



Drought Relief Emergency Food Distributions Volunteer Information and Checklist

In light of Governor Schwarzenegger's statewide declaration of Fresno County as a disaster area due to drought, we will be distributing 3 million pounds of food a month in emergency aid to hunger-stricken rural communities in west Fresno County.

We are looking for volunteers who are interesting in helping distribute food for this Disaster Response in the following communities:

- Huron — 53 miles from Fresno
- San Joaquin — 33 miles
- Firebaugh — 42 miles
- Mendota — 35 miles
- Selma — 17 miles

These distributions will generally be scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Volunteers can choose between serving in the **Morning Shift 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, or the **Afternoon Shift 12 to 4 p.m.** **Volunteers may serve over 4 hours at their own discretion.**

We need volunteers to assist with the following jobs:

- Distributing food to clients: restocking and food handling on an assembly line
- Ongoing cleanup: moving boxes, plastic, and trash as needed
- Hand out water to volunteers, clients, and staff
- Client Registration: (TBD) Bilingual volunteers needed
- Crowd Control
- Helping clients transport food to their cars

*Training for these positions will be provided on-site. **Volunteers need to wear close-toed shoes.**

Important Volunteer Information:

Due to the high heat we highly encourage all volunteers to bring their own snacks, lunches, water and/or electrolyte drinks, and take breaks at least once every two hours. We will provide a break area with shade, water (as available), and snacks (as available).

Please review the following checklist for important information to keep in mind as you prepare to come out and volunteer at these off-site locations:



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Contact us regarding which shift you would like to work: Morning or Afternoon Shift You can call us at: (559) 237-3101 OR Email us at: vols4disaster@handsoncentralcal.org

Arrange carpooling, if possible, if you are volunteering with a group

Due to the high heat we encourage you to wear breathable/loose pants, a light-colored T-shirt, and a visor/hat; we also **require** that you wear closed- toe shoes

Bringing your own water, electrolyte drinks, and snacks will be highly encouraged; If possible, bring all your food and drinks in a cooler

If you live in the community where the distribution takes place and need food, we recommend that you arrive early and get your food first; then come back to volunteer

We recommend that you bring your own sun block

If you would like to help families transport food to their cars and have your own wagon or cart, please bring it with you when you come out to volunteer

If you have not volunteered with Community Food Bank before, we require all new volunteers to fill out a Volunteer Information Form. You can request a form to be sent to your email by sending a message to vols4disaster@handsoncentralcal.org

Feel free to bring out family and friends! We welcome all volunteers who want to help.