



California's Drought

Planning for Dry 2010

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DROUGHT ACTIONS

DROUGHT PREPARATION

- Drought preparedness workshops
- 5 year Drought Contingency Plan
- Coordination with world-wide drought efforts

WATER CONSERVATION

- Statewide Save Our Water Program
- 20% reduction in water use by 2020
- Increased use of recycled water
- Water savings at state facilities

WATER SUPPLY

- 2010 Drought Water Bank
- Long-term Water Transfers Program

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- CA Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)
- Groundwater and well monitoring
- Financial assistance

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Federal, State and County coordination
- Clarification of emergency response procedures
- Regional impact reporting and assistance
- Response to developing emergency conditions

www.water.ca.gov/drought

<http://www.saveourh2o.org/>

PREPARING NOW FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING DROUGHT

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has taken immediate action to prepare for the possibility California's drought continuing into 2010 and beyond.

Drought Preparation - DWR is conducting workshops to prepare for potential water shortages and to help urban water suppliers address continuing dry conditions. The preparation of a 5-year drought contingency plan is underway. The final drought contingency plan will be incorporated into the California Water Plan update and finalized by February 2010. DWR is also coordinating with other countries and regions that are undergoing severe drought such as Australia and China.

Water Conservation - In April 2009, DWR and the Association of California Water Agencies, launched statewide the "Save Our Water" program, calling for all Californians to immediately increase water conservation. The development of a comprehensive plan to permanently reduce per-capita water use 20% by 2020 is also underway. The plan will be finalized fall 2009. Additionally, water conservation best management practices are now mandated for all state facilities, and standards are being finalized to safely plumb residences and businesses with potable and recycled water systems (dual plumbing).

Water Supply - Building on the 2009 Drought Water Bank, DWR is currently planning for a 2010 drought water bank and a long-term water transfer program. Preparation of environmental compliance documents has begun and coordination with regulatory agencies is underway.

Technical Assistance - DWR is finalizing upgrades to the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) including an increased number of weather stations and improved system maintenance that will provide important water saving irrigation information. DWR has expanded its groundwater data collection. This information, along with other drought impact data, is incorporated into drought impact reports and bulletins to provide current information on water supply conditions.

Emergency Response - DWR continues to meet regularly with California Emergency Management Agency and other state and local agencies to coordinate emergency response activities. DWR regional offices work with local water agencies to provide real time information on local water supply conditions and provide assistance in responding to drought impacts.