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Dilapidated Septic Tanks in Lanare	Dilapidated septic system in Lanare threaten public health and groundwater quality. Community wants agencies to look at wastewater disposal alternatives.	Leadership Counsel, FCDPH, LAFCO, Self-Help, CCEJN,	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Self-Help (SHE) reported that an assessment of the possibility of connecting Lanare’s waste water system to Riverdale was completed, but it wasn’t an in-depth feasibility study. This study was focused on Waste Water because Lanare do not have a waste water system that could replace the individual septic tanks. -From LAFCO’s perspective, the Lanare Community Service District (LCSD) has a functioning board. A majority of board constitutes a quorum as long as the 3 board members are able to assemble. LAFCo scheduled the LCSD Municipal Service Review update during FY 2015-16, however the initiation was delayed due to limited district information available and logistics. -SHE reported the LCSD decided to place on hold the TMF Training in hopes a fourth board member could be secured. The 6-month Rural Leadership Training Workshops began in June. -Neither the LCSD Board nor the community have recruited a new Board member. Fresno County Supervisor Mendez can now appoint a replacement. <p>May 2018 meeting: Waiting for the audits to be completed by the end of May, until then the application for funding for the feasibility study remains pending.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: The next set of audits should be completed soon and submitted to the State upon completion. After that, we will still need one more year, but hopefully they’ll move the application along with the two years that Self Help submitted while the last year is being completed. The application for the feasibility study will not be reviewed until the audits are in.</p>
Water not drinkable in Lanare	Lanare’s public drinking water system is contaminated with arsenic. Years ago the county established an arsenic treatment plant but failed to do an adequate feasibility study beforehand. The	SWRCB, Self-Help, Leadership Counsel, CCEJN	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lanare’s water system is under “receivership” due to the Lanare CSD’s inability to manage the water system. Lanare Community Service District (LCSD) must demonstrate TMF capacity to the Water Board (WB) before the WB can authorize the LCSD take back management of the water system. The current receiver is a private water company who has agreed to continue managing the

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	<p>community can no longer use the plant and has been left with approximately \$90k of debt that the community pays back via their water bills (\$130/month).</p>		<p>water system through construction of the new wells and distribution system replacement.</p> <p>-The bid for the 2 new wells was approved in January 2016. On March 2016, Betsy Lichti (State Water Resources Control Board) updated that a funding agreement for 2 new wells was reviewed and approved. At the May 2016 meeting, Betsy stated that construction of the new wells is estimated to be completed by May 2017 and the district is also working on a funding agreement to replace the water distribution system.</p> <p>-Leadership Counsel confirmed that the bottle water program will be in place until the water of the new wells is connected.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: The equipping of the new wells should be starting soon, but Self Help doesn't know when this will be completed, it may take until the end of the year because the community needs more electric infrastructure that PG&E must develop but there is a waiting list for this. There is no update on the status of Riverdale becoming the interim receiver; a meeting between Riverdale, LCSD and the SWCB is pending.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: The latest update on construction is that the wells should be finishing up in the fall/winter of this year; there's an expected completion date of October, which could be affected by various factors.</p>
<p>Running out of water on Tombstone territory</p>	<p>A resident in this area, which is outside the City of Sanger, reported that she ran out of water from her well. This community has about 30 homes and apparently, they are all on private wells.</p>	<p>Leadership Counsel, LAFCO, CRLA</p>	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <p>-The resident who owns the property and who's well dried out was approved on Feb. 2016 to receive a loan through the funds for home-well replacements. The other resident who rented a property in Tombstone was assisted by CRLA to enroll in CalWorks and in the Subsidized Housing Program, which gives her a voucher in the amount of her monthly rent and allows her to select low-income housing of her choice.</p> <p>-LAFCO originally reported that this community didn't seem to be meet the criteria to be considered a rural disadvantage community but that more information on the median household income was needed to verify this.</p>

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			<p>-Leadership Counsel and CCEJN were exploring the possibility of canvassing this community to find out the community’s average income and their opinion of connecting to Sanger’s water system.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: Since the beginning of April, 36 families have signed up for the bottle water program; there is funding to enroll 40 families. The estimate to connect Tombstone to the City of Sanger is \$5.5 million; this amount includes full extension of the system, connections to all homes (meters, connection fees, etc.) and a new well for Sanger since the city would need a new well because they are at capacity. This estimate was proved to the DWR to see what part of this project they can fund; they are waiting to know what funding they will have available in the next fiscal year. This project would require more than one funding source. Self Help is willing to work with the City of Sanger in a construction application to be submitted to the State Water Board in case DWR cannot fully fund the whole project.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: DWR has said that they have discussed co-funding the project with the Water Board but have not decided what amount they can commit to. They will not likely fund the project in this fiscal year, but there seems to be hope for next. No exact determination has been made. The bottled water project is continuing. SHE still has enough funds for about 2-3 homes.</p>
World Oil San Joaquin	-On the December 2015 meeting Cesar Campos (CCEJN) mentioned that a group of residents in Parlier reported the proposed expansion of a facility that handles hazardous waste (anti-freeze, waste oil, oily water) in their community.	DTSC, CCEJN	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <p>-This facility is in Parlier and operates three above ground tanks and has a current capacity of storing 47,000 gallons of hazardous waste (anti-freeze, waste oil, oily water). A group of residents in Parlier, Parlier Fact Finding Committee, is opposing the proposed expansion of this facility.</p> <p>-Cesar Campos suggested getting more information from DTSC.</p> <p>-On Feb.,2016 the Parlier Fact Finding Committee and CCEJN sent a letter of opposition to DTSC.</p>

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			<p>May 2018 meeting: Due to grammatically errors, DTSC missed the May 1st deadline to begin the public comment period; they expect to complete their review process soon.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: The project went out for public comment on June 7. The public comment period will run until July 27.</p>
Five Points Pesticide Drift	Solar farm workers were drifted on a pistachio orchard near Five Points.	Fresno Ag Commissioner	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <p>-At the June meeting Fresno Ag Commissioner reported that workers at a solar farm were decontaminated at the site and all of them recovered; he wasn't sure of the number of affected workers but apparently 8-12. This is still an open investigation that is being handled by the Ag Commissioner's office at Huron, they know who the grower is and the company responsible for the application. More information will be provided as the investigation continues.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: Prosecution ongoing. Adam Cook explained that the statute of limitation for civil cases is 4 years and 1 year for criminal cases.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: Prosecution ongoing</p>
Illegal Dumping & Community Clean-Ups	CCEJN and other partners have received numerous complaints about illegal dumping in private alleys. City used to clean the alleys but the city no longer has funding to do this. Trash around Recycling Centers (i.e. a4638 East Thomas Ave., Fresno) is another common problem.	Leadership Counsel, CCEJN, Environmental Health, CalRecycle	<p>Summary of previous updates:</p> <p>-In 2015, CCEN and Leadership Counsel began engaging residents and other local organizations (PIQE, Centro la Familia) in discussion about the problem of illegal dumping. The groups agreed to draft a city-wide illegal dumping ordinance that will serve to strategically enhance the current processes for preventing and mitigating illegal dumping across the City of Fresno.</p> <p>-US-EPA provided funding to investigate and produce some educational materials regarding how to report trash and abandoned structure in Fresno County.</p> <p>-Community members continue to be organized throughout the city and continues to do clean-ups as a way of mobilizing against this problem.</p> <p>-Leadership Counsel and CCEJN reported that while they have been trying to advocate for an ordinance for the whole city, right now it seems that each City Council member is tackling this problem on different ways.</p>

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			<p>May 2018 meeting: The trash piled near the canal in Prospect hasn't been addressed because it is the responsibility of the person who dumped the trash. An additional complaint was made to CRLA by another community member, that there seems to be another resident dumping waste from the septic tank in the canal using a hose. Naymin will visit the site to confirm.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: None of the violations reported in Westpark have been addressed but CRLA is requesting support to organize a community clean-up. The group discussed the options that Westpark residents and other residents of unincorporated communities have to address illegal dumping. Sabrina is working with other counties to determine best practices that could inform the development of a program that would educate residents caught dumping.</p>
Flies and trash burning in Lanare	Two properties are burning trash and have livestock that has increased significantly the number of flies in the community.	CCEJN	<p>-Nayamin (CCEJN) called Fresno County Code Enforcement who responded that the two properties mentioned in the report are located in an agricultural district that allows owners to maintain, breed and raise all kinds of livestock. They sent CCEJN staff the section of the code (816) that regulates these locations so we can assess if there are any potential violations. While trying to submit this report, Nayamin noticed that Fresno County doesn't have the Building Codes/Zoning Ordinance Violation Complaint form in Spanish.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: No updates.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: No updates</p>
Neighbor with multiple code violations in Biola	Neighbor at 12677 C Street in Biola has cars and a boat parked on lawn, in-op cars in the drive-way and along the streets	Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning	<p>-CCEN submitted a written report using the English version of the "Building Codes/Zoning Ordinance Violation Complaint Form" .</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: No updates.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: No updates</p>
Abandoned property in Del Rey	-Abandoned structure that represents a fire hazard (10775 E Estrella Ave., Del Rey CA 93616)	CRLA, CCEJN	<p>-CRLA has conducted extensive investigation to determine who owns this property and also tried working with Code Enforcement. According to property records it was purchased in a tax sale back in 2011 and taxes have not been paid since 2013. The owner is an LLC located in Illinois. Several citations have been sent from code enforcement to the owner, none of which have been resolved or paid. Code enforcement staff informed CRLA that they could send a</p>

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			<p>new citation, but that often due to limited resources they prioritize house that are worse off than this one.</p> <p>Code enforcement suggested approaching the fire district. Task force members engaged in a lengthy discussion of the problems that arise from Code Enforcement having limited staff. Some members recommended approaching CUPA (Env. Health).</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: No updates.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: No updates</p>
Burning & dumping of tires & e-waste near Coalinga	In a vacant lot near S. Lost Hills Rd. & E Laneva Blvd. hundreds of tires were burned and this is also a site for illegal dumping of e-waste	-SJVAPCD -Environmental Health	<p>-Daniel Martinez (SVAPCD) reported that inspectors identified the site where the tires were burned but they couldn't identify the violator(s). Gustavo Gomez (Env. Health) requested a more precise location so their team can investigate more.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: According to the Environmental Health Department, the Coalinga report of burning tires and trash must be addressed by Caltrans. Nayamin will follow up with Caltrans.</p> <p>June 2018 meeting: A representative of Caltrans was on the line at the beginning of the meeting but didn't join back after the call dropped. Nayamin will follow up.</p>
Pesticide being applied at night	Orange grove on Valentine (between North & Muscat) is applying pesticide at night	Fresno Ag Commissioner	<p>-Gilbert Urquizu explained that there are no records of restricted pesticides being applied in that field but fertilizer can be very smelly. He recommends residents calling the Ag Commissioner's office when they are witnessing an application and describe the type of smell, date and time. The Ag Commissioner can also assist facilitating the communication between residents and the grower.</p> <p>May 2018 meeting: This case is closed because there was not restricted pesticide applied. Resident who submitted the report was informed of this and encourage to contact the Ag Commissioner if he perceives any other odor in the future.</p>
Aerial pesticide	A Mendota resident and two staff members of EJ organizations (CRLA, CCEJN)	Fresno Ag Commissioner	-Fresno Ag Commissioner's office interviewed the two staff members from CRLA and CCEJN and Mendota resident. They found out that this was an

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application near Mendota	reported an aerial pesticide application in a field between Kerman and Mendota the morning of January 22, 2018.		authorized application that was completed in two days; apparently nothing wrong happened; airplanes can go over the road as far as no material drifts. May 2018 meeting: Fresno Ag Commissioner had mailed the report to CCEJN but we haven't received it. Gilbert Urquizu will follow up with the person who mailed the report. Once the report is received the case will be closed. June 2018 meeting: Nayamin received a copy of the investigation. There were no violations. This case is closed.
Sale of Marihuana in Calwa	Illegal sales of marihuana at Jensen Ave. near the organization Friends of Calwa	Fresno County DA	Problem: Members of Friends of Calwa reported that a black door next to a Public Notary office is selling marihuana without having a license. The report has been made to the sheriff several times but they said they cannot do anything. The case was sent to Sabarina Ashjian (County DA) June 2018 meeting: Sabrina is working with an Investigative Enforcement Unit. She will keep the task force updated on the progress of the investigation.