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Senate Bill 552

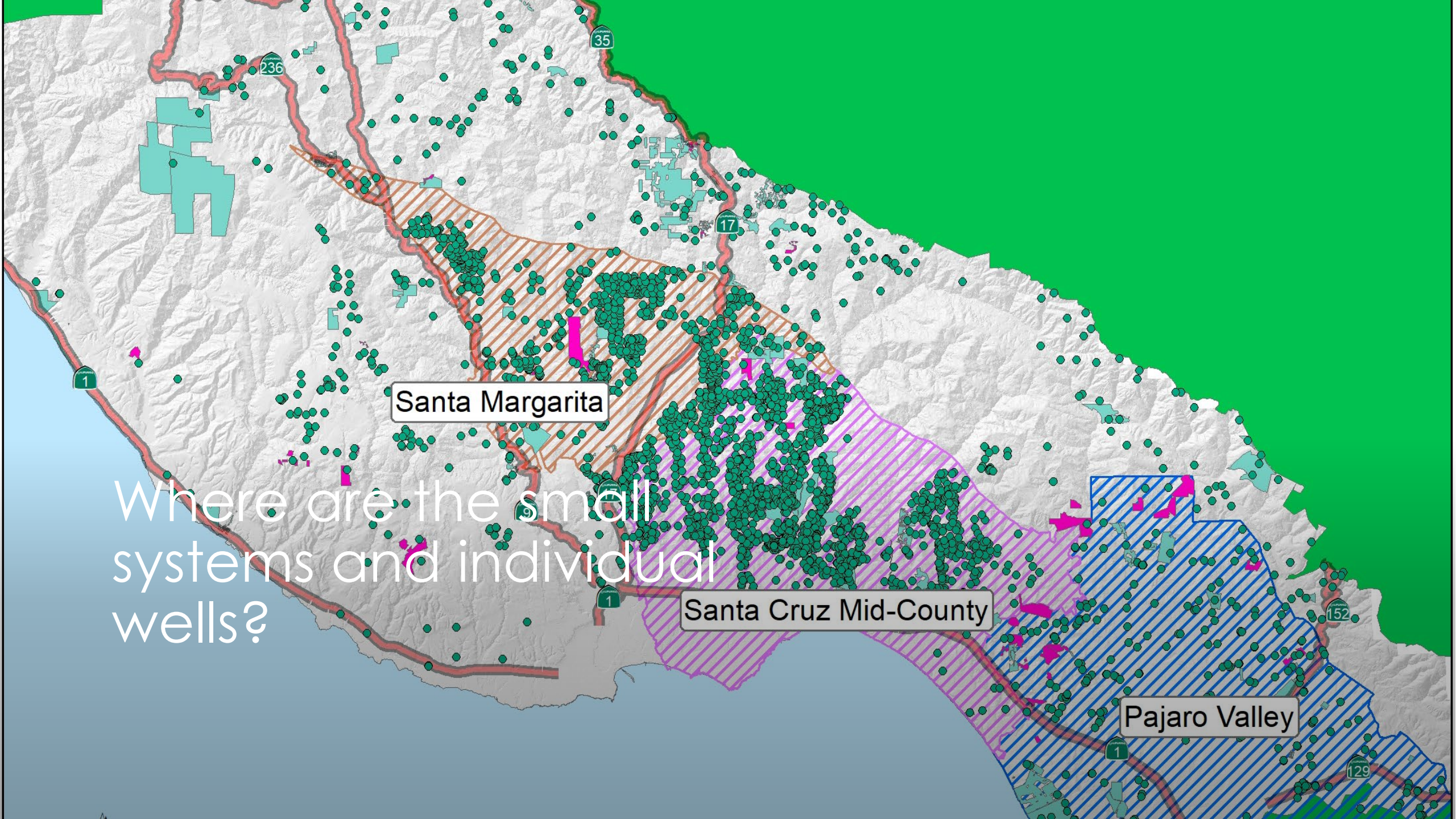
What it is and plans for
compliance

What is SB 552?

- Drought Planning for Small Water Suppliers, State Small Water Systems, and Domestic Well Communities
- On September 23, 2021, SB 552 was signed into law adding a new section to the Water code.
- Drought considerations and planning for water systems between 1-1000 connections
- Requirements for small water systems
- Requirements for Counties

Responsibilities of Counties

- A county shall establish a standing county drought and water shortage task force to facilitate drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within the county's jurisdiction..."
- The language does allow for an alternative process The task force must be established by January 1, 2022 and should exist in perpetuity.
- The task force or alternative process is required to produce a plan that includes, at minimum, all of the following:
 - (1) Consolidations for existing water systems and domestic wells.
 - (2) Domestic well drinking water mitigation programs.
 - (3) Provision of emergency and interim drinking water solutions.
 - (4) An analysis of the steps necessary to implement the plan.
 - (5) An analysis of local, state, and federal funding sources available to implement the plan.



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Santa Cruz Mid-County

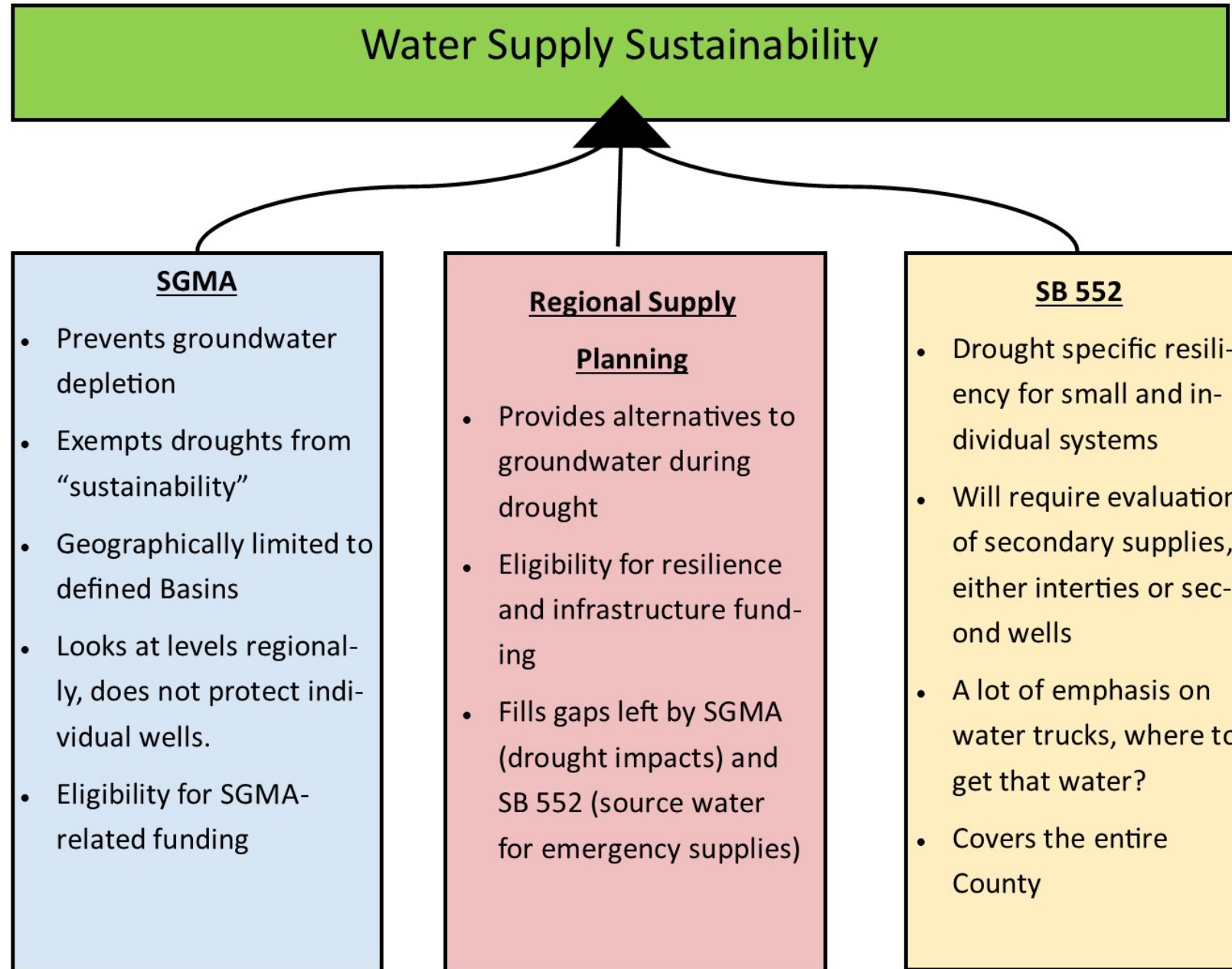
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Where are the small systems and individual wells?

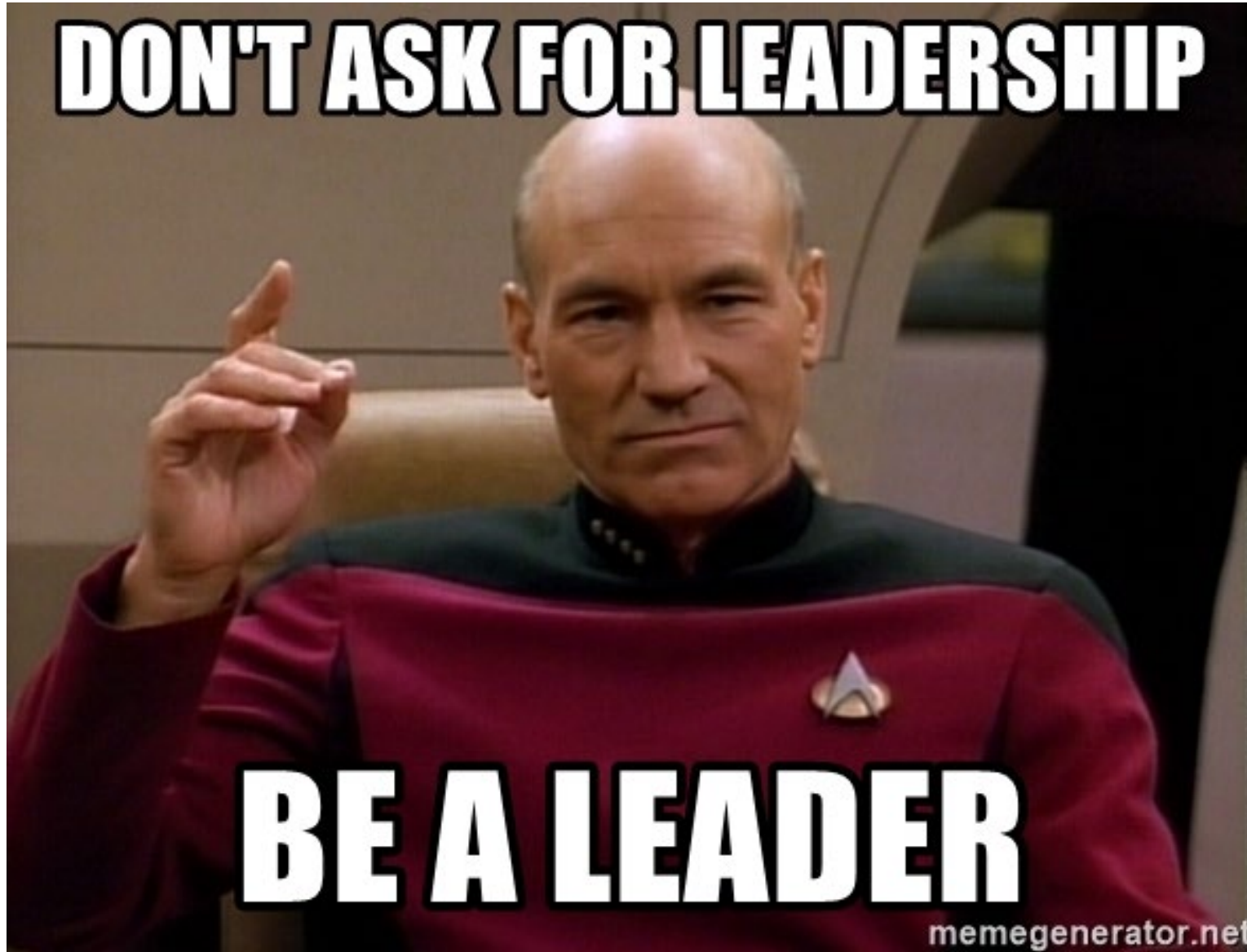
Drought Response Working Group

- The existing County Water Advisory Commission will take on the responsibility of a standing body to implement SB 552
- Through an alternative process, will establish the Drought Response Working Group
 - Six (6) Public Agency Positions:
 - Three (3) Water Advisory Commissioners including the at-large Small Water System representative.
 - A representative each (1) from PV Water, the MGA, and the SMGWA, with preference given to a Private Well Owner Representative
 - One (1) environmental justice/ affordability representative.
 - Two (2) At-Large Representatives.
 - An at-large environmental community representative (1).
 - An at-large public representative, with priority given to a well owner in an area not covered by a groundwater sustainability agency (1).

Relationship to Other Processes



Call with DWR





Next Steps

- Finalize Working Group participants
 - Establish near-term parameters
 - Inclusion in Climate Action and Adaptation Strategy
 - Consider long-term needs
 - Continue to meet with DWR
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