Utilities Helping Utilities: Benefits of Mutual Aid

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Quick Pre-Quiz



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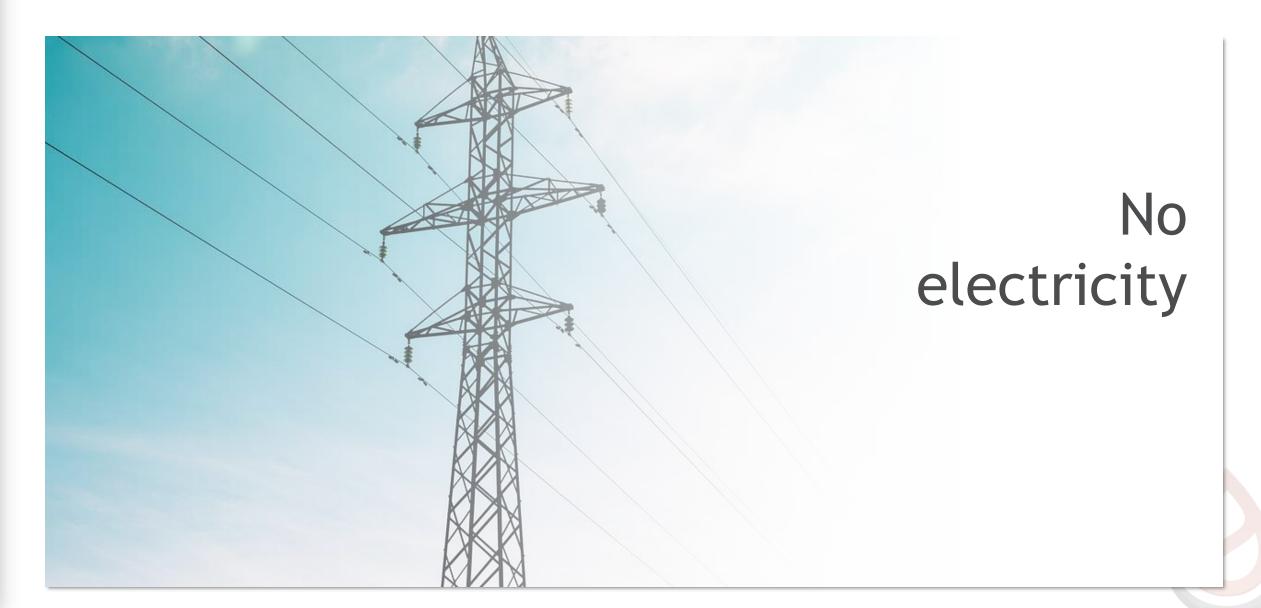
Utilities can help each other in times of emergencies



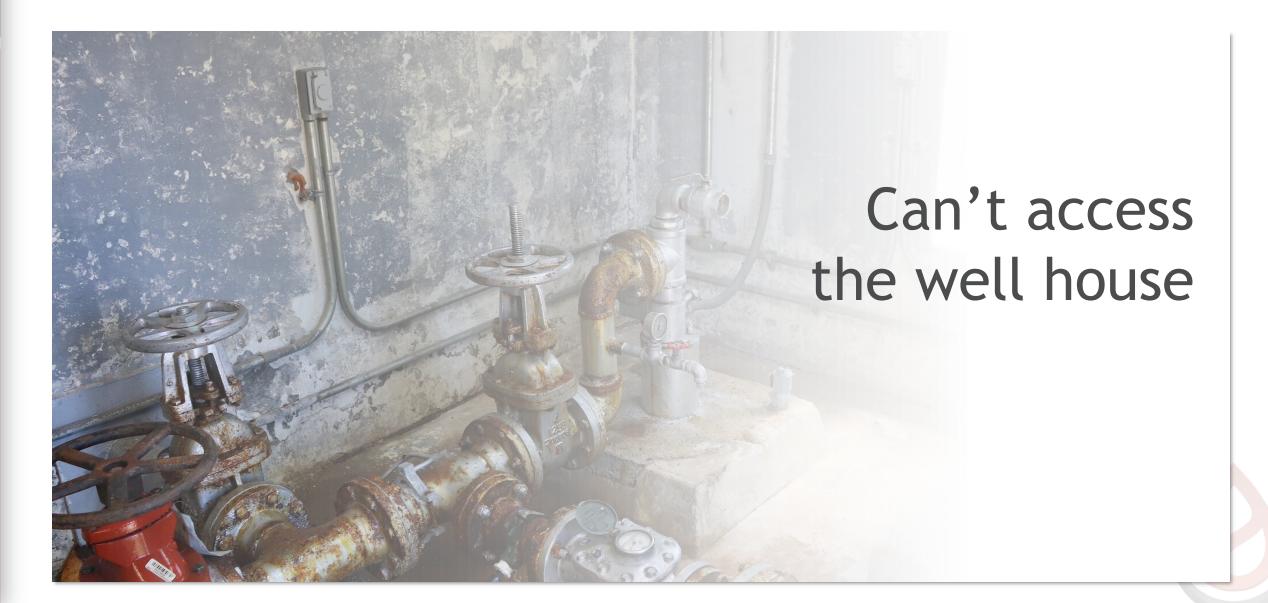
Wildfire



Storage tanks damaged



No backhoe ------









What does the utility need to recover, short-term & long-term?

Talk with your neighbors & then we'll make a list



Mutual Aid and Assistance Networks

• Groups of utilities that agree to consider offering help to each other during times of emergencies

 The most popular networks in the country like this are called Water and Wastewater Agency Response Networks, or WARN



WARN

- You are welcome to join the WARN in the state where your sovereign lands are located
- Tribal utilities could also form their own WARN-type organization
- Tribal utilities are currently members of the WARNs in Oregon, California, New Mexico, South Dakota, Connecticut, Florida, and other states

Benefits of a WARN

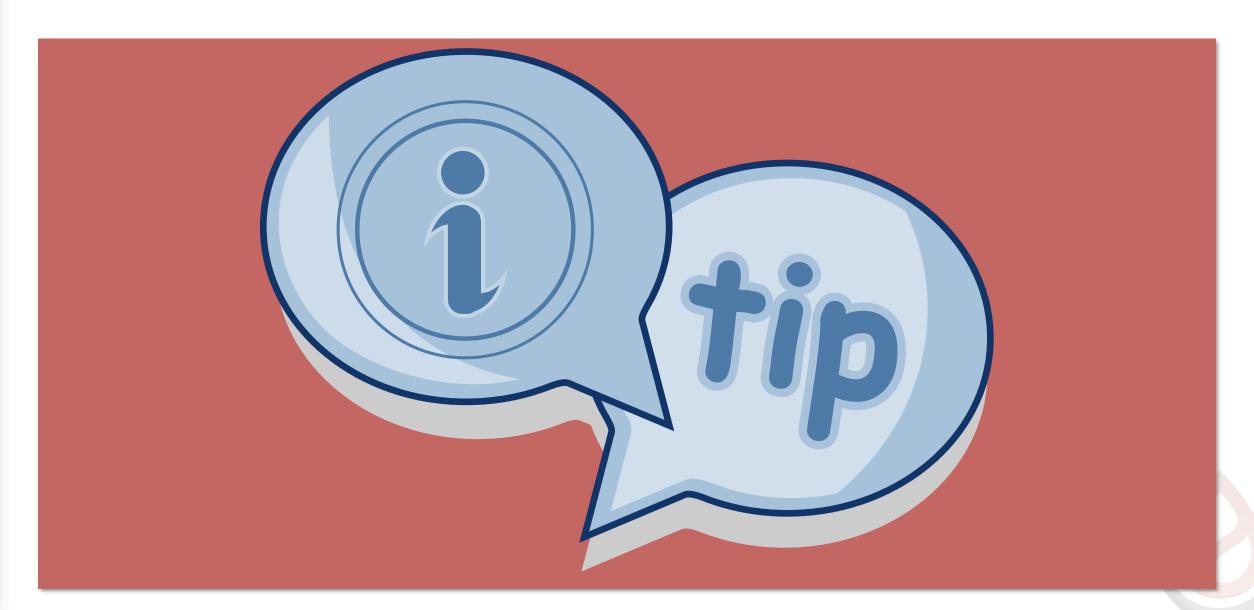
- Large number of utilities spread over a bigger geographic area
- No need for a disaster to be declared to receive assistance
- Details about compensation and liability are worked out ahead of time



Utilities can also help each other improve their day-to-day operations



Sharing Information & Expertise



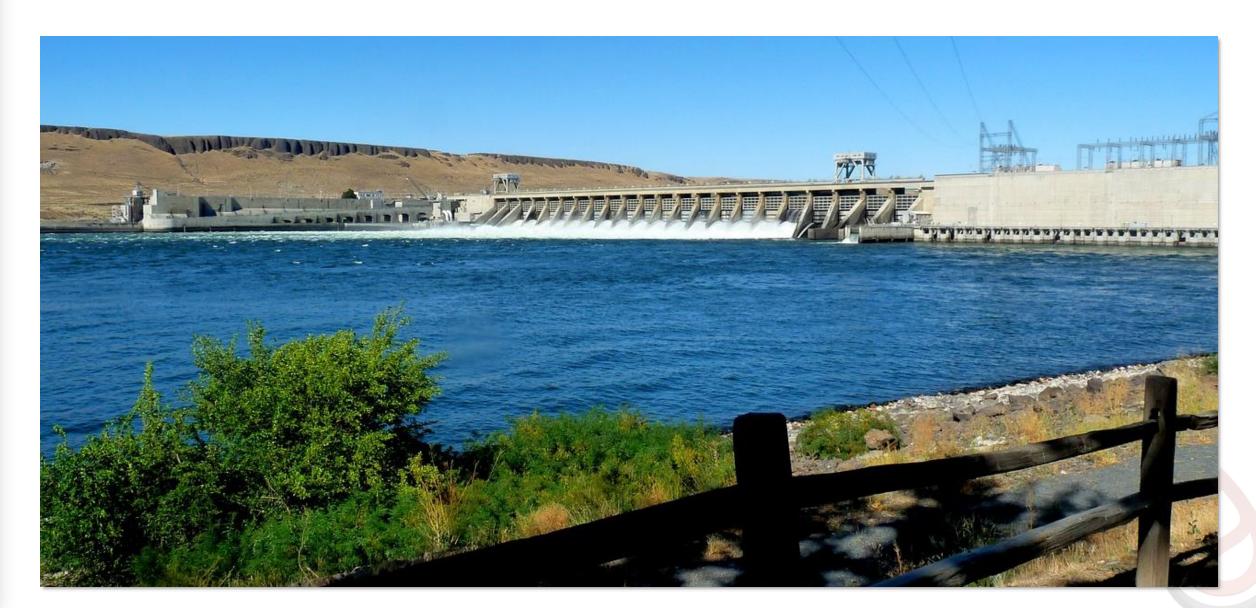
Joint Purchasing Agreements



Shared Equipment



Shared Water Supply/Wastewater Treatment



Thank You!



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