Apply for this free online training that starts on April 21, 2021, to learn about your local water resources and develop leadership skills.

Water is essential to the well-being of people, communities, agriculture and our environment. Across California, regions like yours that depend on groundwater supplies are developing plans to manage groundwater more sustainably. It's important that communities work together and are engaged in these efforts to manage both water quality and water quantity.

The Institute aims to develop the capacity of local leaders to take an active, cooperative approach to decision-making on water issues.

Who should apply?

Residents of rural and/or small communities in Stanislaus and Merced counties, domestic well owners, current or prospective water board members from small community water systems who depend on groundwater, YOU!

Participants will meet virtually for one weekly 90-minute session for 15 weeks beginning April 21. Gift certificates for meals and a small stipend will be provided for each session.

Topics covered include:
- Community history and vision
- Local water management
- Water laws and water board management
- Leadership styles
- Strategic planning
- Communications and storytelling

How to apply:

Please fill out an application at [https://bit.ly/3rx5dkq](https://bit.ly/3rx5dkq) or scan the code with your phone.

Questions?

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Biola Community Services

“I learned something unexpected from the Leadership Institute. I learned about myself. I learned about the water. I learned about my other board members. I learned that there is help out there. It made me aware of where I want my community to go.”