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Date: June 22, 2015
To: Owners of Domestic Water Wells
From: Contra Costa Environmental Health
Subject: Request for Information of Well Water Supply Problems

California is currently experiencing its fourth year of drought, with this year's winter the driest on record. Much of the State is experiencing a decrease in groundwater levels, including here in Contra Costa County.

Contra Costa Environmental Health (CCEH), the agency responsible for enforcing water well requirements in the county, has received reports of reduced well production and wells going dry in some areas of the county. As a result, some property owners are now relying on other means to supply their domestic water needs, such as using water haulers.

The state, county, and various public agencies are concerned with the impact the ongoing drought will have on those relying on well water for domestic use. As a result, the California Office of Planning and Research has developed a Household Water Issues Intake Form to assist agencies in gathering data from individuals who are experiencing problems with their well water supply.

Information obtained from property owners about their well water supply will be used by the state and county to identify areas where problems with well water supplies are occurring, and coordinate potential state and county response to drought impacts. Submission of the requested information is voluntary, and data collected will be considered confidential to the extent allowed under California Law.

If you are not served by a public water system, and are experiencing a problem with your well water supply (e.g. your well has gone dry or is not supply adequate water for domestic use), please complete the enclosed Household Water Issues Intake Form, and mail it to:

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You may also submit the requested information via e-mail or telephone to Timothy Ellsworth, Registered Environmental Health Specialist at Timothy.Ellsworth@hsd.cccounty.us, or (925) 692-2537.