

Preparing for the Health Effects of Drought

A Workshop for Public Health Professionals and Partners

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CalEPA Headquarters, Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California

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AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 AM Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome: Solange Gould, Chief, Health Equity Policy and Planning Unit, Office of Health Equity, CDPH
- Facilitator: Linda Helland, Team Lead, Climate Change & Health Equity Program (CCHEP), CDPH

10:30 – 10:45 AM An Overview of Drought and California

- Mike Anderson, State Climatologist, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

10:45 – 11:00 AM Drought and Health Impacts

- Jesse Bell, Claire M. Hubbard Professor of Health & Environment, Univ. of Nebraska Med. Center (UNMC)

11:00 – 11:15 AM Assessing Drought Impacts Using Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER)

- Jason Wilken, Career Epidemiology Field Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) / CDPH

11:15 – 12:30 PM Drought and Health Panel

- ***Drought Impacts on Water Supplies*** - Jeanine Jones, Interstate Resources Manager, DWR
- ***Water Quality Changes During Drought Conditions*** - Betsy Lichti, Chief, Quality Assurance Section, Division of Drinking Water, State Water Resources Control Board
- ***Health and Economic Impacts of the 2012-2016 California Drought: Lessons Learned*** - Josué Medellín-Azuara, Associate Director, UC Agricultural Issues Center, UC Merced
- ***Impacts of Extreme Weather Events and Water Policy on Birthweights and Psychological Distress in CA*** - Kurt Schwabe, Associate Dean and Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy, UC Riverside, and Maithili Ramachandran, Postdoctoral Researcher in Health & Public Policy, UC Riverside
- ***Impact of Climate Change on Vector-Borne Diseases*** - Robbie Snyder, Epidemiologist, Vector-Borne Disease Section, CDPH

12:30 – 1:15 PM Working Lunch: Drought, Climate and Health Data & Tools Demonstration

- ***Cal-Adapt: Linking Climate Science with Practitioner Need*** - Nancy Thomas, Executive Director, Geospatial Innovation Facility, UC Berkeley / Cal-Adapt Project Lead
- ***Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Indicators for California*** - Jason Vargo, Lead Research Scientist, Climate Change and Health Equity Program, CDPH

1:15 – 1:30 PM Break

AGENDA (continued)

1:30 – 1:35 PM Working Session Overview and Agenda

- Nicole Wall, Research and Outreach Specialist, National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC)

1:35 – 1:50 PM Mariposa County Drought Response and Recovery Overview

- Eric Sergienko, County Health Officer, Mariposa County Health & Human Services Agency
- Mike Anderson, DWR
- Jason Wilken, CDC / CDPH

1:50 – 2:05 PM Tulare County Drought Response and Recovery Overview

- **Tulare County Drought Response** - Andrew Lockman, Emergency Services Manager, County of Tulare
- **Tooleville Community Vulnerability Assessment** - Pedro Hernández, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

2:05 -2:10 PM CDC Data Resources Guide Overview

- Tesfaye Bayleyegn, Senior Service Fellow, Disaster Epidemiology and Response Team Lead / Physician, National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), CDC

2:10 – 2:20 PM CDC Resources Guide Module 1 – Basics of a Hazard & Vulnerability Assessment

- Tesfaye Bayleyegn, NCEH, CDC

2:20 – 2:45 PM CDC Resources Guide Module 1 – Facilitated Discussion

- Facilitator: Nicole Wall, NDMC
- Jesse Bell, UNMC

2:45 – 3:00 PM CDC Resources Guide Module 5 – Current and Future Resources

- **CDC Resources Guide Module 5 Overview: Resources** - Tesfaye Bayleyegn, NCEH, CDC
- **Building Resilience to Drought Through California Climate Investment grants & California Office of Emergency Services Resources** - Linda Helland, CCHEP, CDPH
- Additional Resources

3:00– 3:10 PM CDC Resources Guide Modules 2 & 3 – Basics of Communication Related to Drought Preparedness and Response Strategies

- Tesfaye Bayleyegn, NCEH, CDC

3:10 – 3:30 PM CDC Resources Guide Modules 2 & 3 – Facilitated Discussion

- Facilitator: Nicole Wall, NDMC

3:30 – 4:00 PM Workshop Closing / Wrap Up

- **Continued Collaboration** - Tesfaye Bayleyegn, NCEH, CDC
- Facilitator: Nicole Wall, NDMC
- Closing Remarks / Post-Workshop Evaluation

Thank you for your participation!

Useful Links and Resources

Workshop Information:

- U.S. Drought Portal – Workshop details: <https://www.drought.gov/drought/calendar/events/preparing-health-effects-drought-california-climate-action-team-public-health>
- California Climate Action Team – Public Health Workgroup Meetings (including archived materials and recordings of past meetings): <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/ab32publichealth/meetings/meetings.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- **FEATURED RESOURCE: Preparing for the Health Effects of Drought: A Resource Guide for Public Health Professionals:** https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/cwh/docs/CDC_Drought_Resource_Guide-508.pdf
- Drought & Health: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/drought/default.htm>
- Drought Communication Toolkit: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/drought/toolkit/default.htm>
- When Every Drop Counts: Protecting Public Health During Drought Conditions: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/publications/Drought.htm>
- National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network: <https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/DataExplorer/#/> (select Drought under Content Area in the Data Explorer)
- Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) in California: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/disaster/casper/states/ca.htm>
- CDC Framework for Program Evaluation: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/framework/index.htm>

National Integrated Drought Information System: www.drought.gov

National Drought Mitigation Center: <https://drought.unl.edu/>

California Department of Public Health:

- Climate Change and Health Equity Program (CCHEP): <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OHE/Pages/CCHEP.aspx>
- Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) Reports: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/Pages/Emergency-Preparedness-Team.aspx>
 - [Mariposa County 2016 CASPER Report \(PDF, 6MB\)](#) - CDC, together with Mariposa County and CDPH Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control's (DEODC) Emergency Preparedness Team (EPT), conducted rapid community assessment in Mariposa County.
 - [Tulare County CASPER Report \(PDF, 6MB\)](#) – CDPH DEODC EPT conducted two rapid community assessments concerning the public health impacts of drought.

Other State of California Resources:

- State of California Interagency Drought Task Force and Web Portal: <http://drought.ca.gov/>
- California Department of Water Resources (DWR)
 - DWR Drought Homepage: <https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought>
 - DWR Drought Preparedness, Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Response: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/DroughtPreparedness.html
- California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
 - 2018 State Hazard Mitigation Plan: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/hazard-mitigation-planning/state-hazard-mitigation-plan>
 - Section 9.1.5 covers droughts and water shortages. See tables 9.I and 9.J on drought disaster assistance programs and drought grant programs
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP): <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/public-assistance/404-hazard-mitigation-grant-program>
 - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA): <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/hazard-mitigation/pre-disaster-flood-mitigation>

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