

Glenn County Drought Task Force Meeting Minutes Summary

March 17, 2022, 1500-1630 hours

Glenn County Office of Education – Conference Facility

1. Situational Update

a. Well Incident – Data Summary

- i. The data summary page has been updated to distinguish data reported in 2021 from 2022. New well incident reports filed in 2022 are displayed at the top and 2021 total data is listed further down the page.
- ii. 7 well incident reports have been collected in 2022 (6 dry designation), 303 reports collected in 2021 (191 dry designation)
- iii. Residents are encouraged to contact Glenn County Planning Department to update a change in status since their well incident report was filed such as the well has been repaired, recharged, or well has gone from intermittent to dry designation. Residents can request a change to their well incident report by emailing: drought@countyofglenn.net or calling the Planning Department at 530-934-6540.
- iv. All residents who apply for any type of drought assistance program, must complete a [Well Incident Report](#) .

b. NVCF – Drought Assistance Program

- i. 93 households are now receiving bottled drinking water delivery
- ii. 89 Households are receiving hauled water.
 1. Hauled water is being delivered by a non-potable water hauler. This was the only hauler willing to accept this large client contract. Potable water is made available to the households via the bottled drinking water delivery program.
- iii. 62 households are enrolled in the tank program. 40 tanks and pumps have been installed. Installations continue but are limited by the workload the electricians can manage.
- iv. 14 households have put their application for tanks on hold due to changes in their well water this season
- v. NVCF and the County have communicated with the State regarding the need to extend this program past the current expiration of December 2022. We will continue to advocate for the extension and for additional funding for this program.

c. City of Orland Water System Project

- i. DWR initially approved Orland for \$7.8 million for city water expansion, 60 connections. The current mapped project area includes more than 100

connections at a cost of \$12 million. The City has requested DWR approve the increased scope and are awaiting a response from the State.

- ii. Until the project scope and budget finalized, a schedule cannot be released. Engineering work continues on this project.
- iii. This project will include two new wells for the City system. The City is funding one well and the DWR grant will fund the second.
- iv. The City has no annexation plans related to the water expansion area at this time. LAFCO requires the language regarding annexation to be included in the water system expansion documents.
- v. If additional State funding is available, the city will consider the options of the additional project areas that were included in the engineering study.

2. Roundtable Report Out

- a. **Cal-OES** – Nothing new. State is focused on delivering drought assistance through the DWR avenues.
- b. **Cities – Orland:** water consumption is up in Orland. City has moved to Stage 2 water shortage contingency plan. Irrigation restrictions implemented. Residents will see increased rates for water use above baseline allocation.
- c. **Water agencies**
 - i. **DWR** – Groundwater levels are down 3 to 5 feet since last spring, representing the lowest levels recorded. Full study will be published in approximately 2 months.
 - ii. **Orland Artois** – Lake Shasta is at historically low levels. Tehama-Colusa canal and Kanawha are receiving zero allocations this year. OUWU is in better condition than last year. Irrigations for OUWU will begin in April which may improve groundwater conditions in this area of Orland.
 - iii. **Cal-Water** – Stable water use. Wells are on average 50 feet lower.
 - iv. **Artois CSD** – Applied for a \$1.1 million grant from DWR to expand service connections to the system. Artois is waiting for a response from DWR on this grant and project.
- d. **Agricultural agencies**
 - i. **Ag Commissioner** – nothing to report
 - ii. **Farm Bureau** – will wait to comment on draft well policy update
- e. **Other organizations**
 - i. **RCD** - occasional calls from residents – referring them to the drought website.

3. Discussion on Draft Well Policy Update

- a. **DRAFT Title 20 Water** – Chapter 80 Water Well Drilling and Standards was provided as a printout to attendees. Feedback was requested on the draft changes.

- i. Farm Bureau stated the map referenced in the document was not made available and is needed to provide appropriate feedback. Supervisor Carmon stated the map was under development.
- ii. Discussion on casing occurred. Environmental Health addressed the casing questions. Casing will be based on the state standards. State draft is anticipated for release this summer.
- iii. Farm Bureau requested the County consider hiring an outside consultant to develop the standards. Additionally, they requested County staff attend a Farm Bureau meeting to collect additional feedback on this policy. Supervisor Carmon will arrange attendance.
- iv. RCD recommends that projects be considered that use ground water recharge – it was stated that this falls under the SIGMA plan which is under development.
- v. Environmental Health stated that this policy was developed using several other counties' policies as examples including but not limited to Santa Barbara, Merced, Tehama, and Yuba.

4. Public comment

- a. General frustration was voiced by residents experiencing lack of water, water emergency assistance programs, and lack of funding for permanent residential solutions.

5. Other Items – None

6. Next meeting: May 12, 2022, at 3 p.m. GCOE Conference Facility