RCAC Specialists Offer Drought Preparedness Assistance for Tribal Water Systems

From the *Business Insider*:
“(The) Drought Is ‘The Greatest Water Loss Ever Seen,’ And The Effects Will Be Severe”

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RCAC is a nonprofit organization that provides training, technical and financial resources and advocacy so rural communities can achieve their goals and visions.

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RCAC technicians have decades of Tribal water system experience and are ready to assist Native American communities meet the challenges of very low or limited water supply. We develop plans that include field training and procuring state-of-the-art water well monitoring equipment that are specific to each community. Select all or some of the services from the items listed and RCAC will provide an affordable custom package to meet your community's long- and short-term drought mitigation goals.

**RCAC Field Training**

- **Water System Operators**: RCAC specialists will provide hands-on training to demonstrate how best to monitor, record, track and trend water demand vs. water supply. You will receive training on state-of-the-art well depth measuring equipment that captures data automatically and can be downloaded to a custom well monitoring log for your Tribe.

- **Water Operators & Managers**: Learn to interpret and apply the drought data in a manner that best prepares your Tribe for potential water shortages or outages.

- **Water Operators, Managers & Tribal Decision Makers**: Learn where to find drought-related funding sources and other drought-related resources. Know how to form effective and engaged stakeholder committees, and how best to educate Tribal members on drought impacts and on actions that Tribal members may have to implement. Get assistance with policy or new ordinance developments necessary to sustain your water supplies. Be able to analyze and apply appropriate and effective enforcement methods to support and protect the Tribe’s water supply.

**RCAC Document Preparation**

- **Water Conservation Plans**: How to protect the water supply

- **Drought Contingency Plans**: What, when and how to mitigate the worst case scenarios

- **Well Monitoring Logs**: Effective record keeping is an absolute must

- **Public Education Documents**: Materials used for educating and gaining support to implement water conservation and drought contingency plans

**Why RCAC**

RCAC has provided technical, managerial and financial assistance to Native American communities for more than 30 years. Our extensive history and long-term relationships with Native American groups is confirmation of RCAC’s commitment to respect Tribal sovereignty and work successfully with Tribal leaders and Tribal stakeholders.

RCAC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and our fees are typically much less than for-profit firms. We can assemble the right team and talents to address your specific needs. RCAC has numerous Native American programs that allow us to take a comprehensive approach to environmental projects, which ensures that follow-up support is always available for your community.

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