

State Drought Response Update

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State Water Board Emergency Regulations

- April 1, 2015 -- Governor Brown issued the fourth in a series of executive orders on actions necessary to address California's severe drought conditions.
- On May 5, 2015 -- The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted an Emergency Regulation, including the mandatory 25 percent statewide reduction in potable urban water use between June 2015 and February 2016.
- On November 13, 2015 -- Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-36-15, which directed the State Water Board to extend the May 2015 Emergency Regulation through October 31, 2016, if drought conditions continued through January 2016.
- Executive Order B-36-15 also directed the State Water Board to consider modifications to the May 2015 Emergency Regulation as appropriate.

State Water Board Emergency Regulations

- February 2, 2016 -- the State Water Board adopted an extended and revised Emergency Regulation to ensure that urban potable water conservation continues in 2016.
 - They are poised to extend the Emergency Regulation through January 2017
- As of April 19, 2016, the U.S. Drought Monitor classifies 75 percent the state of California as experiencing severe, extreme or exceptional drought, with 49 percent designated as extreme or exceptional drought. This compares to 93 percent designated as severe, extreme, and exceptional drought a year ago on the same date.

Statewide Conditions Last Week

U.S. Drought Monitor California

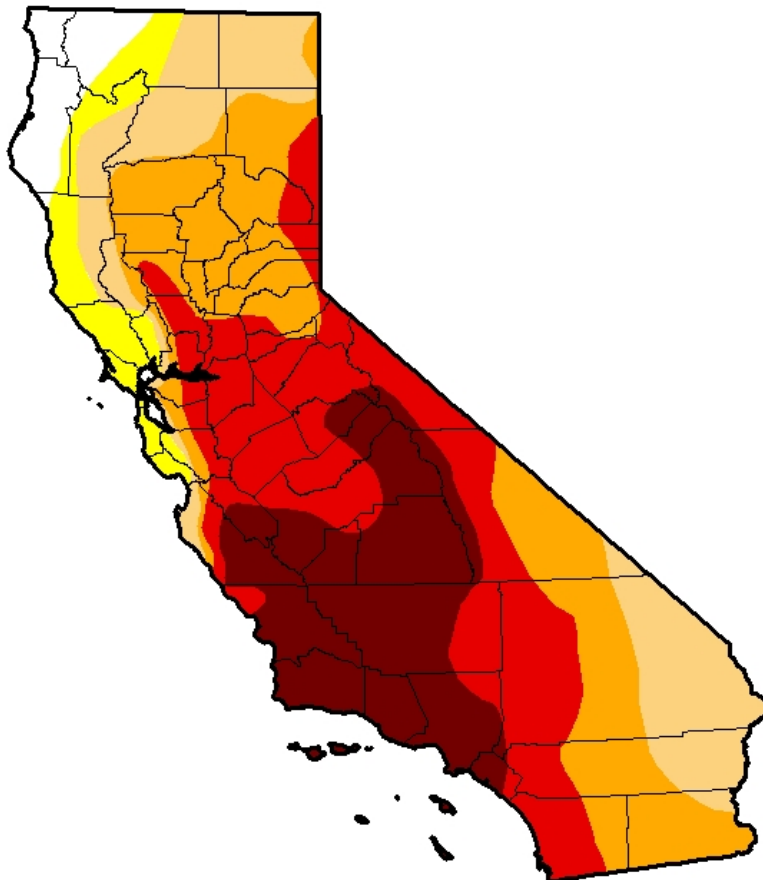
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.27	95.73	89.68	72.72	47.92	21.04
Last Week <i>5/3/2016</i>	4.27	95.73	89.68	74.37	49.15	21.04
3 Months Ago <i>2/9/2016</i>	0.22	99.78	94.77	81.82	61.40	38.48
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/2/2015</i>	0.00	100.00	97.33	87.55	69.07	44.84
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	0.14	99.86	97.33	92.36	71.08	46.00
One Year Ago <i>5/12/2015</i>	0.14	99.86	98.28	93.91	66.60	46.77



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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- May 9, 2016 -- Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-37-16 directing actions aimed at using water wisely, reducing water waste, and improving water use efficiency. The Executive Order, in part, directs the State Water Board to extend the emergency regulation for urban water conservation through the end of January 2017, and make adjustments in recognition of the differing water supply conditions across the state.

State Water Board Emergency Regulations

- On May 18, 2016, the State Water Board is set to adopt another Emergency Regulation.
- The proposed Regulation continues the previous requirements
 - Water waste reporting and enforcement
 - Promote conservation
 - Reduce landscape water use (maintain trees)
 - Monthly reporting to Department of Water Resources
- Statewide proposal would discontinue (although not in MPWMD)
 - Drinking water restriction
 - Mandatory towel/linen reuse option in hotels/motels
 - Two day a week watering restrictions

State Water Board Emergency Regulations

- Proposed Regulation recognizes unique situations
 - Supply reliability for another three years of drought
 - Difference in climate affecting different parts of the state
 - Growth experienced by urban areas
 - Significant investments in drought-resilient sources of potable water, such as desalination and reuse
- California American Water will have until June 15, 2016 to self-certify supply reliability, or
- 8 percent reduction from 2013 standard will remain

MPWMD Actions Continue

- District will continue to promote conservation with Cal-Am
 - Rebate Program
 - Water waste enforcement (Hotline # 831-658-5653)
 - Conservation outreach, education, and workshops
 - Free water saving equipment
 - Site visits to identify where customers can save
- Compliance with water efficiency requirements verification
 - Commercial
 - Residential
 - Landscaping

MPWMD Actions Continue

- Water waste enforcement/education
 - 2 days only per week watering (Wednesdays and Saturdays)
 - Drinking water provided only on customer request
 - No hosing of sidewalks or driveways
 - Irrigation must remain on the property (no runoff)
- Full water waste description in Rule 162, Stage 1 Conservation

Upcoming Workshops

- GREYWATER: FROM LAUNDRY TO LANDSCAPE
May 21, 2016 | 2 sessions | 10 am or 1 pm | Cal-Am offices
- GET TO KNOW YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER
June 4, 2016 | 9 am to 10 am | Cal-Am offices
- QUICK AND EASY IRRIGATION CHANGES TO SAVE WATER
June 4, 2016 | 10 am to 12 pm | Cal-Am offices
- CONVERT YOUR THIRSTY LAWN TO A DROUGHT TOLERANT GARDEN
June 25, 2016 | 1 pm to 4 pm | Carmel Middle School

Registration is required. These events are free and open to the public.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.MontereyWaterInfo.org or call 831-658-5601

Information on the State's Emergency Regulation

State Water Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/emergency_regulation.shtml

Staff reports, ordinances and presentation materials can be found on the District's website at:

www.mpwmd.net

PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the website the day after the meeting