

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE RELATED TO DROUGHT DISASTER

This Information Notice informs America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) staff that customers who are unemployed due to California's drought conditions may in the future be eligible for benefits under the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program.

The DUA program provides financial assistance and employment services to individuals who lost their job or cannot work as a direct result of a major natural disaster. If President Obama declares a major disaster in California due to drought conditions, DUA will be made available. Examples of individuals who could be unemployed as a result of California's drought conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Agricultural workers who cannot plant or pick crops due to lack of water.
- Construction workers who are laid off because their companies are unable to obtain water permits to build.

Staff is encouraged to ask customers who visit an AJCC if they are unemployed or cannot work as a result of the drought conditions. If so, staff should advise these individuals to notify the Employment Development Department by [phone](#), [e-mail](#), or by filing an [Unemployment Insurance claim](#) noting that their job loss was due directly to the drought conditions in order to have their claim identified as disaster-related.

For more information on the DUA program, please refer to the Employment Development Department's [DUA Fact Sheet](#) and [DUA FAQs](#) website.

/S/ JOSÉ LUIS MÁRQUEZ, Chief
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