

El Dorado County Drought and Water Shortage Task Force

5th Meeting

August 23, 2023



SB 552 Implementation Background and Updates





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Created to help small water suppliers and rural communities reduce their risk of inadequate water supply during a water shortage event

Requires counties to:



Establish a county drought and water shortage task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness



Develop a County Drought Resilience Plan that includes potential drought and water shortage risk and proposed interim and long-term solutions



DWR Assistance

- Released guidebook to help counties develop their required plan
- Made funds available for counties to help develop the plan.



County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook

Task Force Formulation, Plan Development, and Implementation
Considerations for Implementing Senate Bill 552 (Hertzberg)

March 2023



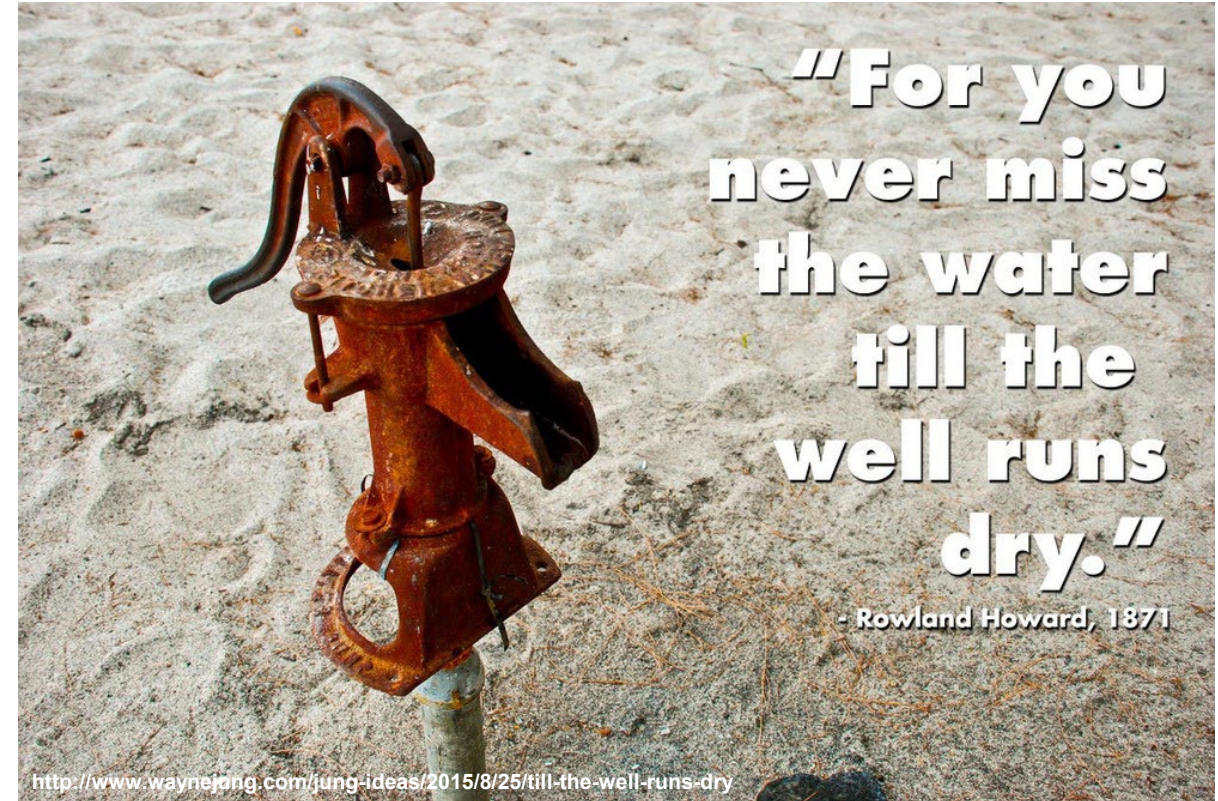
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Water Use Efficiency Branch

[County Drought Resilience EPlan Guidebook \(ca.gov\)](https://www.water.ca.gov/drought-resilience/)



El Dorado County Drought Resilience Plan

- Risk assessment
- Emergency and interim drinking water solutions
- Long-term mitigation actions
- Implementation Plan
- Technical and financial assistance





DISCUSSION:

Water Shortage Concerns & Updates

2023 Wet Winter and Spring, BUT ...

- Groundwater levels in El Dorado County remain below their historical averages.
- As of August 2023, groundwater levels in the county are about 1 foot below their historical averages.



Drought planning remains a
high priority!



Drought and Water Shortage

- Damages to infrastructure
- Dry wells
- Expanding communities
- Agricultural demand



Are your communities
experiencing related challenges?



Moving Forward





Next Steps

- County of El Dorado and EDWA hope to pursue the DWR grant funding
- Continue development of County Drought Resilience Plan
- Continue coordination with Task Force





Thank you!

