

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: CEO - Office of Emergency Services/Fire Warden      BOARD AGENDA: 5.B.5  
AGENDA DATE: August 21, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Loan or Otherwise Dispose of Water Tanks Used as Part of the Temporary Water Assistance Program

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0414**

On motion of Supervisor   Olsen  , Seconded by Supervisor   Withrow    
and approved by the following vote,  
Ayes: Supervisors:   Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini    
Noes: Supervisors:                   None                    
Excused or Absent: Supervisors:   None    
Abstaining: Supervisor:                   None                  

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

**MOTION:**

  
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ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve to loan or otherwise dispose of water tanks used as part of the Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown proclaimed a drought State of Emergency on January 17, 2014 and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. State programs were created through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) to address essential community services and relief efforts for families experiencing drinking water shortages due to drought.

Stanislaus County experienced impacts of the multi-year drought and responded by creating a Water Contingency Plan which included the Temporary Water Assistance Program (TWA). The purpose of the TWA was to assist homeowners in the County unincorporated area who reported their wells as dry by temporarily providing a water tank, pump, connection equipment and hauled water delivery at the home site. The Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services had oversight of the program working with Self-Help Enterprises, a private non-profit agency. There was a total of 101 applications received for the program. Of those applicants, 58 tanks were placed, 11 homes received water delivery only and 17 applicants reached a permanent solution on their own prior to tank placement. The balance either required no action or were ineligible for the program for various reasons.

The goal of the TWA was to bridge the gap until homeowners could find a permanent solution - drill a new well, lower the pump on an existing well or connect to a municipal water service. Once a permanent solution was obtained the State-owned tanks, pumps and connection equipment were removed from the property and sent to storage, all reimbursed through the State CDAA funding.

In May 2017, the State determined the tanks to be of minimal value and salvage. The State allowed for counties to retrieve the tanks and maintain them for future use, sell the tanks and return whatever proceeds received to the State, or elect to donate the tanks

to the Fire Safe Council or Resource Conservation District. Stanislaus County decided to keep the tanks and store them locally to be used, as needed, for a future water shortage event. There are currently 23 tanks in storage.

A Temporary Water Tank Loan Program will be developed in order to allow a homeowner in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County who has a dry well to be loaned a tank, pump and connection equipment for no more than six months at no cost while they work towards a permanent. The homeowner would accept all responsibility, liability and cost of moving the tank from the storage site to their property, all connection requirements, tank sanitation, hauled water delivery and return of the tank to storage at the end of the loan program.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Board of Supervisors approval is required in order to establish the Temporary Water Tank Loan Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no cost to the County associated with the approval of the Temporary Water Tank Loan Program. The tanks and related equipment were previously purchased by the State through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) and locally administered through the Temporary Water Assistance (TWA) Program in Stanislaus County.

The purpose of the CDAA funding was to ensure that local governments could provide emergency water for drinking and sanitation to households that lacked access to sufficient potable water due to the drought. On April 7, 2017, the Governor officially ended the State of Emergency for the drought in California and discontinued the CDAA funding for the emergency water tank program as of July 31, 2017.

There is no cost to the County for the storage site of the retrieved TWA program tanks.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board's priorities of *Supporting Strong and Safe Neighborhoods* by delivering emergency services, specifically the temporary loaning of a water tank, pump and connection equipment, in a cost-effective manner.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

The Temporary Water Tank Loan Program will be administered by existing staff of the Office of Emergency Services.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer	Phone (209) 525-4305
Richard Murdock, Assistant Director of OES/Fire Warden	Phone (209) 552-3600
Keith Boggs, Assistant Executive Officer	Phone (209) 652-1514

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Temporary Water Tank Loan Program Application



## Temporary Water Tank Loan Program

### Homeowner Application

Please complete and return to: Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services  
3705 Oakdale Rd.  
Modesto, CA 95357  
(209) 552-3600 – Office phone

Or fax to: (209) 552-2512

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you rent or own the property?  Own  Rent

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Well Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APN Number (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many persons are using this well for their water source? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Age of Residents:  Less than 18  18-60  Over 60
3. What is the primary use of the well?  Domestic  Agricultural
4. What is the current problem with the well?  
 Well is dry and needs to be replaced.  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you contacted a well driller and been placed on a list for well installation?  Yes  No
6. If yes, how long do you estimate it will take for the new well to be installed?  
 1- 3 months  3- 6 months  6-12 months  12-18 months

I agree Stanislaus County may contact me concerning this application for the Temporary Water Tank Loan Program.

Homeowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_