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Rural Residents with Dry Wells Could Benefit From Relocation Funds

(Woodland, CA) – The California Department of Housing & Community Development has awarded \$150,000 from the Community Development Block Grant program to Yolo County to assist those lacking access to potable water as a result of the drought.

The Drought Housing Relocation Assistance program was established under the governor’s drought state of emergency for the purpose of allowing eligible households, renters and homeowners to relocate and receive rental assistance for 12 months due to lack of 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, which is responsible for the planning, preparation and coordination of large-scale emergencies throughout the county, oversees the program, as well as managing all groundwater/dry well issues for Yolo County.

“Most Yolo County residents living in the unincorporated areas rely heavily on wells for their water needs,” said Dana Carey, emergency services coordinator with the Yolo Office of Emergency Services. “This funding will further our role in offering water assistance while the drought continues to seriously impact our communities.”

Experts agree that the drought has not ended in California with one wet winter. Even with this past winter’s rains, the number of dry wells and residents seeking assistance is anticipated to increase this summer and beyond. As such, Yolo County has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Yolo County Housing to carry out the program, as they have provided quality affordable housing and community development services for 65 years.

For more information on eligibility criteria and program guidelines, contact the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services at (530) 406-4930 or visit: www.yolocounty.org/OES.

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