

Water Work Group

Planning Committee Meeting

August 25, 2023 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Participation: Laura Ramos, Jase Trovao, Kent Stahl, Emily McCague, Aleta Allen, Brandon Tomlinson, Bret Helgren, Jessica Chiari, Carson Gordon, Christina Nishihama, Christy McKinnon, Emily McCague, Jacinta Cabral, Jenny Nunez-Rodriguez, Kassy Chauhan, Lacey McBride, Leticia Tapia, Mareya Ortiz, Mary Fahey, Mike Read, Nancy Jimenez, Patty Poire, Tukta Phetasa

Agenda Item #2: Updates on the drought

Self Help Enterprises:

The Water Well Program has 586 applicants in the queue. There have been 94 water wells replaced to date: 21 in Fresno County, 1 in Kern County, 4 in Kings County, 40 in Madera County, 6 in Mariposa County, 1 in Merced County, and 21 in Tulare County.

The Bottled Water Program has a total of 3,455 active participants, with 1,350 in response to the drought. In 2023, there have been 481 participants added to the program. For the month of August, there have been 60 additional participants added: 16 in Fresno County, 1 in Kern County, 3 in Kings County, 16 in Madera County, 1 in Mariposa County, 2 in Merced County, 1 in San Joaquin County, 2 in Stanislaus County, and 18 in Tulare County.

The Tank Water program has a total of 1,632 active participants: 490 in Fresno County, 71 in Kern County, 43 in Kings County, 426 in Madera County, 88 in Mariposa County, 66 in Merced County, 23 in San Joaquin County, 44 in Stanislaus County, and 381 in Tulare County. The intake team receives 15-20 calls a day, 2-3 of the calls are new participants requesting services. There have been 24 new tank installations in the month of August.

NOAA:

Temperatures are on a warming trend through the rest of this week. High temperatures in the next week will be hitting above normal, with triple digit temperatures throughout next week. There are no drought condition concerns for the local area of Fresno/Hanford, but there is some concern in the Northern and Southern California area.

Agenda Item #3: Groundwater Recharge Web Resources

The Groundwater Recharge Web Resources will be ready to launch shortly, CWI is working with a graphic designer and has been going through the collected information for quality control and to confirm there is no duplicated information. Success stories will continue to be added after going live. Laura shared with the team the resources that were going to be submitted to the

graphic designer and the webpage should be ready to show at the Partnership Board meeting on September 8th, 2023.

Please continue to share available groundwater recharge web sources with Laura Ramos, lramos@csufresno.edu or Elijah Banda, ebanda@mail.fresnostate.edu.

Agenda Item #4: September 8 Partnership Board Meeting

There will be no Planning Committee Meeting on September 8th. The Partnership Board meeting will be taking place both in-person and virtually on September 8th and is open to the public. We will be giving a presentation with an update on what the group has been working on. If there is something you would like to be highlighted, please contact lramos@csufresno.edu before September 8th.

Agenda Item #5: Announcements – Well Driller Meeting 8/29/23

The Well Driller meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023, both in-person and virtually. If you would like to attend, you can RSVP and Melissa will answer any questions you have about the event. She can be contacted at melissal@selfhelpenterprises.org.

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