

Dates of Activity: July 2008 through September 2008  
**Seed Grant: Sowing Seeds for Community Health**  
**Grantee Organization: Self-Help Enterprises**  
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**Description of Quarter’s Activity/Impact on Partnership**

This past quarter, Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) contacted staff and/or board members in the following communities regarding water system issues including project financing and revenue needed:

Arvin	Fairways Tract	Lanare	North Edwards	Rancho Seco
Aerial Acres	Frazier Park	Lemon Cove	Pixley	Redhill
Buttonwillow	Fuller Acres	Long Canyon	Plainview	Richgrove
Desert Lake	Hardwick	Matheny Tract	Planada	Seville
Ducor	Krista Mutual	Mettler	Pond	West Goshen
Edmundson Acres	Lamont	Monson	Ponderosa	
Fairmead	Lands of Promise	Monterey Park Tract	Tooleville	

- CDPH approved the preliminary design of the Fairways Tract water project. A committed seed money loan from SHE along with available water company resources will keep the engineering cost cash flow sufficient to complete design hopefully this next quarter.
- Design of the Tooleville water project was essentially completed. Staff assisted in negotiations with the Friant Water Authority to allow permission of a pipeline easement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that allows looping of the system. This should allow advertisement for bids of the replacement of the Tooleville water distribution system this next quarter.
- Construction is under way in the Tulare County community of Plainview on two contracts – one for well site improvements and the other on the replacement distribution system. Staff conducted a bid tour with contractors for water connections on private property which will allow connections to the new main lines.
- Since the inception of the Partnership Seed Grant contract, SHE has committed \$108,353 and expended \$82,103 in seed money funds directly to benefit disadvantaged communities with water quality issues.
- During this quarter, a seed money outlay of \$15,000 was approved and expended for emergency pump repairs for the Red Hill Water Company in Kern County.
- Again, as can be seen, the \$25,000 in seed money funding from the Partnership has been more than matched by SHE’s Community Development Fund to provide the balance of funding for these loans and grants.
- SHE staff also helped the Rainbird Valley Mutual Water Company obtain a \$28,181 Emergency Clean Water Grant from the California Department of Public Health for emergency water pump repairs.
- Staff assisted in engineering procurement for the Alpaugh Arsenic Treatment Project by drafting a request for proposals.
- SHE staff and community members continued to participate in several San Joaquin Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) to ensure that small disadvantaged community clean water supply and funding opportunities are covered in each of these plans.
  - These included the Upper Kings, Kaweah, Poso and Kern IRWMPs. All of these activities supported progress in meeting the Partnership’s objective of assisting communities in securing funds to provide water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.

**Planned Activities for next 3-6 months**

Assist communities in expediting work that seed money loans/grants will fund.  
 Staff will wrap up seed money program work.

**Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback**

Issue with Tooleville pipeline easement was resolved.