

DROUGHT RESOURCES FOR SMALL FARMS

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Purpose	Program	Requirements	Reporting	Who to Contact
<p>Find the best rate for your electric bills</p>	<p>PG&E Rate Analysis</p> <p>Finds the best agricultural rate for your energy use and timing of use</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Repair or retrofit an old pump:</p> <p>1) replace worn-out bowls and impellers 2) adjust bowls and impellers for converting to drip irrigation (re-bowl)</p>	<p>PG&E Agricultural Irrigation Pump Overhaul</p> <p>Rebate of \$75 per horsepower for pump repair or retrofit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump must be less than 25 horsepower • Must include replacing or adjusting bowls and impellers 	<p>Turn in receipt to PG&E for reimbursement</p> <p>*Can be combined with the On Bill Financing 0% interest loan</p>	<p>PG&E's Agricultural Customer Service Center:</p> <p>1-877-311-FARM or 1-877-311-3276</p>
<p>Repair an old pump for energy efficiency</p>	<p>PG&E On Bill Financing Energy Efficiency Retrofit Loan Program</p> <p>0% interest loan for improving efficiency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cost of repairs over \$5,000 • Approved by PG&E before starting • Business customer with PG&E • No missed payments from last 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor works with PG&E to give estimate and get approval • PG&E pays contractor • Loan repaid through electric bills <p>*Can be combined with \$75/hp rebate from PG&E</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait for person • Ask for translator • Have account # ready
<p>Insure crops in case of loss from drought</p> <p>(best for large acreage of one crop)</p>	<p>USDA Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production records from past years • Contact USDA for additional requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely reporting of loss • Contact USDA for additional requirements 	<p>USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) 4625 W Jennifer Ave # 109 Fresno, CA 93722 559-276-7494</p>

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<p>Deepen house well</p> <p>Can also be used for energy efficiency home improvements to replace windows, doors, roofs, plumbing, electrical, gutters, and foundation</p>	<p>Housing Assistance Rehabilitation Program (HARP)</p> <p>0% interest loan for home repairs including wells</p> <p>Can irrigate agricultural land next to home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own home outside of Fresno City limits • Owner lives in home • Low-income household • 2 years of tax returns • Bank account • Social security number • Cannot be in collections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum payment of \$40/month • 30-year loan • 0% interest • If irrigating ag land with house pump, HARP covers domestic use % and owner covers agricultural use % 	<p>Fresno County Community Development 2220 Tulare Street, 8th Floor Fresno, CA 93721</p> <p>559-600-4292</p> <p>*Also ask about the one-time grant</p>
<p>Get a loan to deepen or improve ag well</p> <p>Also can be used for other farm operating costs</p>	<p>USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Microloans</p> <p>Up to \$50,000</p> <p>Low interest rates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register farm with FSA • Bank statements • Property title or lease agreement • Collateral • Other income (2 months of pay stubs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep receipts for reimbursement • Monthly or yearly payment • Contact USDA for additional reporting requirements 	<p>USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) 4625 W Jennifer Ave # 109 Fresno, CA 93722</p> <p>559-276-7494</p>
<p>Convert from furrow irrigation to drip irrigation</p>	<p>USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)</p> <p>Subsidy for changing to drip irrigation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own land or have long-term lease with landowner's approval • 2 years of tax returns • Only covers permanent, buried pipe system 	<p>Contact USDA for reporting requirements</p>	<p>USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) 4625 W Jennifer Ave # 109 Fresno, CA 93722</p> <p>559-276-7494</p>

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