



## Lack of Normal Rainfall Has Led to Dry Winter Days

We are certainly experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

Although there have been some heavy periods of rainfall, the 7" inches of rainfall we have received this season is well below the historical average for our area. Even if rainfall this spring offsets much of the need for irrigation, the overall demand on our precious water resources will likely be higher this year than in recent years.

With rainfall through April predicted to be below normal, your help to conserve water and reduce water waste is of the utmost importance. Actions that you take now can help preserve and restore our limited groundwater resources.

Please do your part to help us achieve the 20% Demand Reduction Goal as outlined in our voluntary Stage 2 Water Use Restrictions. Primary ways to achieve this goal are:

- Stopping and repairing leaks
- Limiting irrigation during the winter months
- Replacing high water use landscapes and lawns
- Retrofitting to high-efficiency water use fixtures and toilets

Also, please remember to follow the restrictions on water waste at all times. A partial list of these restrictions is shown below. For a complete list of water use restrictions, view the District's Water Conservation Ordinance on the District webpage at [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).

### Restrictions on Water Waste

- No person shall cause or permit water to run to waste.
- Spray irrigation events shall occur before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
- No person shall irrigate their landscapes at any time while it is raining.
- Irrigating landscapes or using water in a manner that causes runoff to waste is prohibited.
- Using potable water to clean driveways, sidewalks, or other hard surfaced areas, except where necessary to protect public health or safety, is not permitted.
- Using a hose for the permitted washing of buildings and vehicles without the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle is prohibited.
- Potable water should not be used in fountains or other decorative water features unless the water recirculates.
- Plumbing and irrigation leaks, breaks, or defects shall be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours.

- Public entities shall display placards or decals promoting water conservation and the prohibition of water waste.
- Restaurants shall not serve water to customers, except upon request.

### **Follow These Tips to Conserve Water**

- Identify and repair leaks. The most common leaks are in toilets and irrigation systems.
- Take short showers, no more than 5 minutes.
- Don't run the water when brushing your teeth, shaving, or hand washing the dishes. Use a container to collect and reuse the rinse water.
- Turn off your automated irrigation system and water your landscape manually, only as needed.
- Collect rainwater and use it for landscaping and washing the car.
- Retrofit to high efficiency toilets, clothes washers, low-flow showerheads, and one-half gallon per minute faucet aerators.
- Wash laundry and dishes with full loads.
- Use drip irrigation for landscaping.
- Use mulch around trees and plants.
- Use a bucket to wash the car instead of running the hose.
- Don't use water to clean your sidewalks and driveways.

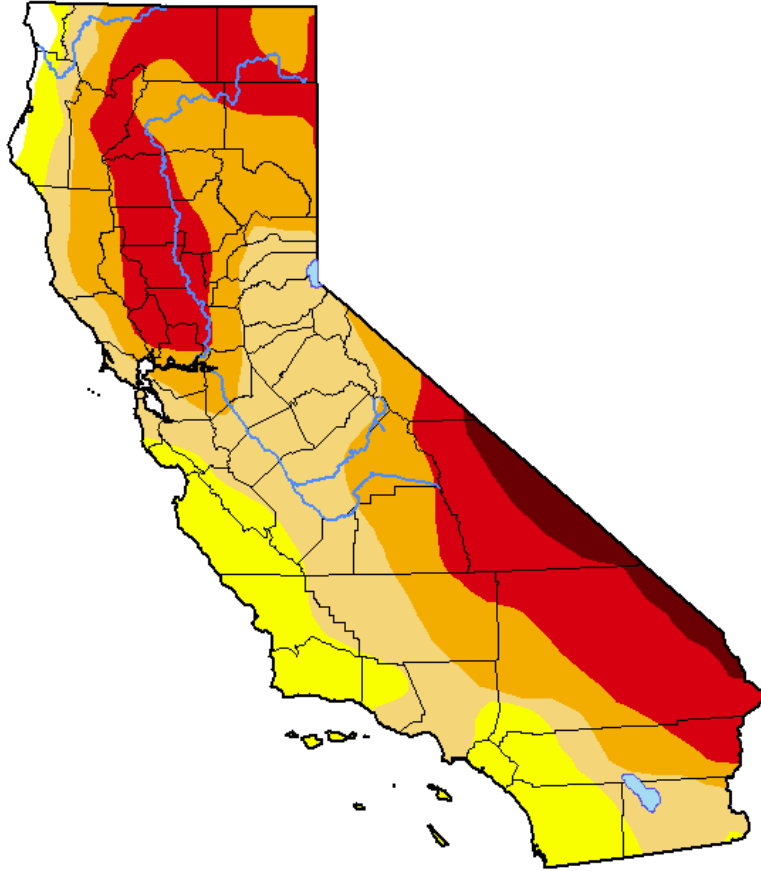
For more tips on how to conserve water, visit [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com).

For personal assistance with leaks, high water use, or efforts to conserve water, contact us at (831) 384-6131 or visit [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).

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**California**



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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.70	99.30	84.88	56.98	29.54	3.75
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-16-2021</i>	0.70	99.30	84.88	57.58	30.99	3.75
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2020</i>	3.50	96.50	75.03	48.19	19.36	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	0.00	100.00	95.17	74.34	33.75	1.19
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2020</i>	15.35	84.65	67.65	35.62	12.74	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-25-2020</i>	30.26	69.74	23.34	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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