

# THE FOOTHILLS SUN GAZETTE

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## Pooling resources during the drought

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Community Services Employment Training (CSET) is holding an open house to introduce its Drought Resource Center to the community. The open house is Thursday, Aug. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the Drought Resource Center, located at 185 S. Leggett St. in Porterville.

The Drought Resource Center provides a wide variety of services and referrals for residents impacted by the drought. On the premises are free public showers, sinks and portable toilets. CSET also operates an office on site, which provides information and referral services to local residents. In addition, the bottled water pick up, household tank installation and bottled water delivery programs are available at the Drought Resource Center.

In addition to operating the Drought Resource Center, CSET has been installing 2,500 to 3,000 gallon tanks and pumps at qualified houses. The tanks and pumps provide residents whose wells have gone dry with water for their household use.

"We are very pleased to be assisting local residents as they navigate this difficult time," stated Mary Alice Escarsega-Fechner, CSET's Executive Director. "Our goal is to provide residents with as much information and access to services as possible."

Numerous community partners will also be participating in the open house. Self Help Enterprises, Family

HealthCare Network, Employment Connection and more will be on hand to provide resources and information to residents.

The open house is Thursday, Aug. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the Drought Resource Center, located at 185 S. Leggett St., Porterville, CA. Regularly scheduled services, including showers and water pick up, will be available during the open house.

For questions or more information, contact the Drought Resource Center (559) 667-9309