

County Drought Task Force Meeting

Senate Bill 552



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

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Drought in San Luis Obispo: "Water & Drought News | San Luis Obispo Tribune." *San Luis Obispo*, The Tribune, 13 Apr. 2024, www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/water-and-drought/.



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Meeting Objectives

Provide a quick overview of SB 552

- State goals & assistance
- County strategies & compliance

Next Steps

- Confirm approach to integration with current planning efforts
 - MJHMP, GSPs, Small System/Well Construction Regulations, MWR, Planning?
 - Use of State's Vulnerability Assessments & State Consultant
 - Role of Drought Task Force and coordination with MJHMP & State consultants



State Goals for SB 552

Water Code 10609.50:

“(a) Droughts are predicted to become more frequent, longer, and more severe as climate change progresses, putting drinking water supplies at risk of running dry or becoming contaminated.”



Reduce the risk of water shortage for small water suppliers, state small water systems and domestic wells



Improve financial and technical resource access



Promote proactive planning, coordination, and collaboration



Delegate to Counties/Local Agencies



SB 552 Requirements

Small Water Systems

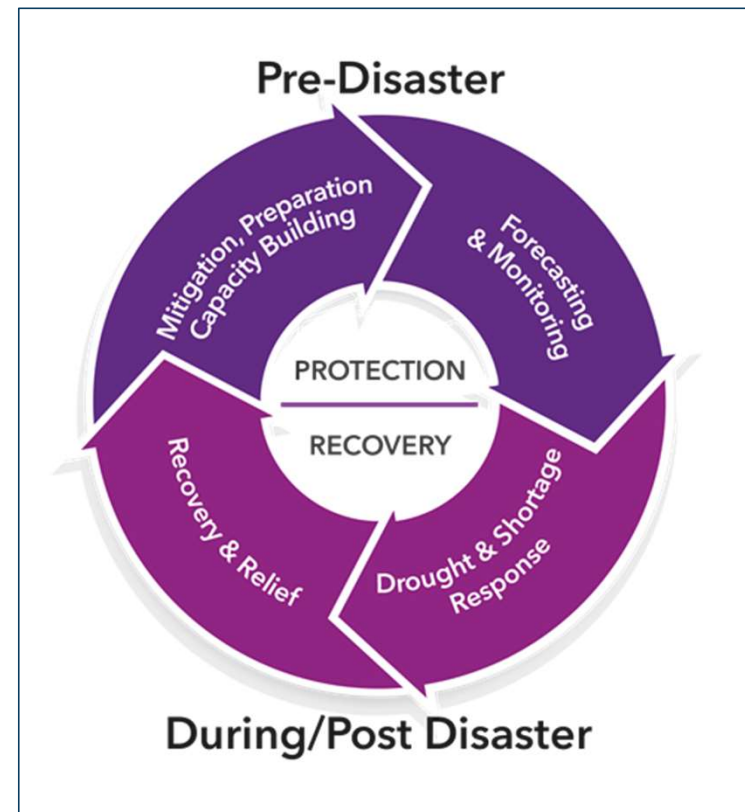
- Water Shortage Contingency Plan

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

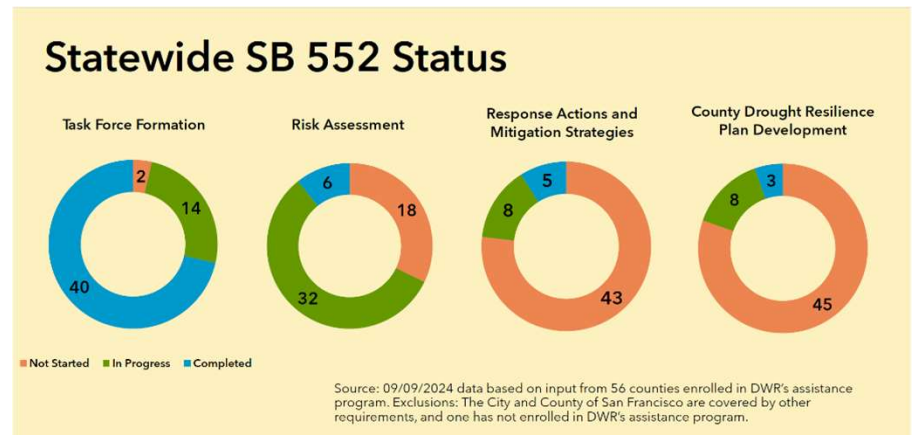
State

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



Other County Strategies

- No SB 552 template, only a guidebook
- Counties left to utilize existing efforts while implementing new as needed
- **SB 552 Drought and Water Shortage Risk Analysis and Response Plans**
 - Madera County
 - Tulare County
 - Santa Cruz County



State Assistance

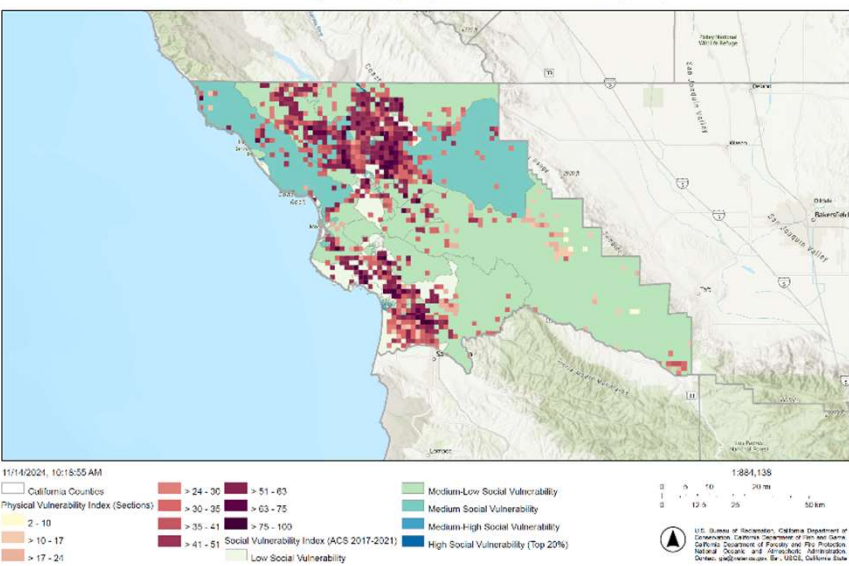
Financial & Technical Support

- For Counties
 - SB 552 Grant or Direct Technical Assistance (Stantec)
 - County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook
 - Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool
- For Small Water Suppliers
 - State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Financial Assistance (DFA)
 - Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
 - Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER Program)

Coordination Efforts

- California County Café Series
- Drought Resiliency Interagency Partners (DRIP) Collaborative

San Luis Obispo County Physical/Social Vulnerability Map



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Our County Approach

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- Diagram connections:
- Standing Drought Task Force → Drought Task Force, Readyslo.org, WRAC
 - Vulnerability/Risk assessment → State Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool
 - Consolidation options → State Technical Assistance (Stantec)
 - Drinking water mitigation program, Provision of emergency & interim drinking water solutions, Plan implementation steps analysis, Analysis of available funding sources → Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

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Our County Approach

County Drought Task Force Efforts

- Report information out to WRAC & Readyslo.org
- Provide direction for consultants' assistance
 - State Assistance – Stantec
 - MJHMP - WSP

MJHMP Drought Section Updates

- Vulnerability/risk assessment (Section 5)
- Mitigation options including consolidation, domestic well drinking water mitigation programs, emergency and interim drinking water solutions (Website and Section 6)
- Implementation and funding options (Sections 7 & 8)

State Assistance

- Vulnerability analysis tools/data (content for section 5 & part of 6)
- Technical consultant



Drought Task Force Interests

SB 552 Element	Agriculture	County Counsel	County Fire	Flood Control District 3	Groundwater Sustainability	OES	Planning & Building	Parks & Recreation	Public Health	Public Works
Analysis of Potential Drought and Water Shortage Risk	X				X	X			X	X
Interim (emergency) Solutions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-Term Solutions (consolidations/mitigation programs)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Plan Implementation (Analysis of necessary steps)		X			X	X			X	X
Funding Sources (local, state, federal)		X		X	X	X			X	X



Next Steps

**Confirm Engagement Levels of Drought
Task Force Members**



Meeting With Consultants

State Consultant – Stantec

MJHMP Consultant - WSP



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MJHMP Update Plan



Vulnerability Assessment

Consistency between state tool ([DWR Water Shortage Vulnerability Tool](#)) & state consultant (Stantec) and County tools/data



Consolidation Opportunities/Efforts

State Consultant (Stantec) to assist using the [County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook](#) (Section 5)



Vet Approach With

Drought Task Force & WRAC
MJHMP Consultant (WSP)
State Consultant (Stantec)



Integrate into appropriate MJHMP Sections

WRAC to review progress and results



Timeline of County and State Efforts

