

## Glenn County Drought Task Force Meeting Summary

November 9, 2021, 1500-1630 hours

Glenn County Office of Education – Conference Facility

131 E Walker St. Orland, CA 95963

### 1. EOC/MAC Group Update

#### a. Situational Update - Well Incident Reports & Map

- i. 271 well incident reports have been submitted, with 181 selecting the dry well designation. 54 new well incident reports filed in past month.
- ii. DWR has only 88 reports for Glenn County on the State reporting system.

#### b. Resource Distribution

- i. Bottled water: 47 pallets of water distributed through the bottled water distribution events conducted at Orland Fire from July through October. This program has now ended.
- ii. Shower vouchers: 40 families were provided shower vouchers. Follow up being conducted with the recipients to ensure that usage of the vouchers is completed prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>, when this program expires.

### 2. City of Orland Water System Project Update

- a. City has received a grant for expansion of the city water system to include areas and residents outside the city. The grant is to be completed by August 2023 and includes the following: new city well, storage tank, booster pump, and connecting additional residents to the city water system.
- b. City is analyzing locations for new well to add as part of the city water system expansion.
- c. There are 3 to 4 planning areas proposed for the water system expansion. This includes areas south, east, and northwest of city limits and encompasses approximately 100 residents who have filed well incident reports. Areas are under review. Residents are encouraged to complete the Expression of Interest form online if they live near Orland and would like to be considered for addition to the city water system: [Expression of Interest Form](#)
- d. **Community Meeting will be held Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** at Glenn County Office of Education – Conference Facility to provide an overview of the city water system connection program, process forms, and deadline to connect. For more information on this meeting, refer to the [flyers on our website](#).

### 3. NVCF – Drought Assistance Program Update

- a. All residents who apply for any type of drought assistance program, must complete a [Well Incident Report](#) . We are finding that a lot of applicants have not yet reported their well issues.
- b. 51 households are now receiving bottled drinking water delivery from Bidwell Water
- c. 32 households are on the list for the tank program. Approximately half of the tanks have been delivered. The installation contracts are being finalized this week.
  - i. Residents enrolled in this program will be provided a list of contracted haulers and the resident will be responsible for arranging for water delivery. Residents will be provided with vouchers to provide to the approved hauler as payment. The hauler will then submit the voucher to NVCF for payment.

### 4. Discussion on Draft Well Policy

- a. Review and discussion on draft changes to update the County Well Policy. Three key areas for policy update were proposed:
  1. Pumping capacity and parcel size
  2. Well spacing
  3. Seal depths
  - ii. Farm Bureau stated they had several suggested revisions including the inclusion of domestic wells, maps should be those developed under SIGMA, and recommend the reinstatement of the Glenn County Water Advisory Committee (WAC) for oversight/review.
  - iii. Discussion on how the policy will affect existing wells, those with district water offsets, and timeframe for policy update in relation to the well moratorium expiration.
  - iv. All those with feedback on the policy were asked to report the feedback to the drought email: [drought@countyofglenn.net](mailto:drought@countyofglenn.net)
- b. Drought EOC/MAC group will be reconvening in early January to review the policy, feedback, and discuss revisions.

### 5. Roundtable Report Out

- a. **Cal-OES** – California Disaster Assistance Act funding being reviewed on a case-by-case basis for applicant counties. At this time, Glenn has not reported any substantial expenses for CDAA.
- b. **Cities** – Orland - Nothing additional to report
- c. **Water agencies**
  - i. **DWR** – [My Dry Well Reporting](#), SIGMA, drought grant applications phase 6
  - ii. **Artois CSD**: Artois is working on an application with DWR for a grant to potentially expand the water system. Residents with wells reported in the Artois area that are near enough to potentially connect are being contacted to determine interest in connecting to the water system.

- d. **Agricultural agencies: UC Cooperative** – new staff Dr. Curt Pierce who will focus on irrigation and water resources.
    - e. **Other organizations** - None
- 6. **Public comment** – A member of the public encouraged the County to look at domestic and ag wells separately when addressing the well moratorium.
- 7. **Other Items** – Discussion on next meeting date. Proposed March. Group encouraged to not let the progress of the group slide. The EOC/MAC group will break for the holidays and reconvene in January. The group will discuss the next Drought Task force meeting date.
- 8. **Next meeting:** Date to be announced in January to the Task Force members and posted on [website](#)