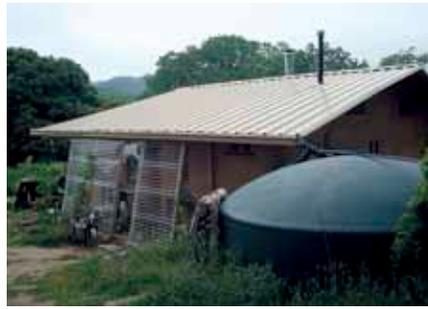


4. Complete the self-certification at the end of the form.
5. Mail the form to Division of Water Rights with the \$250 fee.
6. The Division will issue the registration with their standard terms and CDFW's drought terms, and then you're done. You'll have your water storage registration quickly and be off the radar.



Do I Have to Fill Out an Initial Statement of Diversion and Use Before I Submit the Small Domestic Use Registration Form?

No. People who haven't submitted their Initial Statement can still participate in this process. The Division may ask you to file a Statement of Diversion and Use after you've submitted your registration form. That will be up to them. If they do ask you to file the Initial Statement, it will not cost you anything.

What if I Plan on Installing Additional Water Storage Before My Water Right is Up for Renewal in Five Years?

When registering your storage, include existing and PROPOSED storage for five years. You can go down in storage but not up.

There are Other Households on my Property and We All Share the Same Water Source. What Happens if They Don't Want to Register Their Water Storage?

With multiple landowners sharing one source, if some want to file and some don't, the people who want to should still file. It benefits them because they get credit for coming into compliance, thereby reducing the chances for a Notice of Violation.

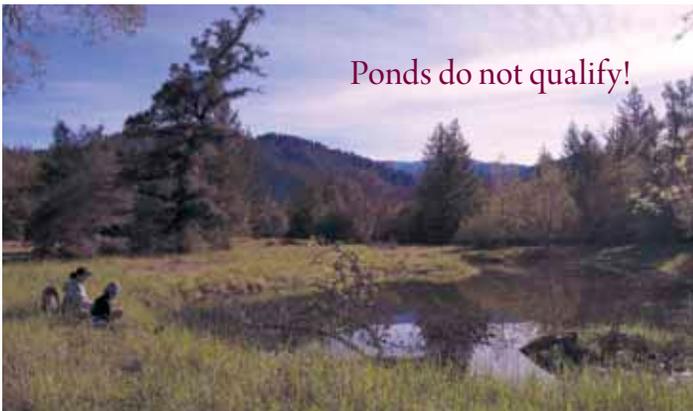
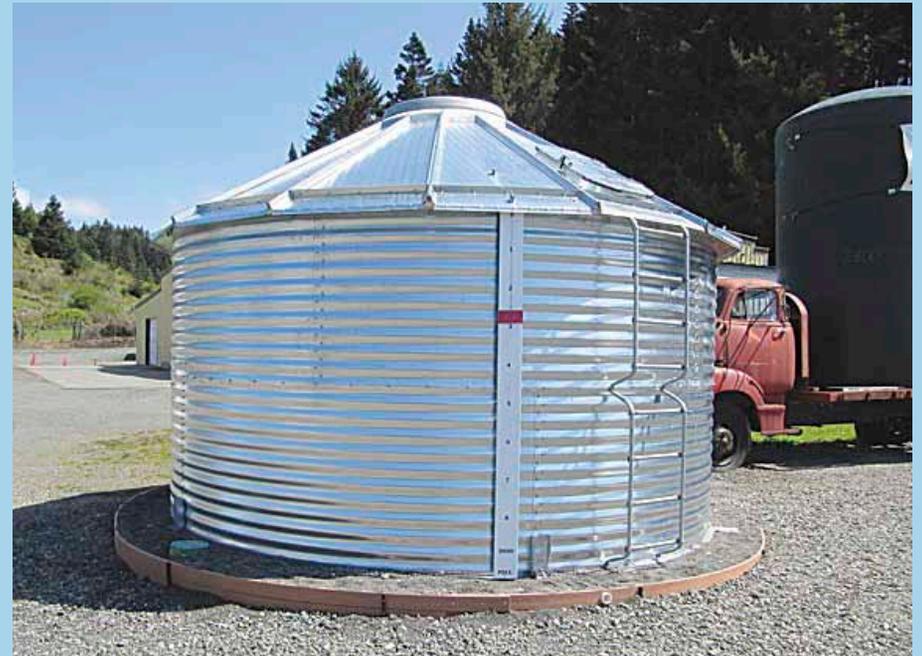


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What is the Emergency Tank Storage Registration program?

In response to the Governor's Drought Emergency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) collaborated with the Division of Water Rights (Division) to develop an expedited process during the Drought State of Emergency for Small Domestic Storage Registration program. This program is meant to encourage storage and streamline the registration process during the State of Emergency for residents so that they can begin storing water for use during the dry low-flow. The expedited process provides standard conditions and eliminates site visits for select Small Domestic.

How Long Will the Program be in Effect?

The Emergency Tank Storage Registration program will only be in effect as long as the Drought Emergency Declaration is in place. Because it is a temporary emergency response to California's severe drought, you will benefit by applying as soon as possible.

What are the Benefits of Registering My Water Storage While the Emergency Tank Storage Registration is in Place?

There is no better time to register your domestic tank water storage than now. Under the emergency program, you self-certify that you meet the criteria for a Small Domestic Use registration and agree to follow the measures in the permit. The permit lasts for an initial five-year term, with no need for a site inspection by the CDFW. You can renew five years later, potentially with no additional measures or site visit. It is best to come into compliance with state water law and have a secure water system before receiving a notice of violation. Be proactive and register your water storage today!

What are the Criteria for Eligibility in the Emergency Tank Storage Registration Program?

You will need to meet the following conditions:

- Registration must be submitted while the Drought Emergency Declaration is in effect;
- The registration is for water storage that is comprised of rigid materials (no bladder tanks or ponds), with buried pipes, lids, and float valves;



- You must agree to forbear from pumping for at least 60 days during the required forbearance period based on your declared household water budget;
- The project is located in coastal streams within the boundaries of the CDFW's Region 1 or Region 3, including the entire coastal area north of San Francisco Bay.



- You cannot divert at a rate of more than 10 Gallons Per Minute (GPM)
- You must either install a water flow measuring device or log the time your water is filling a tank of a particular size, and send this information to the Division every five years.
- If you are diverting from a fish bearing stream, you must meet fish screening criteria for surface diversions.
- You must sign and submit a self-certification that you meet the necessary criteria and will follow all conditions.

While the Emergency Program is in Effect, Will the CDFW do a Site Visit to See if a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ("1600 Agreement") is Required?

No. CDFW is currently only responding to emergencies and complaints while the Drought Declaration is in effect. If you submit your registration under the emergency conditions, CDFW may not conduct a site visit until the permit is renewed in five years.

What is the Step-By-Step Process if I Want to Install Water Tanks on My Property and Register them for Small Domestic Use?

1. Go to the State Water Resources Control Board website and locate the Small Domestic Use Registration Form: (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/publications_forms/forms/docs/sdu_registration.pdf).
2. Fill out the form.
3. Self-certify that you're in Region 1 or Region 3 (a map is included in the form). (Yes, our area is all considered "coastal streams.")