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**Receive Update from County Staff Regarding SB-552,  
County Drought Planning Requirements**

December 3, 2025

# Background

- SB552 Refresh
- How is the County complying with SB552?
- Where does it fit in with District Efforts?



# SB-552: Previous WRAC Presentations

- County Staff presentation in October 2024
  - First introduction of SB552 to WRAC
- WSP presentation in March 2025
  - Including SB552 in 2025 MJHMP Update
- Stantec presentations in April & September 2025
  - Countywide consolidation analysis



# SB-552: Refresh

- Passed in 2021
- Various requirements for:
  - Small systems (less than 3,000 connections)
  - Counties
  - State Departments (DWR, SWRCB)
  - Schools



# SB-552: County Drought Planning

(b) A county shall 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 within the county's jurisdiction. The plan may be a stand-alone document or may be included as an element in an existing county plan, such as a local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operations plan, climate action plan, or general plan. A county shall consult with its drought task force or alternative coordinating process as established by this section in developing its plan. A county shall consider, at a minimum, all of the following in its plan:

- (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.



# SB-552: County Drought Planning

## Small Water Systems

- Water Shortage Contingency Plan

## Counties

- Standing Drought Task Force
  - Facilitation of drought planning/preparedness County-wide
  - Regular basis communication/coordination opportunities
  - Drought & Water Shortage Plan
  - Vulnerability/Risk assessment
  - Consolidation options
  - Drinking water mitigation program
  - Provision of emergency & interim drinking water solutions
  - Plan implementation steps analysis
  - Analysis of available funding sources
- Diagram flow: A bracket groups the first three items, with an arrow pointing to "Drought Task Force & WRAC". An arrow from "Vulnerability/Risk assessment" points to "State Technical Assistance (Stantec)". An arrow from "Consolidation options" points to "State Technical Assistance (Stantec)". A bracket groups the last three items, with an arrow pointing to "Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) & County Websites".

## State

- Drought Interagency Task Force (DRIP Collaborative)
- Vulnerability Tool & Data



# SB-552: County Crosswalk Drought Task Force

SB552 Requirement	County Fulfillment	Description	Status
Task Force of participating state and local government representatives	<a href="#">County Drought Task Force (Working Group)</a>	Staff from Multiple County Dept.	Complete
	<a href="#">Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)</a>	Public Engagement	
County drought planning/preparedness for SSWS and Domestic Wells	<a href="#">County Environmental Health Well Program</a>	Private well owner resources	Complete
	<a href="#">SLOCountyWater.org</a>	Online available resources	
Coordination/communication opportunities on a regular basis and during drought or water shortage emergencies	<a href="#">ReadySLO.org</a>	Online available engagement opportunities	Complete
	<a href="#">Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)</a>	Monthly public meetings	



# SB-552: County Crosswalk Drought and Water Shortage Plan

SB552 Requirement	County Fulfillment	Description	Status
Vulnerability/risk assessment	<a href="#">MJHMP Appendix H</a>	Stantec Drought Risk Assessment	In review
	<a href="#">MJHMP Section 5.3.9</a>	MJHMP Drought Risk Assessment	In review
	Master Water Report	MWR Drought Risk Assessment	In progress
Consolidation opportunities	Stantec System Consolidation Plan (SCP)	Consolidation opportunities	Complete
Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs	<a href="#">EmergencySLO.org</a>	County drought information	Complete
	<a href="#">County Environmental Health Well Program</a>	Private well owner resources	Complete
	<a href="#">MJHMP Section 6.4.6</a>	County drought capabilities	In review
Emergency/interim drinking water solutions	<a href="#">EmergencySLO.org</a>	Drought information countywide	Complete
Necessary implementation steps analysis for the Drought and Water Shortage Plan	<a href="#">County Public Works Projects Webpage</a>	County SB552 compliance	Complete
	<a href="#">MJHMP Section 7</a>	Drought mitigation strategy	In review
Available funding sources to implement the Drought and Water Shortage Plan	<a href="#">MJHMP Section 8.1.3</a>	Short and long term measures and funding sources	In review



# Comments & Questions?

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# SB-552: Where does it fit in?

