



DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS



Starting summer 2023 Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD) has **reimbursement funding available for agricultural and working lands impacted by drought since 2021** in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

VCRCD will distribute reimbursement for **approved droughtrelated practices or verified expenses**. See sheet for currently approved list.







if interested in more information on your eligibility for drought relief funds.



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Current Approved Practices/ Expenses Eligible under the CUSP Drought Relief Direct Producer Grant Program

- 1. Drilling of new wells or repairs on existing wells if sole source of water for operation. To be eligible, an applicant must provide written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is located or proposed to be located approving the action, per Executive Order N-7-22.
- 2. Increased electric utility bills of 30% or more due to increased electricity rates.
- 3. Surface water costs if increase from year prior.
- 4. Cost of hauling water for livestock.
- 5. Lowering ag well pumps if a primary source of water is lost.
- 6. Emergency upgrades to irrigation system (paired with conservation) if not covered through CDFA OEFI programs or USDA programs and for other emergency scenarios.
- 7. Decreased crop yields/crop loss due to less water available or having to fallow land.
- 8. Increased feed costs for dairies and livestock operations.