



Drought Contingency Planning Financial Assistance

California

Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pala Tribe Drought Contingency Planning

Reclamation Funding: \$111,000

Total Project Cost: \$225,030

The Pala Band of Mission Indians (Pala Tribe) will update their existing Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). The Pala Tribe serves a population of 1,500 people and will convene a local task force to develop a comprehensive update to the existing DCP that considers impacts to local water supplies and infrastructure. The planning area is the entire Pala Reservation that historically faces reoccurring drought episodes. The updated DCP will support a proactive approach to drought that considers the risks and uncertainties of changing climate and hydrology. The DCP will identify drought mitigation and drought response actions to help decrease the Pala Tribe's drought vulnerability. The Pala Tribe will leverage existing planning efforts such as its 2016 Drought Contingency Plan, the 2017 Climate Vulnerability Assessment Study, and the 2020 update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

East Valley Water District, East Valley Water District Drought Contingency Plan

Reclamation Funding: \$200,000

Total Project Cost: \$400,000

East Valley Water District (EVWD), located in the San Bernardino Valley of Southern California, will develop a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) to help increase water supply reliability and improve water management of declining local groundwater and imported water supplies. EVWD's service area is highly susceptible to drought conditions and is currently receiving only a 5% allocation from the State Water Project. EVWD serves approximately 103,200 people with nearly 70% living in disadvantaged communities, and drought exacerbates issues of water supply availability, degraded water quality, and effects to residents' health and well-being. This planning effort will build upon the District's Water System Master Plan (2019), East Valley Water District American's Water Infrastructure Act Risk and Resilience Assessment (2020), and the San Bernardino Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan (2015).

City of Burbank, Burbank Water and Power Drought Contingency Plan

Reclamation Funding: \$175,000

Total Project Cost: \$350,000

The City of Burbank (City), located in Los Angeles County, will develop a new Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). The City is 100% reliant on imported surface water, and California's most recent drought highlighted the City's need to proactively address future droughts which are expected to increase in frequency and intensity due to the ongoing and accelerating effects of climate change. The DCP development will rely on diverse stakeholder input and will address concerns related to increased water demands and drought impacts to water quality and the economy. The DCP will build upon other local planning efforts including the City's 2020 Recycled Water Optimization

Study, its Urban Water Management Plan, and the 2020 America's Water Infrastructure Act Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Plan.

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Water Resources, Upper Platte River Drought Contingency Plan

Reclamation Funding: \$200,000 **Total Project Cost: \$400,000**

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the Platte Basin Coalition (Coalition) to develop a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the Upper Platte River in Nebraska. The Coalition, comprised of six water agencies, will develop regional solutions to improve the water supply reliability and drought resiliency of the Upper Platte River Basin. The Upper Platte River is currently experiencing severe to extreme drought conditions, and the planning area includes more than 15,000 square miles, extending from near Columbus, Nebraska to the western borders of Nebraska. The planning area contains a diverse range of water uses, including over 8 million irrigated acres and 250,000 residents. By taking a multi-agency, regional approach to drought planning, the Coalition will enhance water supply reliability for all users, leverage existing infrastructure investments, coordinate regional solutions, facilitate emergency actions during critical shortages, and improve the area's resiliency to future droughts.

Utah

Washington County Water Conservation District, Washington County, Utah Drought Contingency Plan

Reclamation Funding: \$122,912 **Total Project Cost: \$245,825**

The Washington County Water Conservancy District (District) in Washington County, Utah will prepare a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the Virgin River Watershed. Over the past 20 years, the watershed has experienced some level of drought on a regular basis. The Virgin River and its tributaries, including the Santa Clara River, are the sole sources of surface water for Washington County. The arid climate of southwest Utah makes the Virgin River Watershed especially sensitive to water scarcity. The DCP will be developed in coordination with local communities and will develop a proactive approach to managing the scarce water resources and improving drought resiliency. The DCP will utilize the Virgin River Watershed Management Plan and the Long-term Framework for Water Resources Management Development and Protection.