



### Drought and Water Shortage Task Force

### Risk Assessment

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### Overview



- SB 552 requires that a DWSTF conduct a risk assessment to consider risk of dry wells
- Risk assessment Product or process that collects information and assigns values to risks for the purpose of informing priorities, developing or comparing courses of action, and informing decision-making.
- Identify and address opportunities to respond to these vulnerabilities
- Focus on impacts to:
  - State Smalls Water Systems
  - Domestic groundwater wells

# Purpose of Conducting a Risk Assessment

- Determine the potential impacts of drought and other water shortage-inducing hazards on the people, economy, and environments of the community
- Foundation for developing the mitigation plan to reduce and avoid the potential impacts
- Identify areas susceptible to experiencing water shortages and/or where residents are most vulnerable to impacts of potential water shortages



### County at a Glance

### 4 major basins

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- High concentration of residential and agricultural wells in Napa Valley

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### Proposed Approach

- Conduct a quasi-multi-criteria decision analysis in GIS:
- DWR GIS layers that combine
  - Physical vulnerabilities
  - Social vulnerabilities
- County level data
  - State small water systems
  - Domestic wells
  - Public water system boundaries





# DWR Physical Vulnerability

- Decided to use the full physical vulnerability layer
- Thoughtful weighting of various factors already included by County Drought Advisory Group

No.	Vulnerability Factor
1	Domestic Well Count
2	Temperature shift - Projected change in heat by mid-century
3	Wildfire risk - Projected severe or high severe risk
4	Sea Level Rise
5	Most recent water year's precipitation compared to historic average
6	Count of multiple dry years within the past five years
7	Fractured rock area- Communities in fractured rock areas
8	Current Wildfire Risk (CAL FIRE)
9	Water quality index - Likelihood that groundwater likely accessed by domestic wells may contain concentrations of constituents above regulatory levels
10	Subsidence presence - Record of subsidence
11	Over drafted basin - Critically over drafted groundwater basin
12	Declining groundwater levels
13	Irrigated agriculture - Presence of irrigated agriculture
14	Reported household outages on domestic wells - Presence of domestic wells running dry
15	(Alluvial Basin only) Dry well susceptibility - Estimated likelihood of domestic well(s) running dry
16	(Fractured Rock Area-only) – High density of domestic wells

Source: DWR Draft County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook - Dec 2022



## DWR Social Vulnerability

- Decided to use the full social vulnerability layer
- Each vulnerability factor weighted equally

Socio- Economic	Household Composition and	Housing and
Status	Language	Transportation
<ul> <li>Median household income</li> <li>Per capita income</li> <li>Percent under poverty level</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Percent 65 years and older</li> <li>Percent under 5 years old</li> <li>Percent single parent households</li> <li>Percent of unemployment among employable age</li> <li>Percent without a high school degree among those over 25 years</li> <li>Percent of population where English is a second language</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Percent of households with no vehicle</li> <li>Percent living in group quarters</li> <li>Percent renters</li> <li>Percent living in mobile homes</li> </ul>



Source: DWR Draft County Drought Resilience Plan Guidebook - Dec 2022



# Weighted Multi-criteria Analysis



# Final Layer

- Each layer weighted equally
- Regions of higher risk are shown in purple and darker blue
  - Warrant attention for more immediate planning
- Some usual suspects:
  - Milliken-Sarco Tulocay region east of Napa
  - NW Napa (previous dry wells reported)



## Future Action



Ad hoc DWSTF

- Discussion if physical and social factors are suitable for Napa?
- Discussion of raster layer weights equal at the moment
- Discussion of short-term and medium-term solutions
- Discussion of long-term options
  - Interties, expansion of recycled water pipelines, etc.

Happy to take any questions

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