



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: April 3, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman		PHONE: 624-8000		

SUBJECT: Presentation and Request for Direction Regarding Drought

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation regarding the status of Self Help Enterprise's water tank program and the status of local water system construction projects; and
2. Provide direction regarding the County's response to unincorporated residents' unmet water needs

SUMMARY:

Due to the termination of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding on June 30, 2017, Tulare County transitioned its CDAA-funded Household Tank Program to an Emergency Water Tank Continuation (TW) grant-funded program operated by Self Help Enterprises. This approach allowed for unified administration of the temporary tank program and a majority of the permanent solution funding programs under a single umbrella. As a result of this approach, the number of participants on the tank program has decreased from 435 as of July 1, 2017, to 157 as of February 15, 2018, as a combination of households either obtaining permanent solutions or failing to make good-faith efforts to engage in the required permanent solution-seeking process. Additional measures such as a reduction in the quantity and/or frequency of water deliveries have been implemented to ensure that the funding lasts through the end of the grant period.

Grant funding for Self Help's tank program expires on June 30, 2018, absent any reauthorization of State funding. Self Help is currently pursuing additional funding

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given the continued need in many of the counties in which they operate this program. Of the 155 current Tulare County participants:

- 101 have secured permanent solution funding and a well driller
- 8 have funding applications in progress
- 9 have financial hardships and do not qualify for permanent solution assistance (all unincorporated)
- 37 are pending connection to a new or expanded water system
 - 19 in City of Porterville
 - 2 in unincorporated Porterville area
 - 3 in unincorporated Lindsay area
 - 13 in unincorporated Okieville area

Self Help staff anticipates that all participants who have either received funding or have an application in progress will have permanent solutions in place prior to June 30, 2018, while the identified households with a financial hardship will not have a permanent solution in place at that time. Recent updates on the progress of water system construction projects in the Porterville, Lindsay, and Okieville areas indicate that none of these connections will be completed prior to the end of 2018, creating a potential gap of six-plus months between the end of the current temporary assistance program and the completion of a permanent solution. In total, twenty seven (27) unincorporated households are anticipated to be adversely affected by the termination of this program on June 30, 2018.

A response to the following question is required on Self Help's next performance report to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services: "For those water tanks supported under the TW Program Subaward without a permanent solution identified by the end of the subaward performance period [June 30, 2018], please explain the County's plan for those outstanding tanks, and with providing assistance to these homeowners with water access." Staff therefore requests the Board's guidance to inform this response.

Finally, staff would like to make the Board aware that while the 2016/2017 winter significantly mitigated many of the drought impacts in 2017, Self Help Enterprises has received approximately fifteen (15) new dry well reports in the past four (4) months. In combination with the considerably below-average precipitation this winter as of this writing may indicate a return to drought impacts manifesting similarly to those observed in 2014. Staff requests any strategic direction the Board wishes to provide regarding the level of response should these drought impacts re-emerge in our communities given that there is no current State or Federal funding available to support these activities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The fiscal impact will be determined by the direction received from the Board. While Self Help and County staff are attempting to identify additional State funding, at present there is no identified funding source for any actions directed by the Board, thus resulting in a Net County Cost to the General Fund for any action(s)


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taken.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security element, with a goal to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. This presentation and request for direction ensure that the County continues to provide coordinated response and recovery around the drought.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Jason T. Britt
Agency Director

cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) None

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION AND)
REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING) Resolution No. _____
DROUGHT) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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