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State Agencies to Give East Porterville Water Project Update

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SACRAMENTO – On Wednesday, June 22, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will address the State's efforts to provide permanent, safe and reliable household water supplies to the Tulare County community of East Porterville, "ground zero" of California's five-year drought. The focus of the call is to provide an update on the project, which began in 2014, and preview the draft feasibility study for the construction of a new water distribution system, which will be discussed at a community meeting Thursday, June 23, in Porterville. This call is for **accredited media only**. To learn more about the project and details about Thursday's meeting, visit DWR's East Porterville Water Project [webpage](#).

What: East Porterville Drinking Water Project

When: 11 a.m. PDT, Wednesday, June 22

Where: Call (888) 713-3595 and ask for the **East Porterville Drought Response Update** phone event. The operator will ask for name and media affiliation.

DWR, the State Water Board and Cal OES will make opening statements regarding the East Porterville project. During the question-and-answer session following the statement, media may ask one initial question with one follow-up. If time allows, reporters may get back in the queue for additional questions.

State staff scheduled for the call:

Greg Farley, Drought Manager, DWR

James Maughan, Assistant Deputy Director, State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance

Chad Fischer, Senior Sanitary Engineer, State Water Board Division of Drinking Water

Eric Lamoureux, Regional Administrator, Cal OES

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