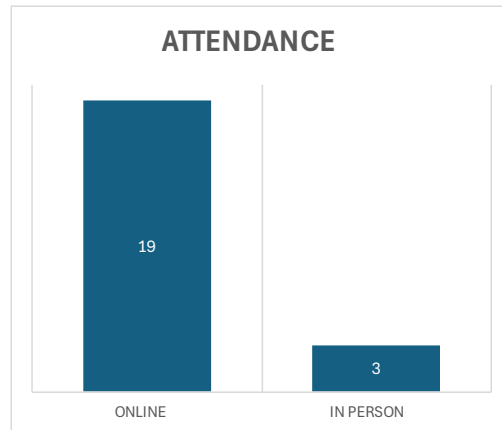
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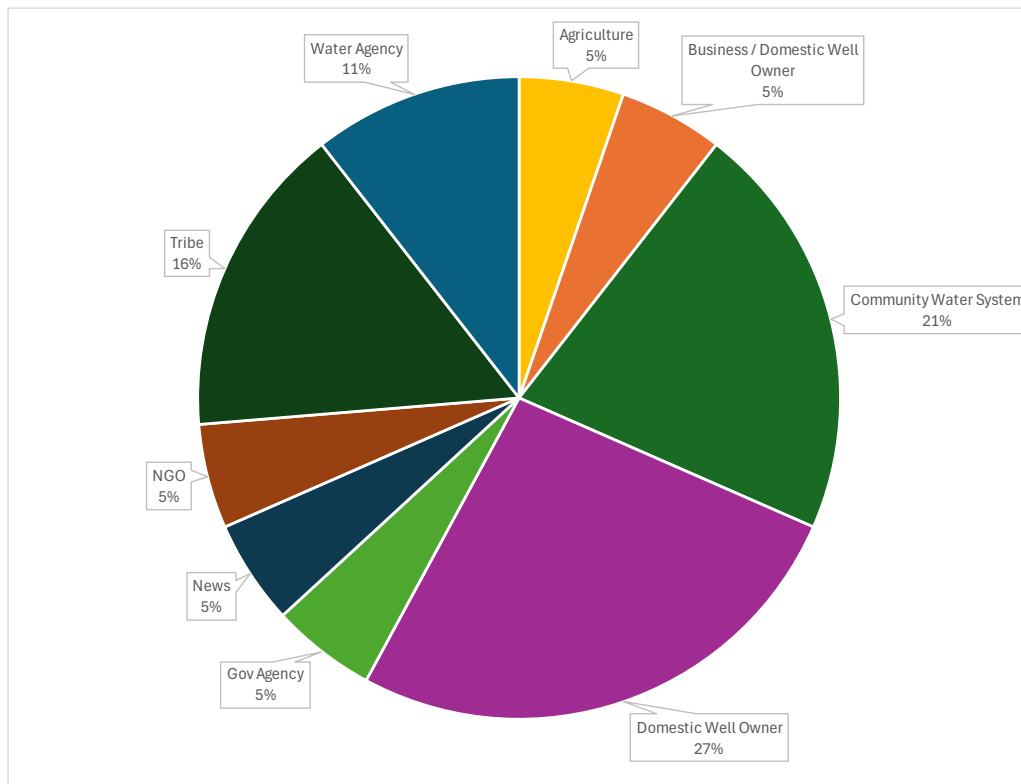
### February 21, 2025 Meeting - Attendance Information

- Attendance Breakdown (not including County representatives or DRP team)

- Online: 19
- In Person: 3
- Grand Total: 21



- Community Groups Represented



- Location of Interest of Attendees

- Anderson Valley: 1
- Covelo: 1
- Fort Bragg: 1

○ Laytonville:	2
○ Little River:	2
○ Mendocino County:	2
○ Mendocino:	1
○ Other/Not specified:	5
○ Russian River Watershed:	1
○ Sherwood Valley:	1
○ Ukiah:	3
○ Willits:	1
○ Grand Total:	21

## APPENDIX D

### Public Comments Received on DRP



## APPENDIX D. Public Comments Received on DRP

To support the development of the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP), the County conducted a 31-day public review period from March 26, 2025, to April 25, 2025. During this time, members of the public were invited to submit comments on the draft DRP either online or in person at the County Department of Transportation office using the “General Commenting Form” or the “Review and Commenting Form”. A total of three comments were received during the public review period. These comments, along with the method of submittal, date received, and the County’s responses, are presented in full in **Table 1** below. In addition, PDF copies of the submitted comments, as well as the “General Commenting Form” and “Review and Commenting Form”, are attached as part of **Appendix D**.

**Table 1. Public Comments Received on DRP**

DATE RECEIVED	SUBMITTAL METHOD	COMMENT	COUNTY RESPONSE
04/05/2025	Online via the “General Commenting Form” on the DRP Webpage	<i>“I know that the Resilience Plan needs to follow California law. It does a good job of doing so, but I want to take this opportunity to be clear that the California law is outdated. All Californians need to learn to recycle water, reuse water, catch rainwater, and most of all, use less water--and not by switching to disposables or otherwise cost-shifting. Current CA laws require that the water systems provide TOO MUCH WATER PER PERSON for the number of climate refugees we are likely to have to accommodate. At the same time, CA building codes encourage the overuse of clean drinkable water for functions for which gray water or nonwater-based systems would be adequate. Please adopt this plan but make it clear to legislators that you look forward to updating it to include much more conservation as soon as that is allowed. We must work together toward legalizing and building zero-waste, carbon net zero, water net zero communities for the thriving of life on Earth. Thank you.”</i>	DRP is a living a document and will be updated as needed based on new data, regulations, and to respond to changing drought patterns.
04/12/2025	Online via the “General Commenting Form” on the DRP Webpage	<i>“One of the dumbest things going on is the plan to decommission the Potter Valley Project. The situation during the drought would have been a lot worse if the PVP were not in place. The PVP, as currently configured, needs to remain as it has for 120 years. The water not only fills Lake Mendocino, but helps recharge ground water all along the Russian River. An opportunity was missed when lake levels were super low to remove silt and do further excavation to increase the storage capacity of the lake. The dam height can be increased, but these types of projects take 10 or 20 years because of all of the reviews and permit requirements. Fort Bragg and Mendocino need to identify additional storage options. Redwood Valley needs to upgrade its intertie with the City of Ukiah's water system for emergencies. It could also identify places to install injection well locations to recharge the local aquifer when WF Russian River levels are high.”</i>	Since the County is not a water supplier, it does not have jurisdiction over water storage projects or intertie requirements between systems. However, it can facilitate and support coordination efforts between systems, as outlined in the DRP.
04/24/2025	Online via the “General Commenting Form” on the DRP Webpage	<i>“We do not believe enough is being done to protect our water sources from cannabis grows, whether legal or illegal grows. To allow increased water consumption for a drug without being strictly monitored should not be allowed, especially near residential neighborhoods and during a drought. Wells allowed on cannabis properties should be more closely monitored through metering for consumption, quality and potential impacts to surrounding wells. 4/24/2025”</i>	Regulation of groundwater use is outside the scope of SB-552 and DRP and should be handled by groundwater sustainability agencies and/or under different ordinances and authorities.

Abbreviations: “DRP” = Drought Resilience Plan; “SB” = Senate Bill

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**4. General Comments:**

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Thank you,  
**Mendocino County, CA**

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One of the dumbest things going on is the plan to decommission the Potter Valley Project. The situation during the drought would have been a lot worse if the PVP were not in place. The PVP, as currently configured, needs to remain as it has for 120 years. The water not only fills Lake Mendocino, but helps recharge ground water all along the Russian River.

An opportunity was missed when lake levels were super low to remove silt and do further excavation to increase the storage capacity of the lake. The dam height can be increased, but these types of projects take 10 or 20 years because of all of the reviews and permit requirements.

Fort Bragg and Mendocino need to identify additional storage options.

Redwood Valley needs to upgrade its intertie with the City of Ukiah's water system for emergencies. It could also identify places to install injection well locations to recharge the local aquifer when WF Russian River levels are high.

Illegal grows need to be shutdown. They use too much water and contaminate water supplies. We have over a hundred years of historic annual precipitation data. We should be able to identify additional capacity requirements to get us through consecutive years of low precipitation. The population of Mendocino is projected to increase by a negligible amount. We have the opportunity to make some common sense changes to increase water storage and reducing the need for heavy handed government action.

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Thank you,  
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**4. General Comments:**

We do not believe enough is being done to protect our water sources from cannabis grows, whether legal or illegal grows. To allow increased water consumption for a drug without being strictly monitored should not be allowed, especially near residential neighborhoods and during a drought. Wells allowed on cannabis properties should be more closely monitored through metering for consumption, quality and potential impacts to surrounding wells. 4/24/2025

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# Mendocino County

## **Review And Commenting Form**

### Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan

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Dear Reviewer,

Per Senate Bill 552 requirements, a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) is under development for the County of Mendocino (County). As part of this process, the County welcomes feedback on draft sections of the DRP from the broad interests and perspectives of the public.

#### **REVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS:**

Given the large number of reviewers, accommodating track changes or other editing options within the original draft sections distributed to all public reviewers can be challenging. As an alternative to tracked changes editing, comments on the DRP will be accepted:

- **For general comments:** By completing the [General Commenting Form](#) on the County DRP webpage; or
- **For more detailed comments:** By completing this Word Document and submitting the file as an attachment to the [General Commenting Form](#) on the County DRP webpage.

As stated above, for more detailed comments, please complete and submit this review form with the following instructions:

- Use the form below to submit your comments. You may expand the form as needed.
- If you prefer to remain anonymous, leave the "Reviewer Name" field blank while completing the other required fields.
- For suggested text changes, copy and paste the original text, then apply your edits using track changes or strikethrough formatting. This ensures technical staff can clearly distinguish between the original text and your proposed revisions.
- Indicate the DRP section and page number (found at the bottom of the page) where your comment, question, or suggested edit applies.
- Examples of how to provide feedback are included in the review form below. You may delete these examples before submitting your comments.

Please submit this review form as an attachment to the [General Commenting Form](#) on the County DRP webpage.

**Please send your comments no later than April 25, 2025.**

Thanks for contributing to the draft DRP for the County of Mendocino.

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<b>Reviewer Name</b> Click or tap here to enter text.	<b>Submission Date</b> Click or tap to enter a date.	<b>DRP Sections Reviewed</b> Enter section number(s) here or “DRP Document” in the case that the entire document was reviewed.
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**Drought Resilience Plan General Commenting Form**

Mendocino County is currently accepting public comments on its [draft Drought Resilience Plan \(available here\)](#). You may submit anonymous comments by leaving the "Reviewer Name" field blank. Comments must be submitted no later than **April 25, 2025**.

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **Ordinance No. 4494**

## **ORDINANCE NO. 4494**

### **AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALLOWING AND ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY INSTALLATION AND USE OF WATER TANKS DURING THE 2021 DROUGHT EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2021, United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Secretary Tom Vilsack designated 50 of California's counties, including Mendocino County, as primary natural disaster areas due to a recent drought, which allows for farm operations to be eligible for certain assistance available through the USDA Farm Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-051, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency due to drought conditions, which declaration of emergency was subsequently renewed on June 8, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-079; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mendocino County Code section 7.10.060, the provisions of Chapter 7.10 – Emergency Water Conservation were reinstated upon the declaration of the drought emergency, which include urging all water uses in the County to reduce water use by twenty percent (20%) and requesting all water supplies to immediately implement their water shortage contingency plans; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties due to drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Mendocino City Community Services District declared a Stage 4 Water Shortage Emergency due to below normal rainfall recorded in the District, as rainfall was just 45% of normal rainfall at that time; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2021, the Redwood Valley County Water District adopted Resolution No. 2021-01, declaring a water shortage emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in forty-one (41) total California counties due to drought conditions, and ordered that the provisions of the April 21, 2021, declaration remained in full force and effect, except as modified; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, due to drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed, the State Water Resources Control Board notified over 900 junior water rights holders that there is not enough water in the watershed and that diversions must be reduced immediately to safeguard the community's drinking water availability for the remainder of 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to the severity of the drought conditions facing the County, for the purpose of preserving the public peace, health and safety, the Board of Supervisors desires to immediately implement provisions allowing the temporary installation of water tanks so that County residents and businesses can provide for additional water storage in the face of uncertain water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the immediate implementation of this ordinance is necessary because drought conditions threaten both groundwater levels and water supplies of water districts, which threatens the ability of County residents and businesses to have dependable supplies of water, necessary for proper health and sanitation; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 25131 expressly authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adopt an urgency ordinance immediately upon its introduction.



NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, ordains as follows:

#### **SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino finds and declares all of the following:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by this reference.
- B. The purpose of this ordinance is to allow for temporary installation of additional small, onsite water storage during the present drought in order to provide additional security to County residents and businesses for available water.

#### **SECTION 2. Definitions.**

- A. "Department" means the County of Mendocino Planning and Building Services Department.
- B. "MCC" means the Mendocino County Code.
- C. "Temporary water tank" means a water tank supported directly on grade with a capacity not greater than 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1, consistent with the exemptions from building permits requirements provided in the 2019 California Building Code section 105.2 #5.

#### **SECTION 3. Applicability of Ordinance.**

The Ordinance only applies to temporary water tanks installed after the effective date of this Ordinance in compliance with its requirements.

#### **SECTION 4. Administration and Administrative Policies.**

- A. This Ordinance will be administered under the direction of the Board of Supervisors, by the Department.
- B. The Department may establish administrative policies for use in implementing the Ordinance. The administrative policies must be consistent with the Ordinance and made available to the public on the Department website and upon request at the Department.
- C. Where this Ordinance directly conflicts with the Mendocino County Code, land use permit, or a legal non-conforming use allowance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

#### **SECTION 5. Temporary Water Tank.**

- A. A temporary water tank may be installed on a parcel to provide additional water storage for existing uses, subject to the requirements of this Ordinance. Installation of a temporary water tank shall not involve removal of healthy, mature trees.
- B. A temporary water tank must comply with zoning standards and height standards for the base zoning designation in terms of setbacks from parcel boundaries, except for the following exemptions:

1. Temporary water tanks do not count towards lot coverage.
  2. A temporary water tank located in any zoning district shall observe a 10 foot front yard setback, setbacks from all other parcel boundaries shall be observed.
- C. A temporary water tank is exempt from Corridor Preservation Setbacks (MCC Sections 20.152.020, 20.444.020, and 20.692.015) but shall not be located within a public right-of-way unless an encroachment permit has been granted by the applicable department of transportation.
- D. Discretionary Review Exemption. A temporary water tank is exempt from discretionary review under the MCC, including Mendocino Historical Review Board Permits and Coastal Development Permits, unless the resident or business wishes to retain the tank after the end of the effective period of this ordinance as provided for in Section 5(G) of this ordinance.
- E. Compliance with Other Laws. All temporary water tanks must comply with other state and local laws, including encroachment, building, grading, fire, and health code requirements, the California Disabled Persons Act, and requirements of any water district or water company with jurisdiction over the property.
- F. No Property Rights Conferred. Use or development of a temporary water tank must immediately cease at the end of the effective period of this Ordinance.
- G. Cessation and Legalization of Temporary Water Tanks.
1. Cessation upon Expiration of the Ordinance. The use of temporary water tanks must immediately cease at the end of the effective period of this Ordinance.
  2. Restoration or Retention of Temporary Water Tank. Within 30 days after the end of the effective period of this Ordinance, temporary water tanks must either be removed and the site restored to its prior condition or the resident or business must apply for and diligently pursue retention of these modifications on a permanent basis, subject to all required discretionary review and zoning requirements, including setbacks.
  3. Early Application for Maintenance of Temporary Water Tank. Any individual seeking to use a temporary water tank after the end the effective period of this Ordinance is encouraged to submit an application to the Department as early as possible, including any required discretionary permits.

## **SECTION 6. Enforcement.**

- A. Enforcement. A violation of this Ordinance is subject to enforcement by any legal means available, including but not limited to the enforcement provisions in MCC Chapter 1.08, and Chapters 20.216, 20.552 and 20.736 as applied to the zoning district where the violation occurs.
- B. ~~Suspension, Termination and Modification.~~ If the Department determines that temporary water tanks have been installed in a manner that does not comply with this Ordinance, the Department may require changes to the temporary water tank, suspend use of the temporary water tank, or require that the use of the temporary



water tank cease. A decision by the Director of the Department under this section is final, subject only to judicial review.

#### **SECTION 7. Environmental Determination.**

Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following: Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) as an action immediately necessary to mitigate or prevent an emergency because the Ordinance establishes temporary measures to enable additional water storage and because the anticipated time to conduct environmental review would pose a grave risk to public health, safety, and welfare, and because the action is immediately necessary to allow access to water to prevent an emergency that similarly poses a grave risk to public health and safety; CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3) as an action authorizing the installation of limited numbers of temporary small accessory facilities, structures or equipment to accommodate additional water storage for existing uses; CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4) as an action authorizing minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature trees; and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action will have a significant effect because allowed reduced zoning requirements for installation of water tanks are temporary and minor in scale.

#### **SECTION 8. Severability.**

The provisions of this ordinance are separate and severable. If any provision of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court to be unconstitutional or invalid, the Board declares that it would have passed this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of the provision held to be unconstitutional or invalid. Such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall therefore not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

#### **SECTION 9. Effective Date; Term of Ordinance.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately as an urgency ordinance, and will remain in effect until expiration or termination of the County's declared local emergency, or until this Ordinance is modified or revoked by the Board of Supervisors, whichever is sooner.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair declared the Ordinance passed and adopted and **SO ORDERED**.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Deputy

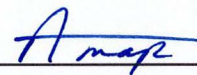
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CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS  
County Counsel

  
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DAN GJERDE, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions  
of Government Code Section 25103, delivery  
of this document has been made.

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Deputy

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Mutual Aid Agreement Between the County, City of Ukiah, and City of Fort Bragg**



**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE AMONG THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, CITY OF UKIAH, CITY OF  
FORT BRAGG AND OTHER SIGNATORY CITIES OR SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

This Mutual Aid Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the County of Mendocino ("County"), the City of Ukiah ("Ukiah"), the City of Fort Bragg ("Fort Bragg") and other signatory cities or special districts in Mendocino County which may be referred to herein individually as "Party" and collectively as the "Parties." County, Ukiah and Fort Bragg shall be referred to herein as the "Original Signatory Parties."

RECITALS

1. The Parties recognize that all water supplies in Mendocino County are potentially vulnerable to natural and manmade disasters, such as earthquakes, fires, pandemics, droughts and other emergencies, and desire to establish a mutual aid plan during an emergency to maximize the utilization of available water supplies, distribution facilities, equipment, and personnel to conserve, allocate, and distribute water equitably and sustain the safe and reliable operation of wholesale and retail water systems and wells and water systems serving individual residents and businesses in the County and avoid any catastrophic interruption to normal production and/or delivery facilities.

2. Mutual aid is defined as emergency assistance given from one public agency to another, under a prearranged agreement.

3. It is desirable that the Parties should be free to voluntarily aid and assist each other in a timely manner both in preparation for an emergency and in response to any emergency situation, or extraordinary or unusual circumstance, such as in the event of an earthquake, flood, fire, sabotage, riot, pandemic, drought or other emergency in the County (hereinafter referred to as an "emergency" or "unforeseen circumstance").

4. Such assistance may include the interchange of materials, resources, including potable, non-potable and recycled water (hereafter "resources"), facilities, services, equipment, and personnel to cope with the problems which would arise in the event of a major emergency or unforeseen circumstances.

5. Materials, resources, facilities, services, equipment and/or personnel are provided on the basis that the providing agency can continue operations and simultaneously meet the health and safety needs of its residents and businesses and the receiving agency has, or is about to, exhaust resources required to meet the health and safety needs of its residents and businesses.

6. The Parties are each willing to assume risks due to the use of resources, equipment, materials and personnel furnished by a Party; and



7. To the extent provided herein, the Parties agree to indemnify and hold each other harmless from any liability for injury, illness, or property damage incurred by a Party or its employees, officers or agents, or by third parties in the course of, or as a result of a Party's activities performed pursuant to this agreement.

8. This Agreement is not intended as a joint use or joint purchasing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein, the Parties agree as follows:

#### AGREEMENT

1. MUTUAL AID: ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY PLANS. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties agree to furnish to each other resources, facilities, personnel, and services to respond to emergencies and unforeseen circumstances in accordance with duly adopted or hereafter duly adopted emergency plans. The Party making a request for mutual aid shall be called a "Recipient" and the Party giving aid and assistance shall be called a "Provider."

1.1 Emergency Plan. The Parties shall develop emergency plans ("Emergency Plans") providing for the effective mobilization of their resources, facilities, and services to respond to any type of emergency.

1.2 Voluntary Participation. No Party to this Agreement shall be liable for its failure or inability to provide, or attempt to provide, assistance to any other Party. It is the intent of the Parties to provide assistance on a strictly voluntary basis. No Party shall be required to lend any items or to unreasonably deplete its own resources, facilities, and services in furnishing such mutual aid.

2. INTENT OF PROVIDER AND RECIPIENT. It is the intent hereof that each Recipient will use the procedures herein established only for emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances requiring resources beyond its existing resources and only for as long as necessary to respond to those situations or circumstances. Each Provider should assist other Parties to the extent it can do so without detriment to its own needs or impairing its ability to perform its own normal work requirements. If the Provider determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that its needs are greater than those of the Recipient's, the Provider has first priority and sole authority over its own equipment, personnel, resources and materials.

3. REQUEST FOR AID OR ASSISTANCE. If a Party has an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, it may make a request to any other Party or Parties for emergency assistance under this Agreement. The requesting Party will explain the nature of the circumstance and the type of resources, materials, equipment or personnel expected to be needed.

3.1 Documentation. All mutual aid assistance, whether given or received, shall be documented either in advance of providing/receiving assistance, or after the emergency



assistance is no longer required, as these records may be needed for federal and state emergency assistance funding application requirements and must be available to the Provider/Recipient within 30 days of the resolution of the emergency. The Parties shall develop a standard documentation form as soon as possible after this agreement is executed by the Original Signatory Parties.

3.1.1 Documentation shall include one or more of the following, as applicable: (1) photographs of damage and repairs; (2) documentation of insufficient resources; (3) documentation of the type or amount of equipment, resources, or materials provided; (4) notes on damage and repairs; (5) clippings of press reports; (6) a record of all expenditures, including timecards and logs documenting equipment hours; (7) a record of all pertinent conversations about specific damages and/or repairs to damaged facilities; (8) retained receipts, invoices, statements, and other relevant paperwork for services rendered by a contractor or vendor; and (9) any other documents reasonably requested by a Provider or a Recipient or any state or federal agency regulating the emergency service or reimbursing the costs thereof.

3.1.2 Books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred or compensation provided under this Agreement shall be maintained by each Party and made available at all reasonable times for four (4) years from the date of payment for inspection by another Party or state or federal agencies regulating or reimbursing expenses incurred in providing mutual aid under this Agreement.

3.2 Procedures for Providers. A Provider may require a Recipient to comply with procedures adopted by the Provider in its Emergency Plan to document requests made hereunder.

4. CONTROL SAFETY SUPERVISION AND RECALL. It is expressly understood that the Recipient, in whose jurisdiction the incident requiring mutual aid has occurred, shall remain in charge for such incident, including the schedule of the work and the direction and supervision of such personnel and equipment provided to it through the operation of this Agreement. Safe work procedures and practices shall be observed by a Provider. Employees lending assistance to a Recipient will not be asked to perform tasks which could lead to reasonably foreseeable injury or illness. Equipment shall be operated according to standards and procedures, if any, provided by the Provider at the time such equipment is provided. A Provider may recall any equipment, personnel or unused materials or supplies at any time, but shall give the Recipient as much notice as practical prior to such recall.

5. CHARGES FOR MATERIALS, RESOURCES, PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT.

5.1 Materials. All materials borrowed but not utilized shall be returned to the Provider in the same condition as they were when they were borrowed. The Recipient shall pay the Provider either the purchase or replacement cost (whichever is higher) for all materials obtained, utilized, and not returned under this Agreement with the prior approval of the Provider, the Recipient may replace materials and return them to the site of the Provider as soon as practical instead of making payments.



5.2 Resources. The Recipient shall pay the Provider for the use of resources in an amount agreed upon by the Recipient and Provider. Such charge shall be approximately the fair market value but it should reflect a return to the Provider sufficient to reimburse for the costs of production or treatment.

5.3 Personnel. The Recipient shall pay the Provider's cost of salaries for the time spent by all personnel in assisting the Recipient, including a provision for overtime, vacation, holidays, sick leave, insurance, retirement, payroll taxes, and other direct salary costs. No overhead costs shall be included.

5.4 Equipment and Facilities. The Recipient shall pay the Provider for the use of equipment and facilities in an amount agreed upon by the Recipient and Provider. Such charge shall be approximately the fair market value- rental charge but it should reflect a return to the Provider sufficient to reimburse for the costs of ownership and operation. Unless otherwise arranged, the default rate for equipment is the current FEMA reimbursement rate.

The Recipient shall return all equipment and facilities in undamaged condition, subject to reasonable wear and tear. If equipment and/or facilities are damaged, the Recipient shall pay the cost of repair. If equipment is damaged beyond repair, it shall be replaced by the Recipient with new or comparable used equipment, acceptable to the Provider. The Recipient shall not be responsible to repair pre-existing damage on equipment or facilities.

5.5 Invoicing and Payment. The Provider shall provide the Recipient a detailed invoice for the cost of the mutual aid services. The invoice will include assigned personnel classification, dates and hours worked, hourly billing rates, equipment used, materials provided, and a summary of total costs incurred. The Recipient shall notify the Provider of any dispute of the information in the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Parties will cooperate to resolve any disputes before resorting to legal remedies.

The Recipient shall pay the Provider within sixty (60) days of receipt of the invoice for any undisputed charges or within fifteen (15) days after resolution of any disputed charges. By mutual consent, the Provider and Recipient may agree to an alternate payment schedule and/or charges in consideration of federal and/or state reimbursements or other factors.

## 6. INDEMNIFICATION.

6.1 Indemnity for Requested Assistance. To the fullest extent provided by law, each Recipient shall fully indemnify and hold the Provider and its elected officials, officers, employees, contractors, authorized volunteers and agents ("Indemnified Parties") harmless from any liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, losses or damages,



including attorney's fees and expert witness fees (collectively, "Claims") arising out of, or occurring during or in the course of the provision of assistance under this Agreement. Recipient shall assume on behalf of the Provider, the defense of any Claims in which liability is sought to be imposed on the Provider or shall reimburse the Provider for all reasonable costs of defending or responding to such action, claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Notwithstanding the above, Recipient shall have no obligation to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless the Indemnified Parties to the extent the Claims are caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of an Indemnified Party. Obligations arising out of this section shall survive the termination or withdrawal from this Agreement by a Party hereto.

6.2 Liability for Joining. In the event of any Claims of whatever kind or nature arising out of the rendering of assistance pursuant to this Agreement, the Parties involved in rendering or receiving assistance agree to indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each signatory to this Agreement, whose only involvement in the transaction or occurrence which is the subject of such Claims, is the execution and approval of this Agreement. Such indemnification shall include indemnity for all Claims, including but not limited to Claims for personal injury and property damage.

7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYEE CLAIMS; EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, it is the intent of the Parties that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any employee of a Provider that provides labor pursuant to this Agreement, is performing the labor within the course and scope of employment for Provider and, therefore, will be covered by Provider's workers' compensation insurance coverage during performance of any labor provided under this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of Section 6.1, the Provider shall indemnify and hold the Recipient and its elected officials, officers, employees, contractors, authorized volunteers and agents harmless from any and all Claims for personal injury or death incurred by such officers, employees or agents while engaged in carrying out their duties, functions or activities under this Agreement, except to the extent the Claims are caused by the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of an Indemnified Party.

Each Party shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due to its employees and agents in connection with any and all services performed under this Agreement and as required by law. Each Party shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting their own employees, including, but not limited to, social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. Employees or agents of one Party shall not be deemed employees of any other Party for any purpose.

8. INSURANCE. Each Party shall be responsible for maintaining a program of insurance that shall cover each Party's indemnification obligations. Without in any way affecting the indemnity herein provided and in addition thereto, each Party shall secure and maintain throughout the Agreement the following types of insurance. including coverage through a pooled risk joint powers agency with limits as shown.



8.1 Workers' Compensation: A program of Workers' Compensation Insurance or a state-approved self-insurance program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with \$250,000 limits covering all persons providing services on behalf of each Party and all risks to such persons under this Agreement.

8.2 Comprehensive General and Automobile Liability Insurance: This coverage is to include contractual coverage and automobile liability coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles. The policy or self-insurance shall have combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

8.3 Additional Named Insured: All policies, and/or memoranda of coverage, except Workers' Compensation, shall contain additional endorsements naming each Party and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional named insured with respect to liabilities arising out of each Party's performance hereunder.

8.4 Policies Primary and non-Contributory: All policies required above are to be the primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance carried or administered by each Party.

9. EXECUTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Electronic signatures or signatures on copies transmitted by email or telefax shall have the same force and effect as original signatures and any copy of this Agreement with executed counterparts so transmitted shall be admissible in any administrative or judicial proceeding as evidence of the Parties' agreement. Each Party shall, upon approval of this Agreement, forward a certified copy of its resolution or other action approving the Agreement to all other Parties.
10. TERMINATION NOTICE. This Agreement shall remain operative and effective as between each and every Party that has heretofore or hereafter approved or executed this Agreement until participation in this Agreement is terminated by the Party. A Party which no longer desires to participate shall, by resolution or other action, give notice terminating its participation in this Agreement to all other Parties. This Agreement is terminated as to such party 30 days after notice to all Parties has been given.
11. AGREEMENT BINDING. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Original Signatory Parties and all parties who may subsequently enter into this Agreement, and their successors and assigns.
12. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS. This Agreement is only for the benefit of the Parties as municipal or local government entities and shall not be construed as or deemed to operate as an agreement for the benefit of any third party or parties, and no third party or parties shall have any right of action or obtain any right to benefits or position of any kind for any reason whatsoever.

13. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder.
14. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in the state courts located in Mendocino County. In the event any Party seeks to change venue under Code Civ. Proc. §394, the Parties agree to waive the right to a jury trial and stipulate to the appointment of an out-of-county judge by the Judicial Council to hear the case in Mendocino County.
15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a written agreement signed by each of the Parties hereto.
16. NON-WAIVER. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be considered waived by any Party unless such waiver is specifically provided in writing.
17. Addition of Signatory Parties: Additional cities or special districts in Mendocino County may become parties to this agreement with the approval of the Original Signatory Parties by duly approving and executing this Agreement in accordance with Section 9. The Chief Executive Officer of the County and the city managers of Ukiah and Fort Bragg are hereby delegated the authority by their respective governing bodies to approve the addition of a party or parties to this Agreement.

SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S)



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties have caused this Mutual Aid Agreement to be executed by its authorized agent or official evidencing the consent of its legislative body hereto.

CITY OF UKIAH

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Mayor Juan Orozco  
Ukiah City Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Dan Gjerde, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

ATTEST:  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Rapport, City Attorney

**Matthew Kiedrowski, Deputy**  
Christian Curtis, County Counsel

CITY OF FORT BRAGG

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: Mayor Bernie Norvell  
Fort Bragg City Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
June Lemos, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith F. Collins, City Attorney

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF****DEPARTMENT FISCAL REVIEW:** Transportation

Howard N. Dashiell 9/3/21  
 HOWARD N. DASHIELL, Director DATE

Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Line Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grant No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAN GJERDE, Chair  
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

**ATTEST:**

CARMEL J. ANGELO, Clerk of said Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of  
 Government Code section 25103, delivery of this  
 document has been made.

CARMEL J. ANGELO, Clerk of said Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

**INSURANCE REVIEW:**

By: Carmel J. Angelo  
 Risk Management

Date: 09/02/2021**CONSULTANT/COMPANY NAME**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSULTANT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above, signatory warrants and  
 represents that he/she executed this Agreement in  
 his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her  
 signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity  
 upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this  
 Agreement

**COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS,  
 County Counsel

By: Matthew Kiedrowski  
 Deputy

Date: 09/02/2021**EXECUTIVE OFFICE/FISCAL REVIEW:**

By: [Signature]  
 Deputy CEO

Date: 09/02/2021

Signatory Authority: \$0-25,000 Department; \$25,001- 50,000 Purchasing Agent; \$50,001+ Board of Supervisors

Exception to Bid Process Required/Completed ☐ \_\_\_\_\_Mendocino County Business License: Valid ☐

Exempt Pursuant to MCC Section: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX G**

### **Physical Consolidation Analysis Results for State Small Water Systems**



**Appendix G. Physical Consolidation Analysis Results for State Small Water Systems**  
**Mendocino County, CA**

State Small System Name (1)	PWSID	Service Area	Owner Type	Address	City	State	Zip	Nearby System Name (2)	Closest (3)	PWSID	Pop	Conn	Service Area	Risk Status (4)	Primary	System Type (5)	Owner Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	LEMON'S MARKET		CA2300200	150	13	MOBILE HOME PARK	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 41	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	GOLDENEYE WINERY		CA2300002	43	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	1000 Lodi Lane	ST. HELENA	CA	94574
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	I & E LATH MILL	X	CA2300096	31	1	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 9	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	THE MADRONES		CA2300070	91	12	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 30	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	CSP-HENDY WOODS STATE PARK		CA2310303	228	54	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	THE LAND		CA2300789	50	27	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 43	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	BLACKBIRD FARM		CA2300877	25	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	18601 Van Zandt Resort Rd	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC		State Small			OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	River's Bend		CA2310303	129	38	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	PHILO	CA	95466
Anderson Valley Inn		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	Dave Burgess Water System		CA2300761	590	20	RECREATION AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	
Anderson Vineyard Family Housing		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 67	Philo	CA	95466	CSP-HENDY WOODS STATE PARK		CA2310303	228	54	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	94131
Anderson Vineyard Family Housing		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 67	Philo	CA	95466	NAVARRO VINEYARDS	X	CA2300995	112	2	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	5601 Highway 128	PHILO	CA	95466
B & L Mobile Home Park	CA2300630	MOBILE HOME PARK	Local Gov't	Potter Valley	CA	95499	POTTER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT		CA2300735	309	36	K-12 SCHOOL	At-Risk	GW	Non-Transient NC	Local Gov't	P.O. Box 219	POTTER VALLEY	CA	95499	
Big Bend Lodge	CA2300630	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 1270	Laytonville	CA	95454	CSP-STANDISH HOCKEY STATE REC AREA	X	CA2310310	503	75	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	State Gov't	PO Box 2006	EUREKA	CA	95502
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 1270	Laytonville	CA	95454	LEGGETT VALLEY SCHOOL		CA2300785	100	5	K-12 SCHOOL	Potentially At-Risk	GW	Non-Transient NC	Local Gov't	P.O. Box 186	LEGGETT	CA	95585
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS		CA2300950	500	10	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	P.O. Box 458	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	OFFSTREET STUDIOS		CA2300954	25	8	RESTAURANT	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 326	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	PENNYROYAL FARM	X	CA2300950	37	3	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 714	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	MEDOW ESTATES MUTUAL		CA2300506	100	35	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	PO Box 64	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	ANDERSON VALLEY BREWING COMPANY		CA2300901	152	4	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 505	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	REDWOOD DRIVE-IN		CA2300952	25	2	SERVICE STATION	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 280	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	BOONVILLE HOTEL		CA2300953	25	1	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 326	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	ANDERSON VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		CA2300770	350	11	K-12 SCHOOL	Not At-Risk	GW	Non-Transient NC	Local Gov't	PO Box 457	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Boonville Apts		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 341	Philo	CA	95466	ANDERSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL		CA2300770	360	8	K-12 SCHOOL	Not At-Risk	GW	Non-Transient NC	Local Gov't	PO Box 457	BOONVILLE	CA	95415
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	WOODS, THE (MENDOCINO)		CA2300687	157	115	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	871 38th Avenue	SANTA CRUZ	CA	95062
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	ALBION RIVER CAMPGROUND	X	CA2300619	425	123	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GU	Transient NC	Private	3775 BALBOA STREET	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94121
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	SEA ROCK INN		CA2300621	54	10	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 908	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	POMO CAMPGROUND		CA2300629	200	20	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	17899 TREGONING LANE	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	STANFORD INN BY THE SEA		CA2300626	153	6	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. BOX 487	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	CSP-VAN DAMME STATE PARK		CA2310302	2003	32	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	MENDOCINO GROVE		CA2300780	27	2	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 685	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	MENDOCINO INN AND FARM - B		CA2300757	27	1	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	8201 North Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	LITTLE RIVER INN		CA2300761	95	1	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box B	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	INN AT SCHOOLHOUSE CREEK		CA2300625	77	22	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	7051 N. Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	HERITAGE HOUSE		CA2300541	50	66	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	SW	Non-Transient NC	Private	8715 Airport Rd., Suite B	REDDING	CA	96002
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	Little River Headlands Assn		CA2300592	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	4000 Executive Pkwy., Suite 100	San Ramon	CA	94583	
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	The Andron		State Small			OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	
Cottages At Little River Cove		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	Little River Business Dist		State Small			OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	
Daniel Way Water System		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	1770 Daniel Way	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	X	CA2310008	5200	1317	RESIDENTIAL AREA	At-Risk	SW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Daniel Way Water System		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	1770 Daniel Way	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	CALPELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT		CA2300507	548	185	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	SWP	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Daniel Way Water System		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	1770 Daniel Way	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		State Small			OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	Transient NC	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	LEMON'S MARKET		CA2300900	150	13	MOBILE HOME PARK	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 404	ST. HELENA	CA	94574
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	THE MADRONES		CA2300789	50	27	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	1000 Lodi Lane	ST. HELENA	CA	94574
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	I & E LATH MILL	X	CA2300096	31	1	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 9	PHILO	CA	95466
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	THE MADRONES		CA2300970	91	12	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 30	PHILO	CA	95466
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	CSP-HENDY WOODS STATE PARK		CA2310303	228	54	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	THE LAND		CA2300789	50	27	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 43	PHILO	CA	95466
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	BLACKBIRD FARM		CA2300877	25	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	18601 Van Zandt Resort Rd	PHILO	CA	95466
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC		State Small			OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	River's Bend		State Small			OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	PHILO	CA	95466	
Dave Burgess Water System	CA2300761	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	Anderson Valley Inn		CA2300789	50	27	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	PO Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Henry Station Mutual Water Co		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	681 Sanel Dr	Ukiah	CA	95482	RIVER ESTATES MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	X	CA2300605	250	83	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Henry Station Mutual Water Co		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	681 Sanel Dr	Ukiah	CA	95482	FLIGHT RIDGE		CA2300638	206	3	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	250 HENRY STATION ROAD	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	LAKE VIEW MUTUAL WATER CO.		CA2300696	90	29	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Failing HR2W	GW	Transient NC	Private	4471 BLACK BART TRAIL	REDWOOD VALLEY	CA	95470
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	X	CA2310008	5200	1317	RESIDENTIAL AREA	At-Risk	SW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	CALPELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT		CA2300507	548	185	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Failing HR2W	SWP	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT		CA2310006	5500	1715	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	SW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	U.S. ARMY CORPS LAKE MENDO (KYEN CAMPGRD)		CA2300584	1500	1	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Federal Gov't	1160 Lake Mendocino Drive	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	U.S. ARMY CORPS LAKE MENDO (BUSHAY SITE)		CA2300583	2009	1	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Federal Gov't	1160 Lake Mendocino Drive	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	U.S. ARMY CORPS LAKE MENDO (POMO SITE)		CA2300586	2009	1	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Federal Gov't	1160 Lake Mendocino Drive	UKIAH	CA	95482
Hilcrest Trailer Court Inc		OTHER RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	6903 N State St., Unit #7	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	Daniel Way Water System		State Small			RESIDENTIAL AREA	High Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	1770 Daniel Way	Redwood Valley	CA	95470	
Horseshoe Circle Water Assn	CA2300607	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 814	Ukiah	CA	95482	LAKE VIEW MUTUAL WATER CO.	X	CA2300696	90	29	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Failing HR2W	GW	Transient NC	Private	4471 BLACK BART TRAIL	REDWOOD VALLEY	CA	95470
Little River Business Dist		RETAIL EMPLOYEES	Local Gov't	PO Box 92	Mendocino	CA	95460	WOODS, THE (MENDOCINO)		CA2300687	157	115	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	871 38th Avenue	SANTA CRUZ	CA	95062
Little River Business Dist		RETAIL EMPLOYEES	Local Gov't	PO Box 92	Mendocino	CA	95460	BIG RIVER VISTA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY		CA2300596	36	19	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	44781 Crestwood Dr	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
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North O' Town Indust Center	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Local Gov't	9724 Green Valley Rd.	Sebastopol	CA	95472	FORT BRAGG, CITY OF	X	CA2310001	6970	2861	RESIDENTIAL AREA	At-Risk	SW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	416 North Franklin Street	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
North O' Town Indust Center	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Local Gov't	9724 Green Valley Rd.	Sebastopol	CA	95472	GREEN ACRES TRAILER PARK		CA2300775	256	85	MOBILE HOME PARK	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	23600 N Hwy 1	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
North O' Town Indust Center	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Local Gov't	9724 Green Valley Rd.	Sebastopol	CA	95472	MONTESSORI DEL MAR LEARNING CENTER		CA2300874	50	3	DAY CARE CENTER	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 1326	FORT BRAGG	CA	95437
North O' Town Indust Center	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Local Gov't	9724 Green Valley Rd.	Sebastopol	CA	95472	CSP-MACKERRICHER STATE PARK		CA2310301	1416	2	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Pacific View Mutual Water System	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 134	Manchester	CA	95459	IRISH BEACH WATER DISTRICT		CA2310012	284	206	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Potentially At-Risk	SW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	P.O. Box 67	MANCHESTER	CA	95459
Pacific View Mutual Water System	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 134	Manchester	CA	95459	LIGHTHOUSE POINT	X	CA2300653	61	51	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	27405 Puerta Real Suite 100	MISSION VIEJO	CA	92691
Pacific View Mutual Water System	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 134	Manchester	CA	95459	MANCHESTER BEACH KOA		CA2300642	273	84	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. BOX 266	MANCHESTER	CA	95459
Pacific View Mutual Water System	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 134	Manchester	CA	95459	CSP-MANCHESTER STATE PARK		CA2310300	420	10	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	LEMONS MARKET		CA2300690	150	13	MOBILE HOME PARK	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 41	PHILO	CA	95466
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	GOLDENEYE WINERY		CA2300902	43	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	1000 Lodi Lane	ST. HELENA	CA	94574
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	I & E LATH MILL		CA2300906	31	1	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 9	PHILO	CA	95466
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	THE MADRONES		CA2300970	91	12	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 30	PHILO	CA	95466
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	CSP-HENDY WOODS STATE PARK		CA2310303	228	54	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	THE LAND	X	CA2300789	50	27	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 43	PHILO	CA	95466
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	BLACKBIRD FARM		CA2300877	25	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	18601 Van Zandt Resort Rd	PHILO	CA	95466
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Anderson Valley Inn	CA	95466	Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Sacramento	CA	95816	
River's Bend	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	Anderson Valley Inn			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	Dave Burgess Water System		CA2300761	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	ALBION MUTUAL WATER COMPANY		CA2300502	56	27	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 485	ALBION	CA	95410
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	PACIFIC REEFS WATER DISTRICT		CA2300871	25	17	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GU	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 278	ALBION	CA	95410
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	SEAFOAM LODGE	X	CA2300620	56	24	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	6751 North Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	ALBION FIELD STATION		CA2300512	154	29	HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOOL	Not Assessed	GU	Transient NC	Private	205 HIGHLAND OAKS DRIVE	ANGWIN	CA	94508
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	HERITAGE HOUSE		CA2300541	50	66	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	SW	Non-Transient NC	Private	8715 Airport Rd., Suite B	REDDING	CA	96002
Schooners Landing	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	The Andron			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	
Sleepy Hollow RV Park	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	30861 N Hwy 101	Willits	CA	95490	CREEKSIDE CABINS & RV RESORT	X	CA2300717	124	35	MOBILE HOME PARK/PRINC. RES.	Potentially At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	2784 N Green Valley Parkway #902	HENDERSON	NV	89014
Tan Oak Park	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	58974 N Hwy 101	Leggett	CA	95685	EMPIRE REST STOP (CALTRANS)	X	CA2300820	300	1	HIGHWAY REST AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. BOX 3700	EUREKA	CA	95501
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	ALBION MUTUAL WATER COMPANY		CA2300502	56	27	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 485	ALBION	CA	95410
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	WOODS, THE (MENDOCINO)		CA2300687	157	115	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Private	871 38th Avenue	SANTA CRUZ	CA	95062
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	ALBION RIVER CAMPGROUND		CA2300619	425	123	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GU	Transient NC	Private	3775 BALBOA STREET	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94121
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	SEA ROCK INN	X	CA2300621	54	10	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. BOX 906	MENDOCINO	CA	95460
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	SEAFOAM LODGE		CA2300620	56	24	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	6751 North Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	CSP-VAN DAMME STATE PARK		CA2310302	2003	32	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	SW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	ALBION FIELD STATION		CA2300512	154	29	HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOOL	Not Assessed	GU	Transient NC	Private	205 HIGHLAND OAKS DRIVE	ANGWIN	CA	94508
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	MENDOCINO INN AND FARM - B		CA2300787	27	1	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	6201 North Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	LITTLE RIVER INN		CA2300617	95	1	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 8	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	INN AT SCHOOLHOUSE CREEK		CA2300625	77	22	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	7051 N. Highway 1	LITTLE RIVER	CA	95456
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	HERITAGE HOUSE		CA2300541	50	66	HOTEL/MOTEL	Not Assessed	SW	Non-Transient NC	Private	8715 Airport Rd., Suite B	REDDING	CA	96002
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	Schooners Landing		CA2300650	0	0	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	Transient NC	Local Gov't	PO Box 218	Albion	CA	95410	
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	Little River Headlands Assn		CA2300592	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	4000 Executive Pkwy., Suite 100	San Ramon	CA	94583	
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	Cottages At Little River Cove			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 387	Little River	CA	95456	
The Andron	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 375	Little River	CA	95456	Little River Business Dist			State Small		RETAIL EMPLOYEES	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 82	Mendocino	CA	95460	
UC Hopland REC	INSTITUTION	Local Gov't	4070 University Rd.	Hopland	CA	95449	RAY'S STATION WINERY		CA2300879	171	13	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	13300 Buckman Drive	HOPLAND	CA	95449
UC Hopland REC	INSTITUTION	Local Gov't	4070 University Rd.	Hopland	CA	95449	FETZER VINEYARDS		CA2300852	128	13	RESTAURANT	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	12901 Old River Road	HOPLAND	CA	95449
UC Hopland REC	INSTITUTION	Local Gov't	4070 University Rd.	Hopland	CA	95449	HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	X	CA2310010	1076	327	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Not At-Risk	GW	Transient NC	Local Gov't	151 Laws Avenue	UKIAH	CA	95482
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	LEMON'S MARKET		CA2300900	150	13	MOBILE HOME PARK	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 41	PHILO	CA	95466
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	GOLDENEYE WINERY		CA2300902	43	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	1000 Lodi Lane	ST. HELENA	CA	94574
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	I & E LATH MILL		CA2300906	31	1	INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL	Not Assessed	GW	Non-Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 9	PHILO	CA	95466
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	THE MADRONES		CA2300970	91	12	OTHER NON-TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 30	PHILO	CA	95466
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	CSP-HENDY WOODS STATE PARK		CA2310303	228	54	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	State Gov't	P.O. Box 123	DUNCANS MILLS	CA	95430
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	THE LAND	X	CA2300789	50	27	RECREATION AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	P.O. Box 43	PHILO	CA	95466
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	BLACKBIRD FARM		CA2300877	25	1	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Not Assessed	GW	Transient NC	Private	18601 Van Zandt Resort Rd	PHILO	CA	95466
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	River's Bend			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 332	Philo	CA	95466	
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	Anderson Valley Inn			State Small		OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 147	Philo	CA	95466	
Van Zandt's Redwood View Resort, LLC	OTHER TRANSIENT AREA	Local Gov't	834 Santa Ynez Way	Sacramento	CA	95816	Dave Burgess Water System		CA2300761	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Low Aquifer Risk 2023	State Small	Local Gov't	590 Duncan St.	San Francisco	CA	94131	
Wildwood Ranches I	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 626	Laytonville	CA	95454	Wildwood Ranches I	X	CA2300777	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Unknown Aquifer Risk	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 626	Laytonville	CA	95454	
Wildwood Ranches II	RESIDENTIAL AREA	Local Gov't	PO Box 382	Laytonville	CA	95454	Wildwood Ranches I		CA2300778	State Small		RESIDENTIAL AREA	Unknown Aquifer Risk	State Small	Local Gov't	PO Box 626	Laytonville	CA	95454	

Abbreviations:  
CA = California  
Com = number of service connections  
GU = groundwater under influence of surface water  
GW = groundwater  
HRZW = human right to water  
NC = Non-Community  
Primary = primary source of water  
Pop = population served  
PWSD = public water system identification  
SWP = State Water Project  
SW = surface water  
SWRCB = State Water Resources Control Board

#### Notes:

- (1) All water systems referenced herein are located within Mendocino County and are regulated by the County.
- (2) Nearby systems refer to water systems located within three miles of each State Small Water System. Two State Small Water Systems in the County - Dos Rios Mutual Water Company and Salmon Creek Mutual Water Company - are not within three miles of another system and are therefore not considered feasible for physical consolidation with another system in Mendocino County.
- (3) Nearby systems marked with an "X" indicate the closest system to the corresponding State Small Water System among those identified within three miles.
- (4) The SWRCB classifies community and non-community water systems as in compliance (not at-risk, potentially at-risk, or at-risk), out-of-compliance (failing HRZW), or returned to compliance based on their compliance with HRZW standards, as discussed in Section 6 of the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan. Water systems that were not assessed are marked as "Not Assessed", and State Small Water Systems are classified based on their aquifer risk.
- (5) Nearby systems classified as "State Small" are State Small Water Systems and therefore do not have population and connection data available from the SWRCB; however, it is assumed that these systems serve fewer than 25 people with 5 to 14 connections, in accordance with the SWRCB's definition of State Small Water Systems.