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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2016 6:43 PM  
**To:** Schnall, Amy (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH); Wolkin, Amy Funk (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH)  
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**Subject:** RE: Request for State Support for CDC CASPER in Mariposa County

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Dear Drs. Wolkin and Schnall:

I am writing to request epidemiologic assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) to assist with conducting a Community Assessment of Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) in Mariposa County, California in response to the ongoing drought emergency. A CASPER was performed last year in October and this will allow us and the county a unique opportunity to examine changes in the community and redirect public health efforts.

We would request technical assistance in performing a CASPER investigation among populations in Mariposa County affected by the ongoing drought; conduct a descriptive analysis of health effects associated with the drought; and develop recommendations for improving the response. California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Mariposa County Health Department (MCHD) staff will work with the CDC/NCEH staff on designing a CASPER survey instrument, defining the sampling methodology, collecting responses, analyzing data, and disseminating study results.

Dr. Rebecca Laws, our Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, will serve as the CDPH point of contact and will be working with her mentor Dr. Jason Wilken and with Dr. Eric Sergienko, the Mariposa County Health Officer and Dana Tafoya at MCHD. Dr. Laws can be reached at [Rebecca.Laws@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Laws@cdph.ca.gov) or at (510) 620-3711.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

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