

Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County

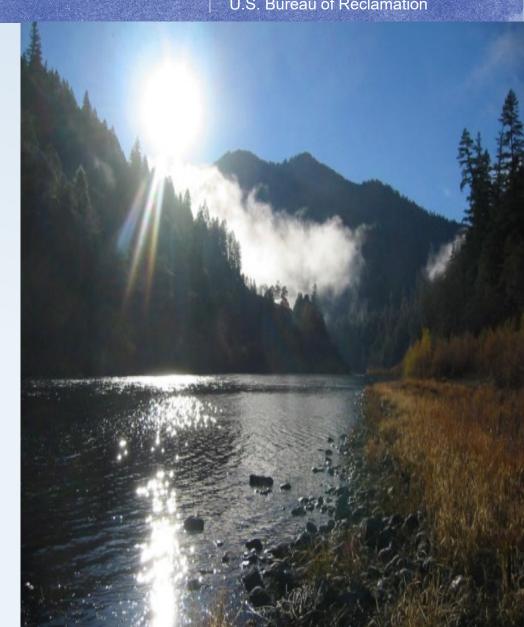
Napa Valley
Drought Contingency Plan
Update #5

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Review: What is a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)?



Drought Contingency Plan

- Drought Contingency Plans address
 - How will we recognize the next drought in early stages?
 - How will drought affect us?
 - How can we protect ourselves from the next drought?
- Drought Resiliency Projects
 - These projects are referred to as "mitigation actions" in the DCP
 - Are implemented to mitigate effects of drought



DCP Schedule

Wrapping up the DCP

- Finalize Mitigation and Response Actions
- Finalize Administrative and Organizational Framework
- Draft DCP document expected June 2021





Ongoing Activities: Mitigation and Response Actions

Review: What are Drought Mitigation & Response Actions?

Drought Mitigation Actions

- Programs and strategies implemented during non-drought period
- Address water supply vulnerabilities specific to this region
- Reduce the need for drought response activities during drought

Drought Response Actions

- Near-term actions, triggered during specific stages of drought, to manage limited supply and decrease severity of immediate impacts
- Response actions can be quickly implemented and provide expeditious benefits

Mitigation and Response Actions – Evaluation Approach and Outcome

- Objectives and Weights for each of the DCP Goals were used to evaluate Mitigation and Response Actions
- Scores were assigned using both
 Quantitative and Qualitative criteria
- Based on the results of the evaluation, three (3) Mitigation Actions were selected for further development



Mitigation Actions being Further Refined

Sites Reservoir

 Reservoir will utilize available surplus flows from Sacramento River

Purified Water Assessment

 Project is looking to develop purified water alternatives for the region to evaluate the viability of incorporating purified water into the region's water supply portfolio

Integrated Supply and Reservoir Operations

 Two phased assessment, Phase 1 is looking for opportunities to optimize use of existing water supplies and help create new and or augment existing ones



Next Steps for Mitigation and Response Actions



Sites Reservoir

 Decision for involvement would need to happen by July 2023, that's when bank financing kicks in

Purified Water Assessment

 Work with Napa San and American Canyon to confirm assumptions included in each alternative being assessed

Integrated Supply and Reservoir Operations

Continue to refine concepts that Phase 2
 (Future Study) will would look to assess



Ongoing Activities: Administrative and Organizational Framework

Administrative and Organizational Framework - Review

Describes the Structure and Identifies who Implements the DCP Tasks

- Includes roles, responsibilities, and procedures necessary to:
 - Conduct drought monitoring
 - Initiate response actions, including emergency response actions
 - Initiate mitigation actions
 - Describe a process and schedule for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the DCP (generally every 5 years)



Administrative and Organizational Framework – Questionnaire



- DCP Task Force members completed an Administrative and Organizational Framework Questionnaire
- Responses provided critical direction for future work
 - Focused on what's needed for DCP implementation
 - Recognized planning priorities may differ
 - Identified priorities for implementing Studies and Projects
 - Described organizational needs for future work together

Next Steps for Administrative and Organizational Framework

- Implementing this DCP will require preparation and support; both financially and with political support and leadership
- Based on Task Force feedback, team is updating and refining the framework to help support DCP implementation



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Wrap up and Next Steps

Stakeholder Updates

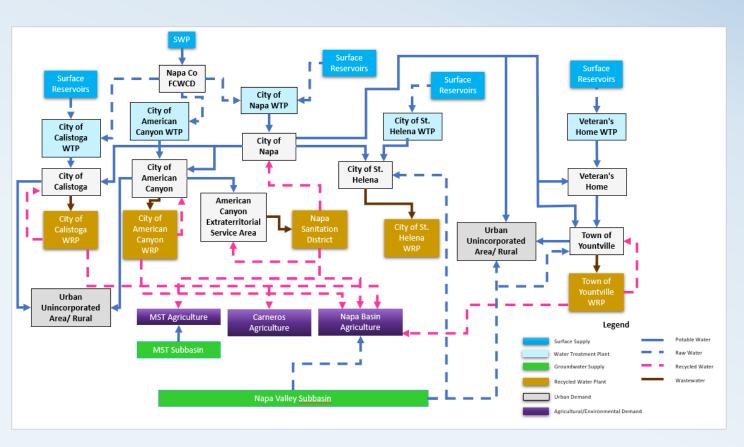
 Napa Valley DCP website for information and input is:

www.napawatersheds.org/dcp

- Next DCP update tentatively scheduled for:
 - July 22, 2021 (WICC Meeting)







Questions or Comments