

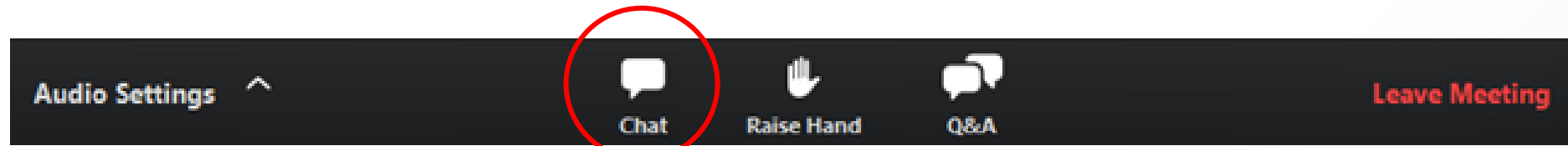
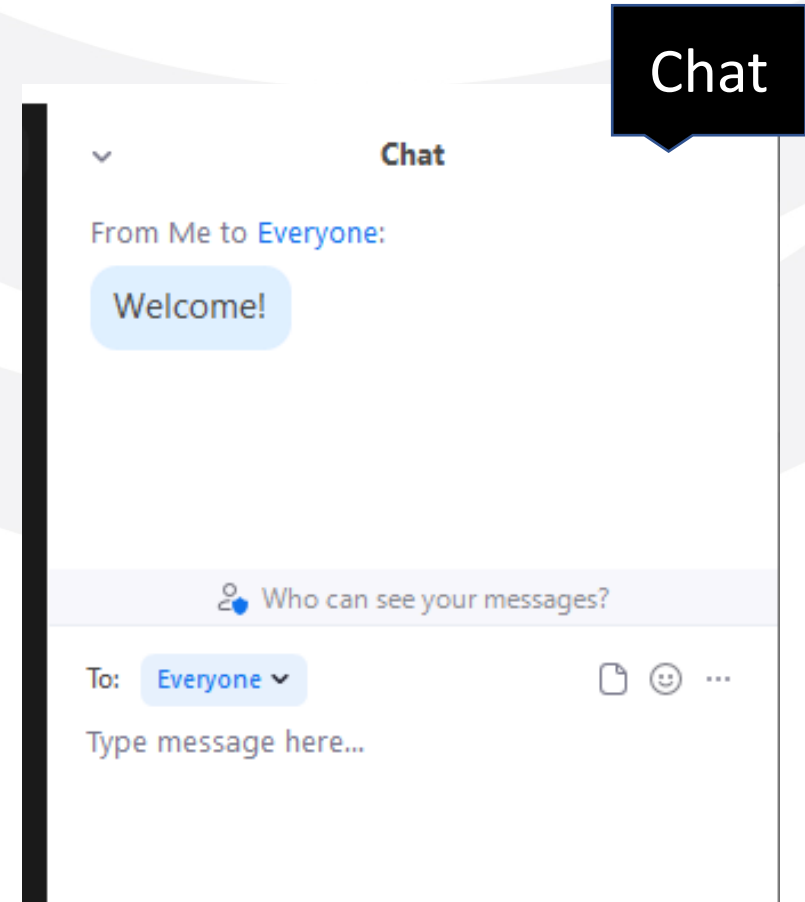
CA Drought Funding Webinar



September 16, 2021

What is the purpose of this workshop?

- Provide information about drought funding
- Explain eligibility & how funding works
- Answer questions – share your questions via the **Chat**. We will answer questions at the end.



Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Small Communities Drought Relief Program**
- **Basics for Urban Community/Multi-Benefit Drought**
- **State Water Resources Control Board Drought Funding**
- **CFCC Funding Fairs**
- **Questions**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Small Community Drought Relief Program

CA Drought Funding Information Session, September 16, 2021



South Central Region Office
Division of Regional Assistance

Agenda

- Drought Relief Funding
- Program Objectives
- Eligibility
- Funding
- How to Apply
- Questions



Emergency Drought Funding

- Authorized by the Legislature Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, §112) and its Trailer Bill, Assembly Bill 148 (Stats. 2021, ch. 115, § 97)
 - \$200 million for **Small Community Drought Relief Program**
 - \$100 million for Urban Drought Relief Program
 - \$200 million for Multi-Benefit Drought Relief Program



Program Objectives

- Provide immediate and near-term financial and technical support to help small communities survive this and future droughts
 - Allows for immediate and temporary measures:
 - ❖ Hauled water
 - ❖ Temporary community water tanks
 - ❖ Bottled water
 - ❖ Water vending machines
 - ❖ Emergency water interties
 - Implement near-term and resilient infrastructure projects:
 - ❖ Reliable water supply sources
 - ❖ Water system storage
 - ❖ Replace aging and leaking pipelines
 - ❖ Backup power sources for system operation



Eligible Applicants

- Public agencies (e.g., Counties, cities)
- Public utilities
- Special districts (e.g., school districts, community service districts, irrigation districts, flood control districts, reclamation districts)
- Colleges and universities
- Mutual water companies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- State Indian tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's California Tribal Consultation List



Small Community Eligible Beneficiaries

Communities not supplied by an urban water supplier as defined in California Water Code (Sec 10617).

Urban water suppliers are those that provide drinking water with 3,000 connections or more or more than 3,000 acre-feet per year.



Eligible Costs



Reasonable cost of studies



Engineering



Design



Project construction



Other work directly related to project



Project Proposal, Tasks, and Budget

Proposal and Task breakdown consists of 8 sections

Applicants must provide, when possible, detailed:

- Description
- Discussion
- Documentation

Level of detail such that reviewers can:

- Understand the level of effort of work to be performed
- Relate proposed work to the budget so that costs can be substantiated
- Understand how the project meets the program objectives

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How to Apply for a Grant

Read Program Guidelines

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/small-community-drought-relief-program/>

Complete required application materials



How to Submit Applications

- Applicants must submit a complete application by December 29, 2023.
- Electronic applications should be in MS word or searchable PDF format.
- Submit electronic applications to SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov
- Hardcopy applications can be sent or delivered to:

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management
South Central Region Office
3374 E. Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726
Attn: Alena Misaghi

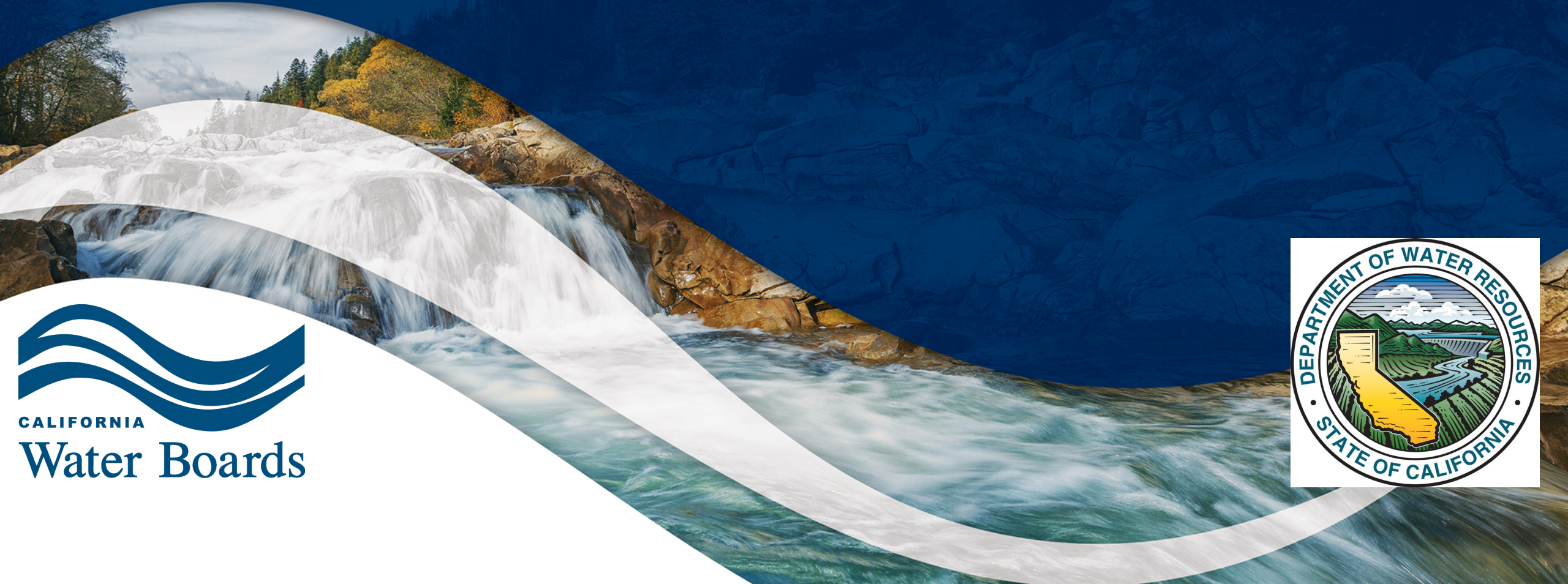


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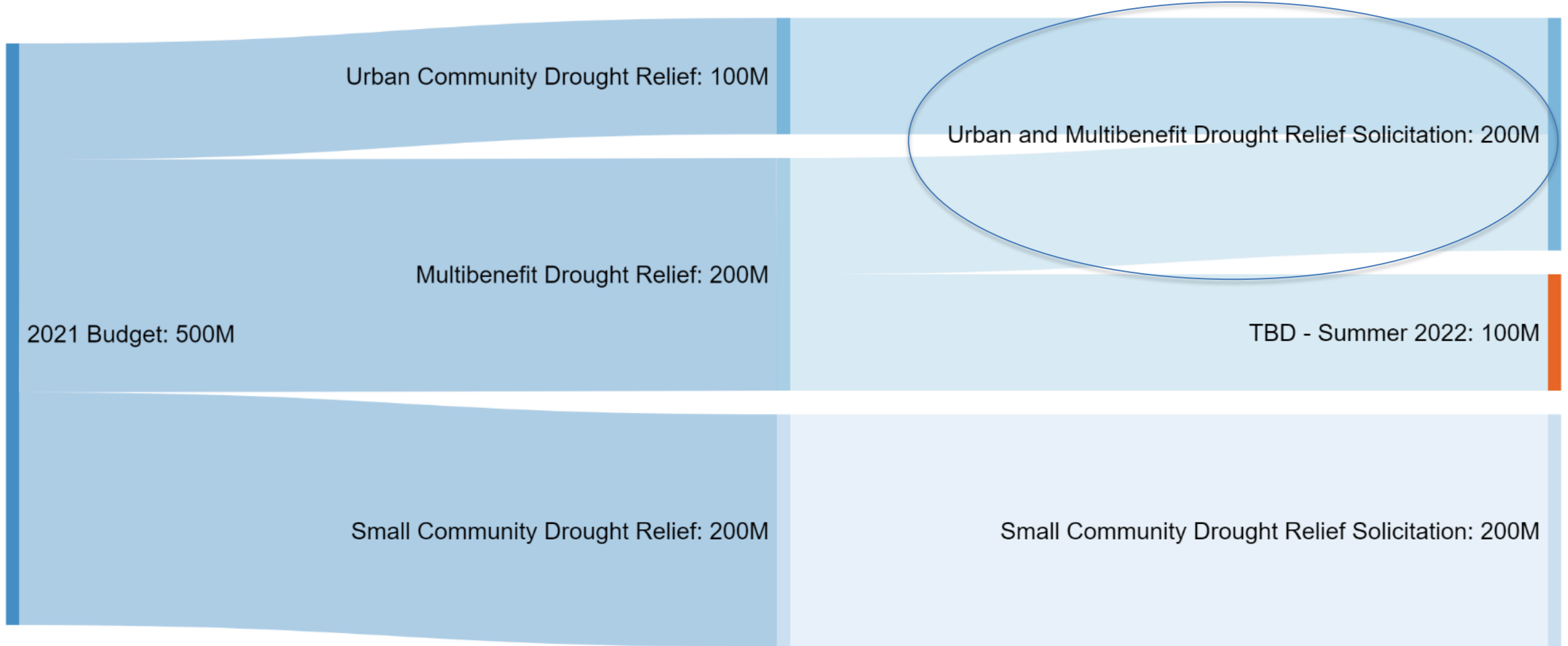
- For more information, contact:
 - Alena Misaghi
 - SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov
 - (559) 230-3309



Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief



Funding Overview



Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Solicitation: Key Points from the legislation

Eligible Applicants:

- Public agencies
- Public utilities
- Special districts
- Colleges and universities
- Mutual water companies
- Non-profit organizations (qualified to do business in California and qualified under Sections 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code.)
- Regional water management groups, as defined in Section 10539 of the Water Code
- Federally recognized California Native American Tribes
- Non-federally recognized Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for the purposes of Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004



Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Solicitation: Key Points from the legislation

- Funds are for implementation:
 - (A) Hauled water.
 - (B) Temporary community water tanks.
 - (C) Bottled water.
 - (D) Water vending machines.
 - (E) Emergency water interties.
 - (F) New wells or rehabilitation of existing wells.
 - (G) Construction or installation of permanent connections to adjacent water systems, recycled water projects that provide immediate relief to potable water supplies, **and other projects that support immediate drought response.**
 - (H) Fish and wildlife rescue, protection, and relocation.

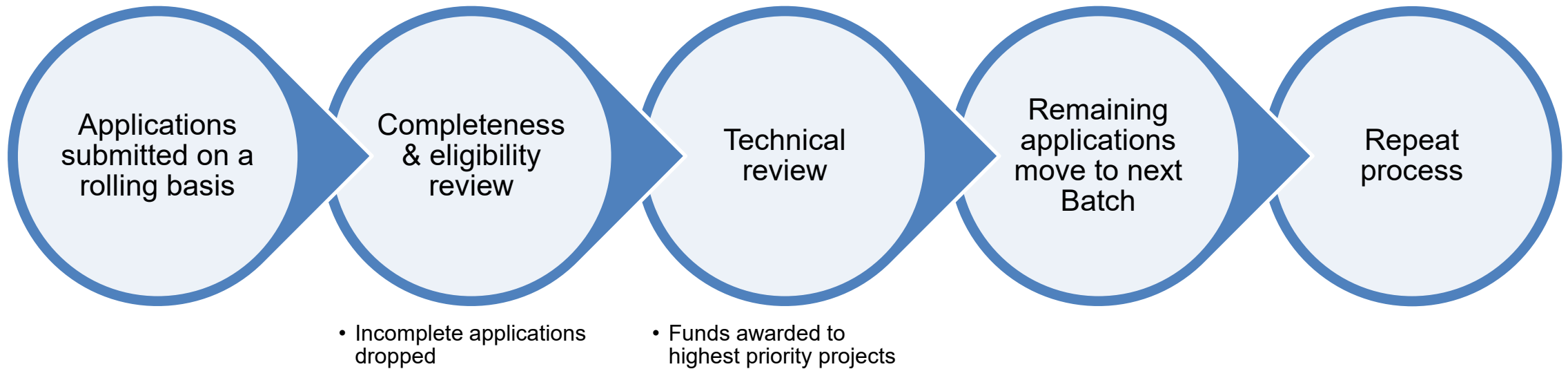


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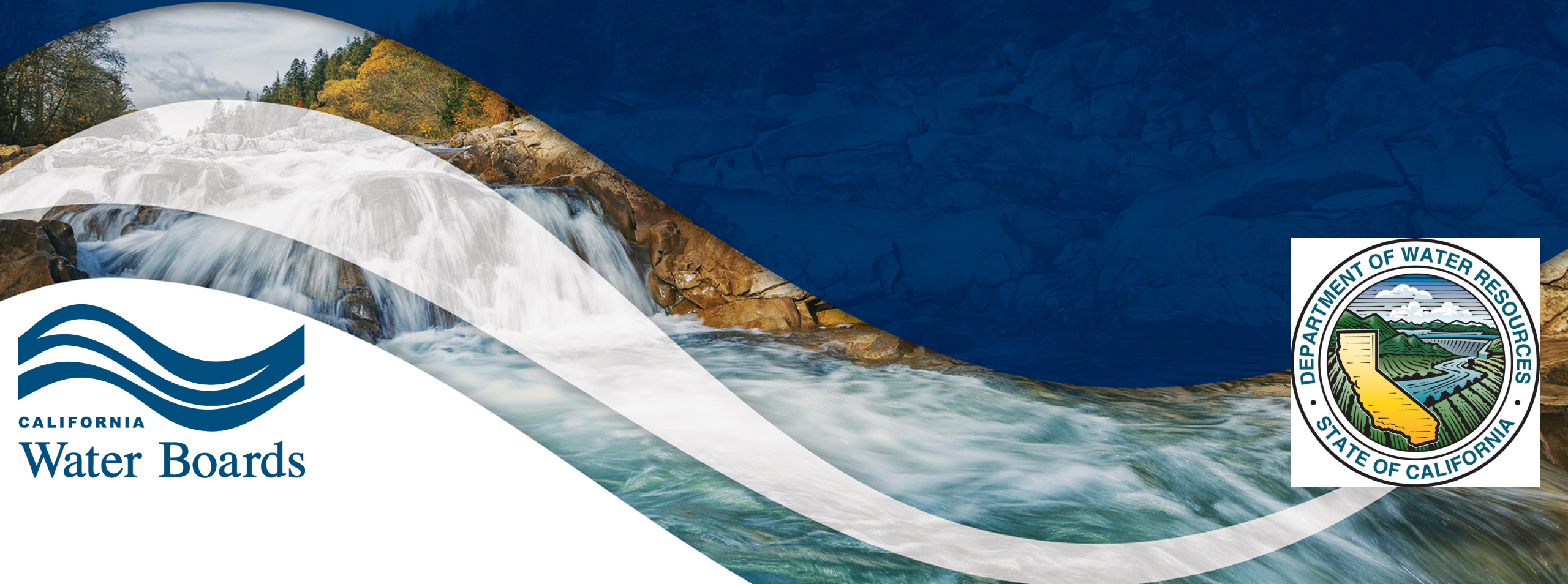
- Projects must be complete by March 2026
- Advanced Pay of up to 25% if a grantee has cash flow issues
- Project must have multiple benefits



Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Solicitation: Application and Review Process



State Water Resources Control Board Drought Funding Overview



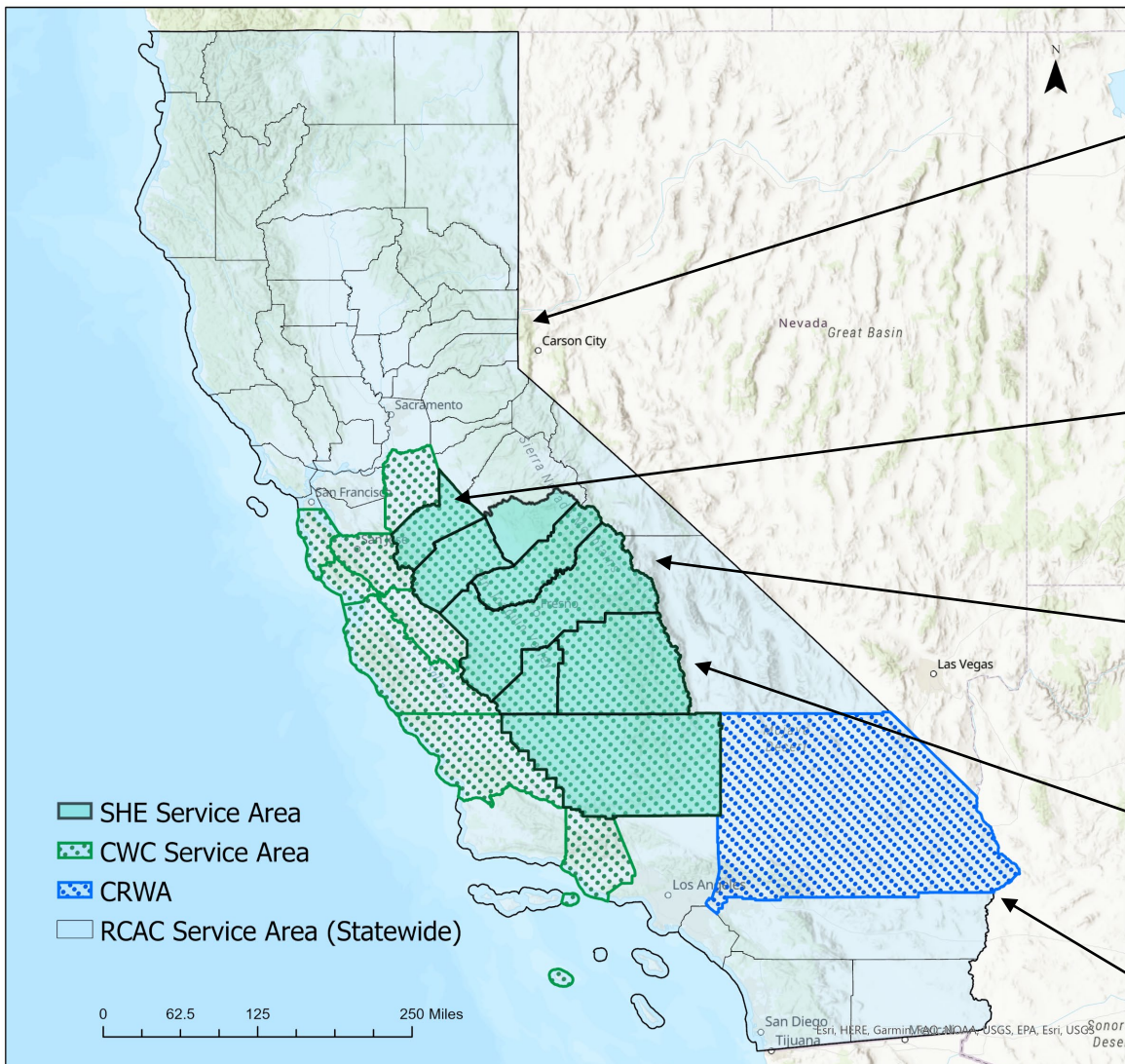
Outline/Overview

- Coordination with DWR
- Existing Regional Assistance Programs with SWRCB
- Urgent Drinking Water Needs Overview
 - Eligible applicants
 - Project types
- Application and Funding Process
- Overview of Eligible Costs
- Resources and Contact Information

Drought Funding and Response Inter-Agency Coordination

- The State Water Board and the Department of Water Resources are:
 - Coordinating on a regular basis to identify which types of projects are appropriate to be funded by each agency, for both drought emergency response and for long-term resiliency projects
 - Conducting outreach to counties regarding funding resources available

Current Regional Programs Available to Respond to Drought



Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)
Bottled Water (schools only), Well Repair and Replacement
Funding Remaining: \$2,948,890

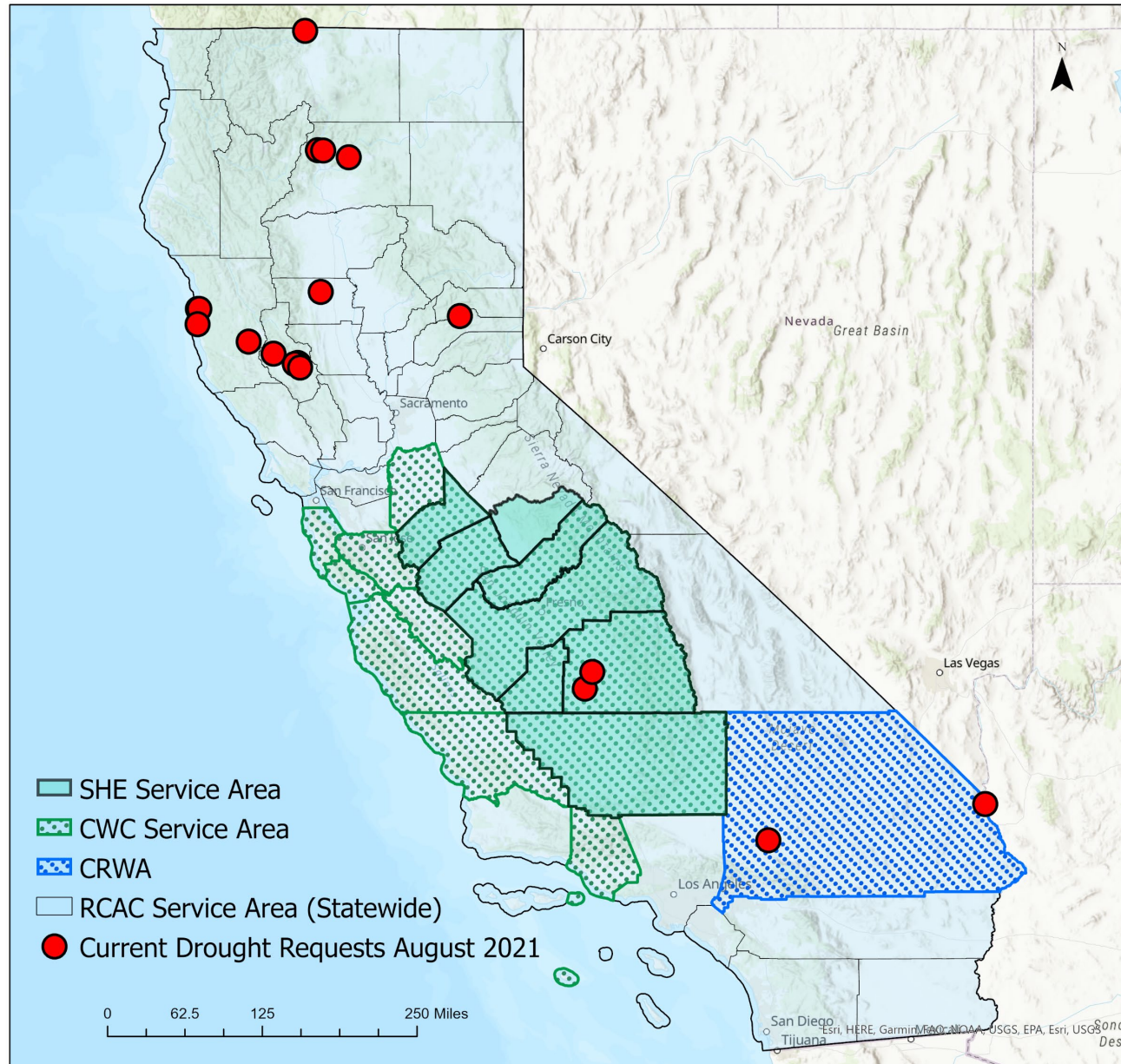
Community Water Center (CWC): Bottled Water, Technical Assistance
Funding Remaining: \$ 3,621,437

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE): Well Repair and Replacement, Bottled Water, Hauled Water and Tanks, Well Testing, POU's, POE's
Funding Remaining: \$17,537,254

Tulare County: Bottled Water
Funding Remaining: \$805,869

California Rural Water Association (CRWA): Well Repair and Replacement
Funding Remaining: \$1,390,034

Map of Current Drought Related Funding Requests



Targeted Scope for Regional Programs

- Targeted recipients of regional program assistance:
 - State small water systems serving a DAC
 - Less than 15 service connections or 25 yearlong residents
 - Domestic wells serving a DAC/low-income household
- Funding agreements allow some flexibility to respond to the needs of a smaller community water system serving a DAC

Eligible Applicants – Drought and Urgent Drinking Water Needs Funding

- A public agency that serves a DAC
- A tribal government that is on the California Tribal Consultation List maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission and is a DAC
- A not-for-profit organization serving a DAC
- A community water system that serves a DAC

Eligible Project Types

- An interim alternate water supply such as bottled or hauled water
- Emergency repairs to existing water systems as necessary to provide an adequate supply of water
 - Well rehabilitation or replacement
 - Emergency interties, extension of service, or consolidation projects
 - Treatment systems
 - Rented, borrowed, or purchased equipment
 - Design, installation and initial startup costs
- Projects or programs implemented by not-for-profit organizations or counties to address an urgent drinking water need

Application Process

- Our application can be found at the CAA Urgent Drinking Water Needs website under "How to Apply"
- If needed, DDW or a Technical Assistance provider can assist with completing the application
- Email completed application to **dfa-caa-dw-droughtfund@waterboards.ca.gov**

How to Apply

The Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) and the Executive Director of the State Water Board are delegated authority to approve up to \$500,000 in CAA funds per project, for routine or non-controversial projects. Any non-routine or controversial projects, or CAA approvals exceeding \$500,000 per project, will require State Water Board approval.

To apply for funding, applicants have the following options:

1. Complete the [Urgent Drinking Water Needs Application](#) and submit to DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov. The local DDW District Office can assist public water systems by submitting the application on behalf of a water system.
2. Complete the funding application online via the [Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool \(FAAST\)](#). Select the RFP titled, "Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding Application"

Submit the completed application via email:

Email: DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov

Phone: (916) 319-9066

Eligible Costs for Well Repair/Replacement Programs

- Water quality sampling and laboratory analysis
- Design
- Permits and connection fees
- New well construction, well replacement, well rehabilitation/repair, well abandonment
- Distribution/conveyance pipelines (up to the point of entry of household)
- Limited consolidation efforts (such as laterals, above-ground interties)
- All necessary appurtenances, etc.

Application Information

- Application contains
 - Applicant information
 - Information about the community in need of assistance
 - Public water system information
 - Information about the emergency
 - Description of the emergency project
 - Information about other potential funding sources
 - Information about a long-term solution (if applicable)
- Additional information needed
 - Cost estimate
 - Financials from the water system (ideally 3 years' worth of Profit and Loss statements and balance sheets)
 - Compliance order (if applicable)

**URGENT DRINKING WATER NEEDS
FUNDING APPLICATION**

Instructions: Complete the application below and submit, along with requested attachments, via email to DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you need assistance completing this application, please contact your Division of Drinking Water (DDW) District Office, call (916) 319-9066, or send an email to DFA-CAA@waterboards.ca.gov.

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name:
2. Title:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:
5. Agency/Organization Legal Name:
6. Mailing Address:
7. Federal Tax Identification Number:
8. Indicate type of applicant (check all that apply):
 - Public Water System
 - Not-for-Profit Organization
 - Tribal Government
 - Public Agency

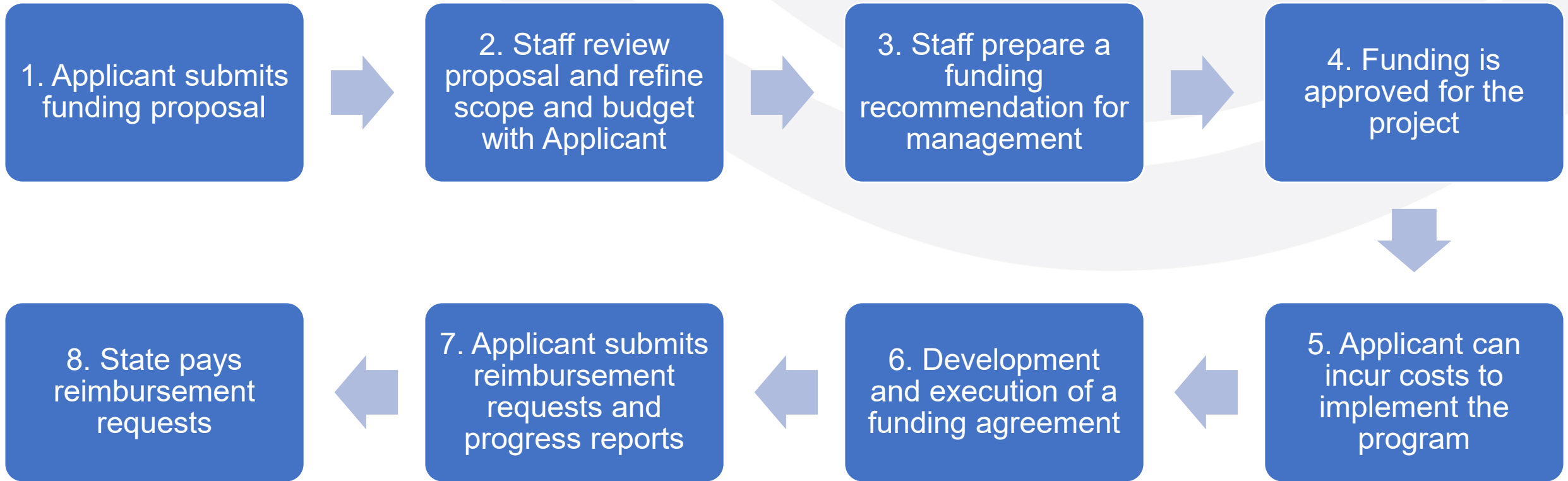
Note: All applicants except public schools must serve a disadvantaged community (DAC) to be eligible for funding.

B. COMMUNITY IN NEED OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

1. Name of Community:
2. Number of Households or Connections Affected:
3. Approximate Number of People Affected:
4. Community Address:
5. GPS Coordinates (Latitude, Longitude):
6. Indicate the type of water service provider for the community:
 - Public Water System (Complete Section C)
 - State Small Water System (Less than 14 connections)
 - Private Wells
7. Is this an economically disadvantaged community?
 - Yes
 - No

First page of application

Funding Process Overview



General Eligible Costs

- Personnel: direct staff time spent on project
 - Includes: administration, outreach, coordination with contractors and enrollees, etc.
 - Labor rates can only include salary plus fringe benefit
- Operating Expenses/Implementation: direct project costs such as supplies and equipment needed to implement the project
- Professional contracted services: work completed by vendors, subcontractors, and/or consultants
- Travel: essential project-related travel
 - Any reimbursement for necessary travel and per diem shall be at rates not to exceed those set by the California Department of Human Resources. These rates may be found at <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/Pages/travel-reimbursements.aspx>.
- Indirect Costs: non-project specific costs of doing business
 - Must clearly breakdown what is included in indirect costs

Eligible Costs for Bottled Water Programs

- Purchase and delivery of bottled drinking water
- Maximum Allocation: 60 gallons / household / month
- 5-gallon containers
- 1 hand pump per household

Eligible Costs for Tanks and Hauled Water Programs

- Purchase, delivery, and installation of temporary water storage tanks for households
 - Booster pumps and electrical
- Purchase and delivery of hauled water
 - Must be from a permitted source
 - Must be hauled by a certified water hauler
- Maximum Allocation: 50 gallons / person / day

Next Steps for Prospective Applicants

- Staff will coordinate with applicants, counties and NGO partners to answer any questions on the application and funding process.
- Applicant develops a proposal for implementing a project/program and submits an application package for funding consideration.
- If approved, begin project/program implementation and funding agreement negotiation.

Contacts for Drought Funding Assistance

State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance Drought/Emergency Funding

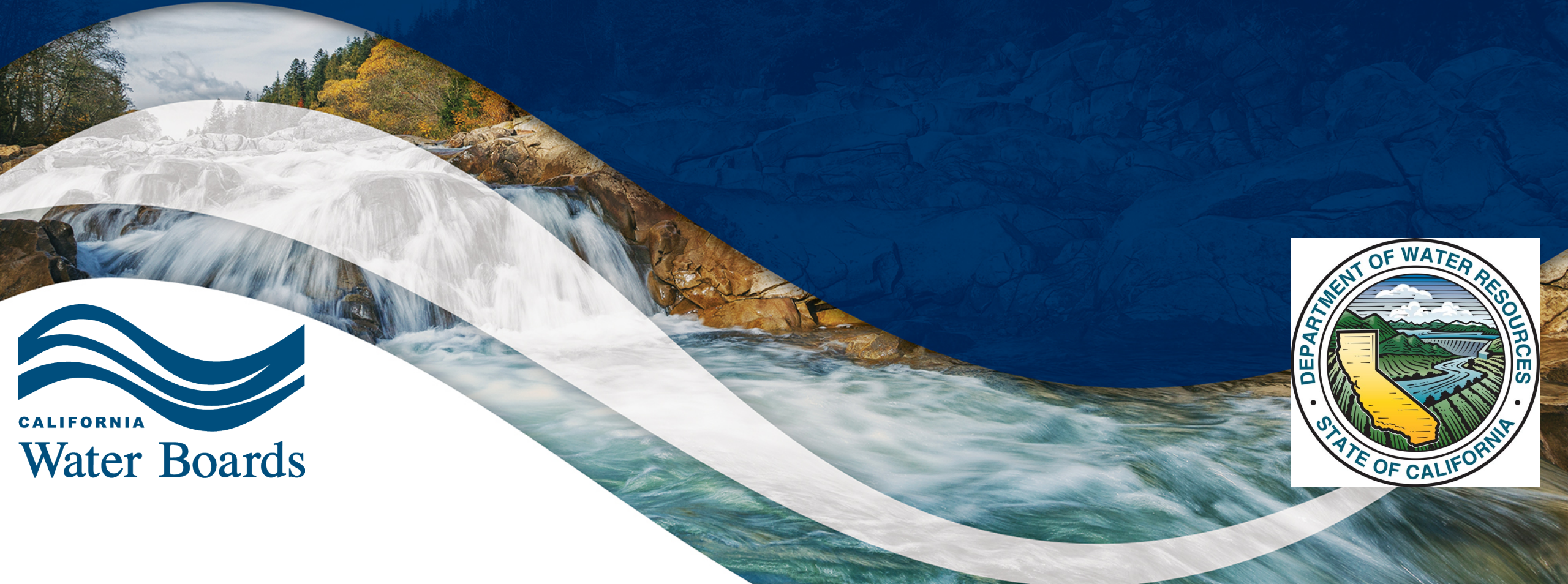
Contact: Matt Pavelchik

Email: Matthew.Pavelchik@waterboards.ca.gov

Phone: 916-323-0624

Website: [DFA Drought Funding](#)

CFCC Funding Fairs



California Financing Coordinating Committee

- Invites You to Attend a FREE Fall Virtual Funding Fair on October 21 and 28, 2021
- Seeking Funding for Your Infrastructure Project, obtain information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs, and options
- Connect with federal, state, and local agencies to discuss the financial and technical resources available.
- **Please visit the CFCC website at www.cfcc.ca.gov for more information and member directory.**
- The funding fair provides an opportunity for attendees to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their community.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

New funding announcement coming soon at [HMGP](#)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

Notice of Interest due to OES Sept. 20 at [BRIC/FMA](#)

HMA@caloes.ca.gov

Questions?



Stay In Touch

Drought Websites

- State Water Board: waterboards.ca.gov/drought
- DWR: water.ca.gov/drought

Drought Contact Information

- State Water Board:
 - drought@waterboards.ca.gov
 - (844) 903-2800
- DWR:
 - Small Community: SmallCommunityDrought@water.ca.gov
 - Urban and Multibenefit: urbandrought@water.ca.gov
- California Office of Emergency Services
 - HMA@caloes.ca.gov

Resources

- **State Water Board DFA Drought Funding Webpage**
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/
- **State Water Board DFA Drought Funding Fact Sheet**
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/dw_droughtfund/docs/dfa_droughtfunding.pdf
- **State Water Board Urgent Drinking Water Needs Webpage and Mapping Tool**
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/caa/urgent_water_needs.html
- **DWR Drought Funding webpage**
 - <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought/Drought-Funding>
- **DWR My Dry Well Reporting Tool**
 - <https://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov/report/>
- **DWR Small Community Drought Funding**
 - <https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2021/Aug-21/State-Agencies-Announce-First-Round-of-Commitments-for-Drought-Funding-Small-Communities>