



## Colusa County Inter-Agency Drought Task Force

*California is in the fourth year of drought and groundwater levels are at an all-time low. It is important to prepare for potential drought-related well problems so you are not caught off-guard. Shallow wells (less than 100 feet) are most at risk especially during the middle of summer (June-August) when groundwater levels are at their lowest. The area south of Williams and around Arbuckle are at higher risk, with some groundwater levels more than 100' below ground surface. Below are some actions you should take now, and on the back page you will find local resources and contact information.*

### Drought Preparedness – What To Do Now

- **Determine the condition of your well.** Know your well depth, pump or bowl depth, and water levels, both static and pumping levels. This information will tell you the condition of your well and if it is on the verge of going dry.
- **Test water quality in your well regularly.** Water quality can change due to water level fluctuations. As water levels decrease, potential contaminants may become more concentrated. Regularly testing for water quality is important for you and your families' health.
- **Stockpile enough bottled water for a minimum 7-day household supply**
- **Develop a family plan to address potential well outages**
  - Have the number of a local well repair company handy
  - Identify a company that sells or rents water tanks
  - Identify a source of trucked-in water
- **Develop a plan to supply water for pets and livestock in case of a well outage**
- **Communicate your drought preparedness plans with your neighbors and work together**

### What To Do If Your Domestic Well Goes Dry

- **Call a local well repair service** to diagnose the problem, and fix it if possible
- **Fill out the Well Outage Report Form** (attached) and submit it to:
  - Water Resources Department, Colusa County Department of Agriculture
- **Check with your neighbors on the status of their domestic wells and let them know about your situation**
- If you are a private homeowner with a domestic well that has lost water due to drought, you may be eligible to participate in a **Household Water Tank Program**. For more information on this program, contact the Colusa County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services at 530-458-0218.

## Resources for Local Assistance

- **Information on Your Well Construction** (depth of well, etc.) - Your **well log, or well completion report** will give you information about your well's construction. You can obtain your well log from :
  - Water Resources Department, Colusa County Department of Agriculture
  - Colusa County Environmental Health
  - California Department of Water Resources, Northern Region
- **Well Permits** –
  - Colusa County Environmental Health
- **Well Repair Services** -
  - Online Resource: <http://www.wellowner.org/finding-a-contractor/contractor-lookup>
  - You can also do a google search for well repair companies in Colusa County
- **Potable Water** -
  - The State requires companies that transport potable water be licensed on an annual basis. Below is a link to the most current licensee list:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/pubsforms/Documents/fdbBVWCountyList.pdf>
- **Water Tanks** –
  - **Tractor Supply**
    - 1390 East Main Street, Woodland, CA 95776; 530.662.7780
    - 990 Tharp Road, Yuba City, CA 95993; 530.822.7722

## Colusa County Resources

- Colusa County Sheriff's Office, **Office of Emergency Services** – 530.458.0218
- Colusa County Department of **Environmental Health** – 530.458.0395
- Colusa County Department of Agriculture, **Water Resources** - 530.458.7709
- Colusa County **Public Works** – 530.458.0466
- Colusa County Department of **Public Health** – 530.458.0380
- **City of Colusa Public Works** – 530.458.4740
- **City of Williams Public Works** – 530.473.2519

## Online Drought Information

- California Office of Emergency Services: <http://caloes.ca.gov>
- Department of Water Resources: <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/index.cfm>
- Department of Water Resources Drinking Water Assistance:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/DroughtPreparedness.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/DroughtPreparedness.shtml)
- CDFA Drought Resources: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/>
- California Drought Information: <http://www.ca.gov/drought/>
- Save Our Water: <http://saveourwater.com/>

# **REPORT OF WELL PROBLEMS**

**Colusa County Water Resources**, Colusa County Department of Agriculture

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**Purpose:** The Colusa County Water Resources Department is asking landowners to **report all well issues**, whether drought-related, or mechanical. This information will help in our efforts to gain a better understanding of the groundwater system. Please fill out and return this form to the Colusa County Water Resources Department. Specific well locations will not be made public. Thank you for your voluntary participation.

**Please fill out this form and email to:**

Mary Fahey, Colusa County Water Resources; email: [mfahey@countyofcolusa.org](mailto:mfahey@countyofcolusa.org);

**Or phone:** 530.458.7709

**Please provide the following information:**

**1. Date:**

**2. Your contact information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

**3. Well location:** *Please provide any or all of the following information. Well locations will not be made public.*

APN Number:

Cross Streets:

Latitude & Longitude:

Section, Township, Range:

General Area:

**4. Well Information:**

Type of well (irrigation, domestic, combination, other):

Size & type of casing:

Age of well:

Depth to water:

Depth of well:

Gallons per minute:

% change in gallons per minute:

Date measured:

Static measurement (circle one): YES or NO

**5. Description of problem:**

**6. Has the problem been fixed?** (circle one): **yes** or **no**

**If yes, how?**

**7. Is there anything else we should know?**