

Program offers free water assistance for qualifying Kern County families

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Kern County families whose wells have run dry may be able to get some help and this is all thanks to a temporary assistance program.

It is a collaboration among Community Action Partnership of Kern; Self-Help Enterprises; Kern County Public Health Services, Environmental Health Division; and local water companies.

CAPK is a new program which offers free water tank installation and water deliveries for those who qualify.

The 26-hundred gallon water storage tank and pump allows water to flow through taps in the home for washing and bathing.

The tanks are refilled every few weeks.

For drinking, Sparkletts bottled water is also provided and can be delivered to homes in Sparkletts service areas, or, for homes not in Sparkletts service areas, picked up at the closest Sparkletts location.

Families who believe they may qualify for the Temporary Water Assistance Program can obtain more information by calling the Environmental Health Division of Kern County Public Health Services at (661) 862-8776. Or visit their website at www.capk.org