



County of Orange Emergency Management Council

November 13, 2025

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- Orange County Board of Supervisors
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- OC Public Works
- OC Waste and Recycling
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Probation Department
- Sheriff-Coroner Department
- Social Services Agency

Subject: Orange County Domestic Well Drought Resiliency Plan

Enclosed please find the Orange County Domestic Well Drought Resiliency Plan (DRP). The Emergency Management Council (EMC) approved this Plan on November 12, 2025, and concurred with it on behalf of the EMC members.

The DRP has been prepared for the County of Orange (the County) in accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 552 (SB 552). Its purpose is to identify vulnerable communities that rely on State Small Water Systems (SSWS) or domestic wells, assess the risk of water shortages for each of these water sources, and outline both short-term and long-term actions that can be implemented to help prevent catastrophic impacts to drinking water supplies during emergencies and to improve the resiliency of local water resources.

The scope of the DRP is limited to addressing water shortage scenarios for SSWS and domestic wells. The County itself is not a water supplier; rather, multiple municipal agencies and water districts are responsible for providing drinking water to County residents. There are currently no SSWS operating within the County, and only a small number of residences rely on domestic wells. Therefore, the scope of this Plan applies to a limited portion of County residents, and the potential emergency responses described herein are not directly managed or implemented by the County.

All County departments concur with this Plan and will carry out their designated responsibilities. This Plan supports the County of Orange and Orange County Operational Area Unified Emergency Operations Plan and complements other emergency plans, procedures, and hazard-specific and functional annexes.

Thank you for your support in the development and implementation of this Plan.

Sincerely,

Board of Supervisors
Chair, Emergency Management Council



Orange County Operational Area Executive Board

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Members of the Operational Area
Members of the Board of Supervisors
American Red Cross of Orange County
California Office of Emergency Services

Members:

- Orange County Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Officer
- City Engineers & Public Works Directors Association
- City Manager's Association & League of Cities
- Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Coordinator
- Fire Chiefs Association
- Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid
- Health Care Agency Mutual Aid
- Independent Special Districts
- Orange County Social Services Agency
- Orange County Superintendent of Schools
- Orange County Community College Districts
- Orange County Transportation Authority
- Police Chiefs' and Sheriff Association
- Public Works Mutual Aid
- Water/Wastewater Mutual Aid Coordinator

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All jurisdictions within Orange County are encouraged to fully implement their identified responsibilities. Such execution may include preparing and maintaining their own jurisdiction-specific procedures and guidelines. The successful implementation of this Plan is dependent upon the skills and abilities of jurisdiction personnel; jurisdictions are encouraged to conduct or participate in trainings and exercises to ensure their personnel are aware of their responsibilities and capable to perform them. Implementation may also rely upon specialized services and equipment; jurisdictions are encouraged to support the implementation and maintenance of such services and equipment.

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Orange County Fire Authority
Chair, Operational Area Executive Board

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