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Drought Housing Relocation Funds Approved

(Woodland, CA) – The California Department of Housing & Community Development has awarded \$150,000 to Yolo County to provide relocation assistance to Yolo County residents without access to potable water as a result of the drought.

This award, from the Community Development Block Program, is part of the Drought Housing Relocation Assistance Program which was established under the governor's drought state of emergency to assist eligible households, renters and homeowners in relocating and receiving rental assistance for 12 months in the event they lack reasonable access to potable water as a result of the drought. The program also provides assistance with security deposits, last month's rent and a one-time moving cost allowance.

The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES), which is responsible for the planning, preparation and coordination of large-scale emergencies throughout the county, will have oversight of the program as they also manage groundwater/dry well issues. Yolo County Housing, however, will carry out the program since they have provided quality affordable housing and community development services for 65 years.

“Most Yolo County residents living in the unincorporated areas rely heavily on wells for their water needs, and some of those wells are drying up,” said Yolo County OES Coordinator Dana Carey. “This funding allows us to offer water assistance during a time when the drought has seriously impacted our communities.”

Experts agree that the drought will not end in California with one wet winter. Even with the projection of an El Niño winter, the number of dry wells and residents seeking assistance is anticipated to increase throughout 2016 and beyond.

For more information on eligibility criteria and program guidelines related to the Drought Housing Relocation Assistance Program, contact Yolo County OES at (530) 406-4930 or www.yolocounty.org/oes.

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