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COMMUNITY DROUGHT FORUMS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SONORA, CA: Join Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD), Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services, Twain Harte Community Services District, Tuolumne County Environmental Health, and Fire Officials for a discussion on the drought facing Tuolumne County. Most of California is facing historically dry conditions during this third year drought period. Tuolumne County is currently listed as a D3 category – “Extreme Drought” as presented in the illustrated map to the right.

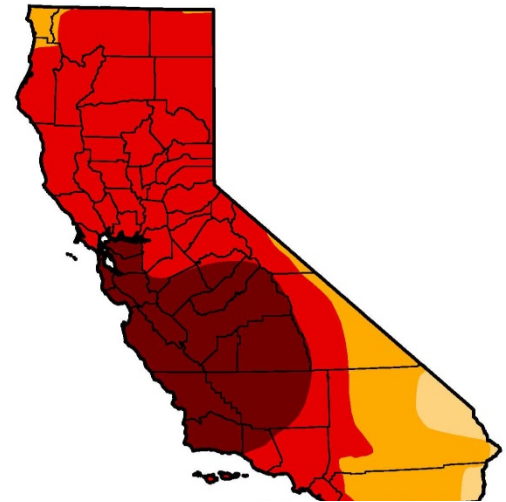
The Community Drought Forums will focus on an update on the County's current water supply, information on wells, how to get your property ready for an upcoming fire season and water conservation tips. The first **Community Drought Forum** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 30th** at the **Sonora City Opera Hall from 6:30pm-8:00pm**. For this forum at the Opera Hall, there will be an Introduction by City of Sonora Administrator, Tim Miller, and the moderator to host the event will be District One Supervisor, Sherri Brennan.

Other Drought Forums have been scheduled in May:

- **Tuesday, May 6th:** Twain Harte School Gym in Twain Harte from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Monday, May 12th:** Soulsbyville Gym (old gym) in Soulsbyville from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Wednesday, May 21st:** Groveland Community Center in Groveland from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- **Wednesday, May 28th:** Columbia Elementary Cafeteria in Columbia from 6:30pm-8:00pm

For more information, please contact Tracie Riggs, OES Coordinator at 209-533-5511, or Lisa Westbrook, Public Relations for TUD at 209-532-5536, ext. 501.

U.S. Drought Monitor California



Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought	

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.