

**Community Focus Statement D:** Improve Lucerne Valley's water and sewer infrastructure with a focus on the community's sustainability.

**Action Statement D.1:** Encourage community members to lobby the California State Legislature to change state law to allow hauled water for certain types and locations of homes.

ATTEMPTED

**Benchmark:** Meeting held with San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services to present documentation on why they should support hauled water in the areas of the region where other water sources are inadequate.

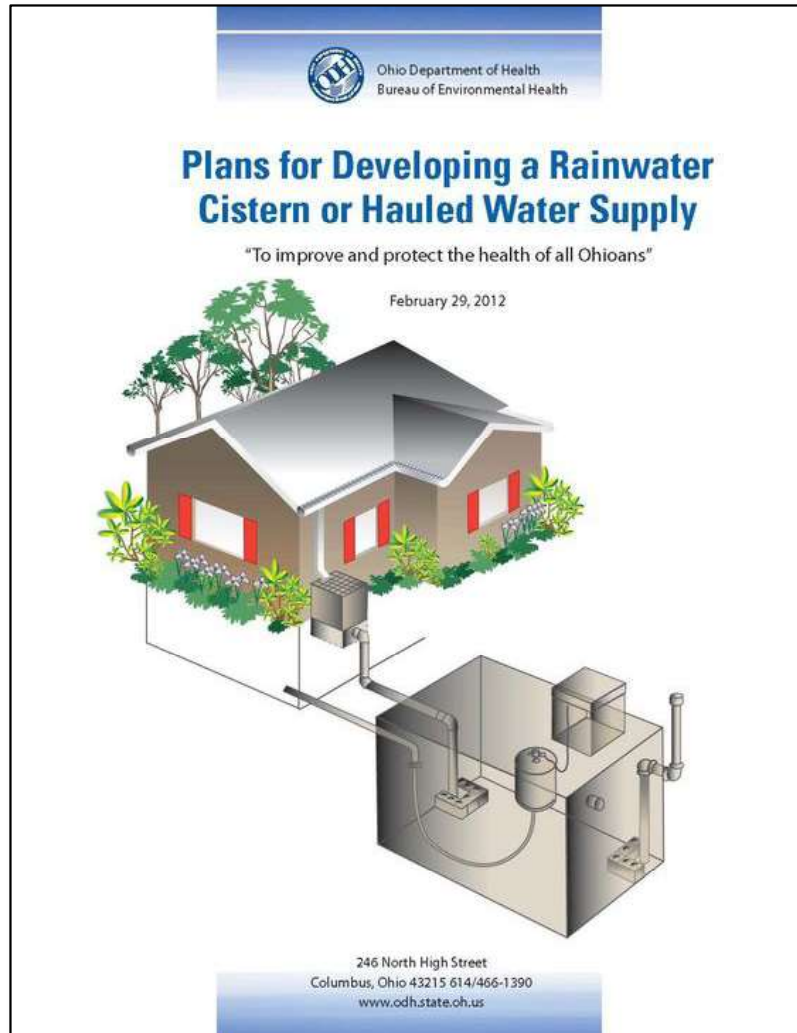
**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Volunteer time.

LVEDA has been working on the hauled water issue for over 10 years without success. The state passed legislation prohibiting hauled water for new development. This legislation could be changed in the future.

Hauled water is a restricted method of providing water to residential areas and is currently not an allowed water source for areas without a centralized water system. The prohibition is to prevent contamination and health issues because hauled water can be of lower quality than other sources. In many areas, however, the available sources are of dubious quality and can have their own contamination issues. An ongoing effort has been under way in the region to have the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health recognize hauled water as an acceptable water source in areas with low groundwater quality. The community of Lucerne Valley should continue to advocate for policies at both the County and state levels that allow the safe use of hauled water from certified sources, increasing the availability of developable land and ensuring the use of hauled water is safe.

An organized effort by residents to meet with and provide information to policymakers on the benefits of allowing hauled water for residential areas would improve the position of locals with land or houses in areas where the use of hauled water is needed. A concerted effort by the community, with support from health and water advocates and key community groups that is backed by data and consistently engaged can make a dramatic impact on local policy.



*Example of a hauled water storage best-practices in Ohio.*

## ATTEMPTED, NOT SUCCESSFUL

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Form a local coalition of stakeholders including local residents affected, health and water advocates, the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association, and any other related groups.	Champion	Months 1–3	Community Toolbox, Lobbying Decision makers <a href="http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-decisionmakers/main">http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-</a>
2. Coordinate with other desert communities who also support hauled water	Local Coalition		<a href="http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-decisionmakers/main">contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-</a>
3. Identify the key individuals who influence water decisions in the county, such as the County Board of Supervisors and the County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Services.	Local Coalition	Months 3–4	<a href="http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-decisionmakers/main">decisionmakers/main</a>  Ohio Environmental Council, Tips for Effective Lobbying
4. Identify the opportunities and avenues to discuss hauled water options such as local and County meetings, local media, and letters or calls to the County officials responsible for decision-making.	Local Coalition	Months 3–4	<a href="http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/HowTo_Checklist_09.pdf">http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/H</a>
5. Conduct an outreach campaign to gather information, support, and backing in the community and surrounding area, and encourage individuals and local groups to reach out to officials and decision-makers through all avenues. This effort can include holding community meetings, publishing articles in local media, and any other method of reaching out to people to join the effort.	Local Coalition	Months 4–10	<a href="http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/HowTo_Checklist_09.pdf">owTo_Checklist_09.p</a>
6. Organize a meeting with the local decision-makers and discuss the benefits of allowing hauled water in specified areas, including data on groundwater water quality, hauled water quality, associated water costs for groundwater versus hauled water, California state policies, and example policies from other locations.	Local Coalition	Month 10	<a href="http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/HowTo_Checklist_09.pdf">df</a>
7. Stay informed on state-level policy and actions on hauled water by the California Department of Public Health and provide input as opportunities occur.	Local Coalition	Ongoing	
8. Continue to take advantage of avenues of communication with the Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health regarding hauled water usage.	Local Coalition	Ongoing	