

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Drought Contingency Planning

Vanessa Emerzian
Planning Division PM



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation



Salinas Valley Reclamation Project

Reclamation's Drought Response Program

- **Proactive approach to drought**
- **Provides assistance to water users**
- **Provides funding through competitive process for:**
 - **Drought Contingency Planning**
 - **Drought Resiliency Projects**

Drought Contingency Planning (DCP)

- Defined as actions taken by individuals, industry, government, and others before a drought occurs to mitigate impacts and conflicts.
 - How will we recognize the next drought in its early stages?
 - How will the drought affect us?
 - How can we protect ourselves?

All Drought Contingency Plans must include

- Drought Monitoring
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Mitigation Actions
- Response Actions
- Operational and Administrative Framework
- Plan Update Process

Example Challenges in our DCP

- Groundwater Quality
- Agricultural and Rangeland Water Quality
- Salinas River Watershed
- Water Reliability
- Steelhead Fisheries
- Monterey Bay Water Quality

DCP and Basin Study

Partner Commitments to:

- Schedule
- Resources
- Cooperation
- Final Products

RECLAMATION