

Drought

This water year is tracking to be the third driest on record. It follows two previous years of below-normal and dry conditions. As the state's rainy season nears its end, much of California has received only about half of normal precipitation for the season.

The drought could result in impacts to the municipal water supplies, wells, agriculture (plants and livestock) and firefighting capabilities for several months.*

DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are working in close coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to capture and store storm runoff to the extent possible within regulations designed to protect water quality and protected species of fish and Wildlife.

*DWR and other State agencies are currently assessing drought impacts as we manage drought operations in real-time, for 2014 and planning for 2015 - the degree of impacts has yet to be determined - and will be done so through reporting and data collection, among other methods.



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General Drought Information

Governor Brown's Drought Page: <http://ca.gov/drought/>

Save Our Water (information on water conservation): <http://www.saveourh2o.org/>

DWR's drought website (latest DWR news, DWR drought publications, hydroclimate information):
<http://www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/index.cfm>

State Water Quality Control Board's drought website (water transfer, water right and curtailment information):
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) - What you need to know about 2014 Drought
<http://www.calema.ca.gov/NewsandMedia/Pages/Current%20News%20and%20Events/Drought.aspx>

California Department of Food and Agriculture - Drought Resources for Farmers, Ranchers and Farmworkers:
<http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/drought/>

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Special Drought Closure on Fishing) <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>

California Department of Public Health's Drought Preparedness, Water Conservation and Water Supply Emergency Response - <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/DroughtPreparedness.aspx>

Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region Drought in the West <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/drought/>

National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) U.S. Drought Portal: <http://www.drought.gov/drought/>

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Local Agency Drought Response:
<http://www.acwa.com/content/2014-drought-watch>

Information relating to private water well systems and groundwater: <http://wellowner.org/>

University of California (UC) : California Drought Resources - http://ciwr.ucanr.edu/california_drought_expertise/

UC Davis California Drought Watch: <http://drought.ucdavis.edu/>

NOAA California Drought Information Resources - <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/droughtca.php?wfo=eka>

Data and Maps

DWR's California Data Exchange Center (CDEC)'s Drought Information Summary (daily update on reservoir storage, snow pack, precipitation data):
<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/reports/DROUGHTSUM>

DWR's Groundwater Information Center - <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/index.cfm>

NOAA Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service Precipitation Analysis - <http://water.weather.gov/precip/>

ACWA Water Use Restrictions Map - <http://www.acwa.com/content/drought-map>

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