

Glenn County Drought Task Force Meeting Summary

October 13, 2022, 1500-1600 hours

1. Introductions

2. Situational Update

- a. Well Incident – [Data Summary](#)
 - i. 2022: 116 ground water supply issues, 79 dry wells. Total 415 reported water issues for 2021-2022.
 - ii. Online Map has a slider to compare 2021 vs 2022
- b. Discussion on Mobile home parks
 - i. Mobile home park owner should file dry well report, not individual residents.
 - ii. Orland Oaks Mobile Home Park on County Road 200 has a well going dry, pumping sand.
 1. Mr. Carr - City of Orland, reported that Orland Oaks Park owner was contacted to hook up to the City Water system expansion but the City never received a reply.

3. Roundtable Report Out

- a. County
 - i. County is in the process of putting a Request for proposal together to hire a consultant to provide a 3rd party review for future ag well applications.
 1. Discussed water transfer processes. DWR stated [WTIMS](#) provides a water transfer system for transfers that involve canals.
 - ii. Glenn County OES provided a short overview of the forecasted triple dip La Nina. Although we are in drought, flooding can occur. Here is a link to NOAA seasonal forecast and CA NV Drought Status Update: [NOAA La Nina Forecast](#)
[CA NV Drought Status Update](#)
- b. Cities
 - i. Orland - City wells are stable, no recent decrease in levels, and producing good quality drinking water.
 - ii. City water expansion project increased from 168 to 190 residences – no increase in the budget to address the increased number of connections.
 - iii. Engineering for phase II is 90% complete
 - iv. Phase I – south side of SR 32 and on M ½ north of SR 32 – installation of mains and connections in progress, currently 10% complete.
 - v. City well at 100% design completion, bids proposals expected in late fall, with construction start in the spring.
 - vi. Discussion on another area identifying dry wells – Residential property on 8th street near the arch -- this property was recently added to Phase 1 of the project.

- c. NVCF
 - i. 220 families being served, 2 more pending applications. New applications are decreasing.
 - ii. Filed a joint application to DWR to serve both Glenn and Tehama counties. This would increase the funding available for the program in Glenn and start the program in Tehama. Anticipate a decision in about a month.
- d. State agencies
 - i. Gallagher's office: Monitoring a Bill that would solidify sections of an executive order that would deal with well permitting in high overdraft areas. This Bill failed to make it out of the legislative session 8/31/22.
 - 1. Supervisor Carmon requested assistance in adjusting the maximum income levels for well assistance programs such as low interest loans or grants for well replacements. The current income limitations are too low and typical homeowners do not fall below the maximum income allowances.
- e. Water agencies
 - i. Tehama – Colusa Canal has no water available after October 31st and until the next rain.
 - ii. Artois CSD – Mr. DeMoss reported that an extension on the DWR grant to Artois CSD will provide connection to 25 residences plus recondition the CSD well. This project is currently in the engineering phase. Expected to go out for bid in January.
 - iii. Elk Creek CSD – Mr. DeMoss reported that ECCSD was granted \$3.6 million from DWR. The agreement with DWR is signed. Currently in the engineering and permitting phase. This project will address a water waste issue as well as water quality issue.
- f. Agricultural agencies
 - i. UC Cooperative Extension: Providing education and community outreach. Applying for additional funding to offer training classes to growers on water management.
 - ii. RCD reported that a new grant is available – California Small and underserved Producers (CUSP) Drought Relief Funding. Here is the link to the [CUSP program](#) offered through CDFA and [CUSP Assistance Program through CARCD](#). RCD also reported that they are awaiting more information on the groundwater recharge that was included in the State budget.

4. Public comment - None

5. Other Items - None

6. Next meeting: To Be Announced in early 2023