

California Department of Water Resources



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WORKSHOPS FOR RESIDENTIAL WATER WELL OWNERS

The Department of Water Resources is holding public workshops to provide information on the fundamentals of water well construction, operation, and maintenance for owners of private residential wells. The workshops are being co-sponsored by the Regional Council of Rural Counties. All workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. Dates and locations are:

November 7, 2001

Siskiyou County

Miner's Inn Conference Room

Yreka

November 8, 2001

San Benito County

Board of Supervisors' Chambers

481 Fourth Street

Hollister

November 15, 2001

Amador County

Jackson City Hall

33 Broadway
Jackson

December 5, 2001
Nevada County
Nevada Irrigation District
1036 W. Main Street
Grass Valley

December 6, 2001
Lake County
Board of Supervisors' Chambers
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport

December 13, 2001
Tuolumne County
Board of Supervisors' Chambers
2 S. Green Street
Sonora

Topics to be covered include: occurrence of groundwater in the local area, hiring a drilling contractor, permit requirements for well drilling or deepening, pump maintenance, well testing, and water treatment options.

Water year 2001 was California's first dry year following six years of wet to average conditions. Even a single dry year may cause water supply problems for residential well owners whose wells tap unreliable groundwater sources in fractured rock zones. Self-supplied groundwater users in rural areas have been among the first to be affected by reduced rainfall during past dry periods. During the 1987-92 drought, some residential well owners experienced delays in having wells drilled or deepened due to drilling contractors' backlog of work.

Although it is too soon to know if 2002 will be wet or dry, a dry 2002 would result in more widespread impacts to residential well owners. DWR is encouraging owners of private residential wells to be prepared for the possibility of a dry 2002.

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