

# From North to South – California's Response and Action during the Drought

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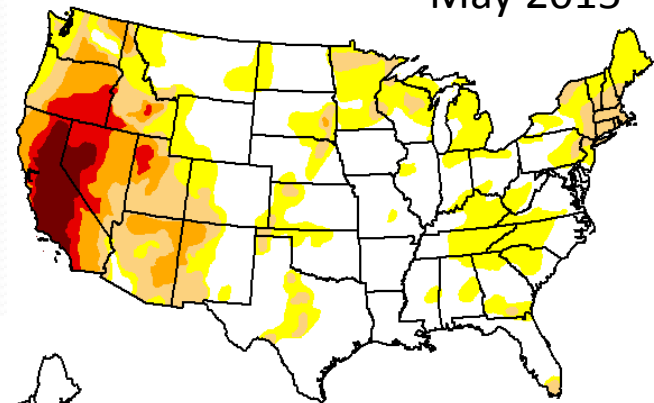
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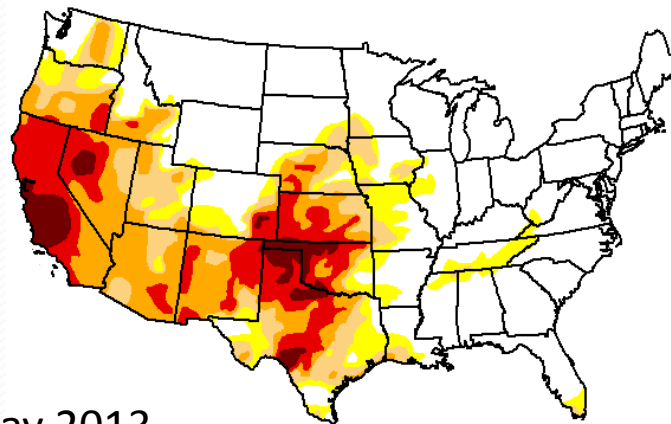


# US Drought Monitor

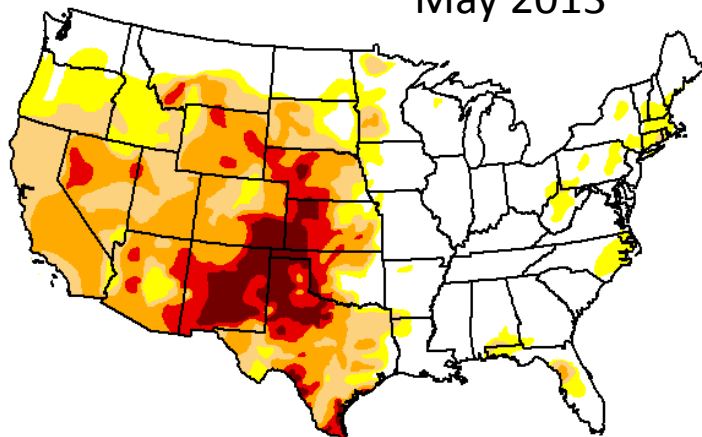
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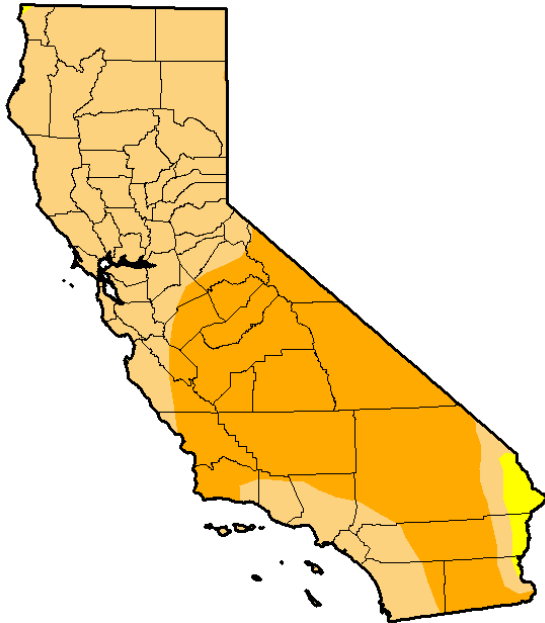
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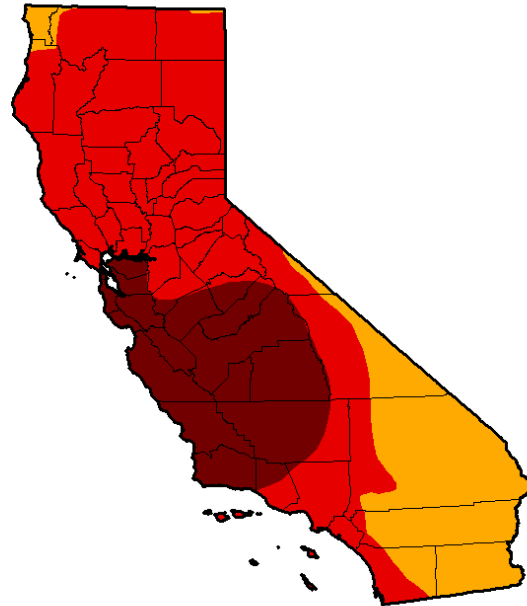
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

# California Drought Monitor

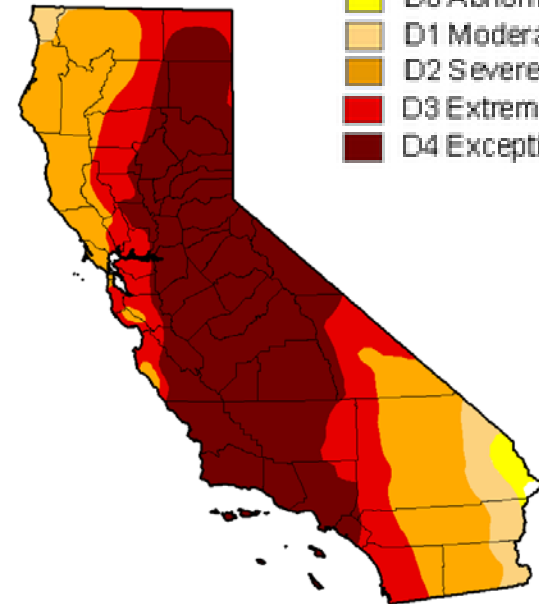
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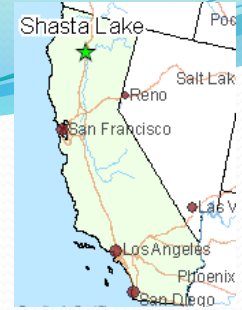
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# Shasta Lake



**Shasta Lake**  
**February 3, 2014**



**Shasta Lake**  
**October 5, 2014**



# Lake Oroville

## Poster Child for Drought



California's second largest reservoir.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/photo-galleries/2014/09/30/california-all-dried-up/>

# Drought Impacts in the Bay Area

## Chesbro Reservoir



Chesbro Reservoir in Morgan Hill, CA  
@ 1% capacity with intake structure exposed



# Lake Mead

.... approaches its  
lowest water level in  
80 years.

Source: Reuters 4/2015



# Response and Action in 2014

## 2014 Activity/Milestone

<b>Jan</b>	Governor Brown declares Emergency Drought Declaration
<b>Jan</b>	DWR Drops State Water Project Allocation to Zero
<b>Mar</b>	\$800 mil in loans available at < 1% under SWRCB SRF Program
<b>Mar</b>	First meeting of the DPR Expert Panel
<b>Apr</b>	SWP Allocation Increase back to 5%
<b>May</b>	Water Resources Reform & Development Act Signed into Law
<b>Jun</b>	SWRCB Finalizes GWRR Regulations
<b>Jun</b>	Statewide General Permit
<b>Jun</b>	Shift CDPH to DDW at SWRCB
<b>Nov</b>	Water Bond Passes!
<b>Nov</b>	Prop 84 Drought Relief = \$221M for CA RW Projects (\$32 M for SF Bay Area)
<b>Dec</b>	Initial State Water Project Allocation Set at 10 Percent
<b>Dec</b>	DWR: Updated Report: Groundwater Resources Depleted By Drought



# Response and Action in 2015

## 2015 Activity/Milestone

<b>Jan</b>	DWR Plans for Possible Need of Delta Salinity Control Barriers
<b>Feb</b>	State Water Board looks into Senior Delta Water Right holders
<b>Mar</b>	Draft Release of SWRCB Prop 1 Chapter 9 Guidelines
<b>Mar</b>	Governor Brown Signs \$1 Billion Emergency Drought Package
<b>April</b>	CPUC Orders Water Companies to Notify Customers of Drought Restrictions
<b>April</b>	Governor Brown Directs First Ever Statewide Mandatory Water Reductions (25% reduction in potable urban water usage)
<b>May</b>	Governor's proposes \$475 million in additional funding for RW
<b>May</b>	Construction Begins on Emergency Drought Barrier in Delta
<b>June</b>	SWRCB Prop 1 Chapter 9 Guidelines to be Adopted (June 16)
<b>June</b>	Governor calls for Streamlining CEQA for water projects

# Direct Potable Reuse Momentum Continues

- SB 918 – DDW to investigate and report to legislature on the feasibility of developing Direct Potable Reuse criteria by Dec 31, 2016
- California Direct Potable Reuse Initiative raised \$13.6 million (donation and in-kind)
- 34 DPR Research Projects have been funded at \$5.8 million
- NWRI DPR Expert Panel– 5 meetings
- DPR Advisory Group – 5 meetings

# IPR Momentum Is REAL

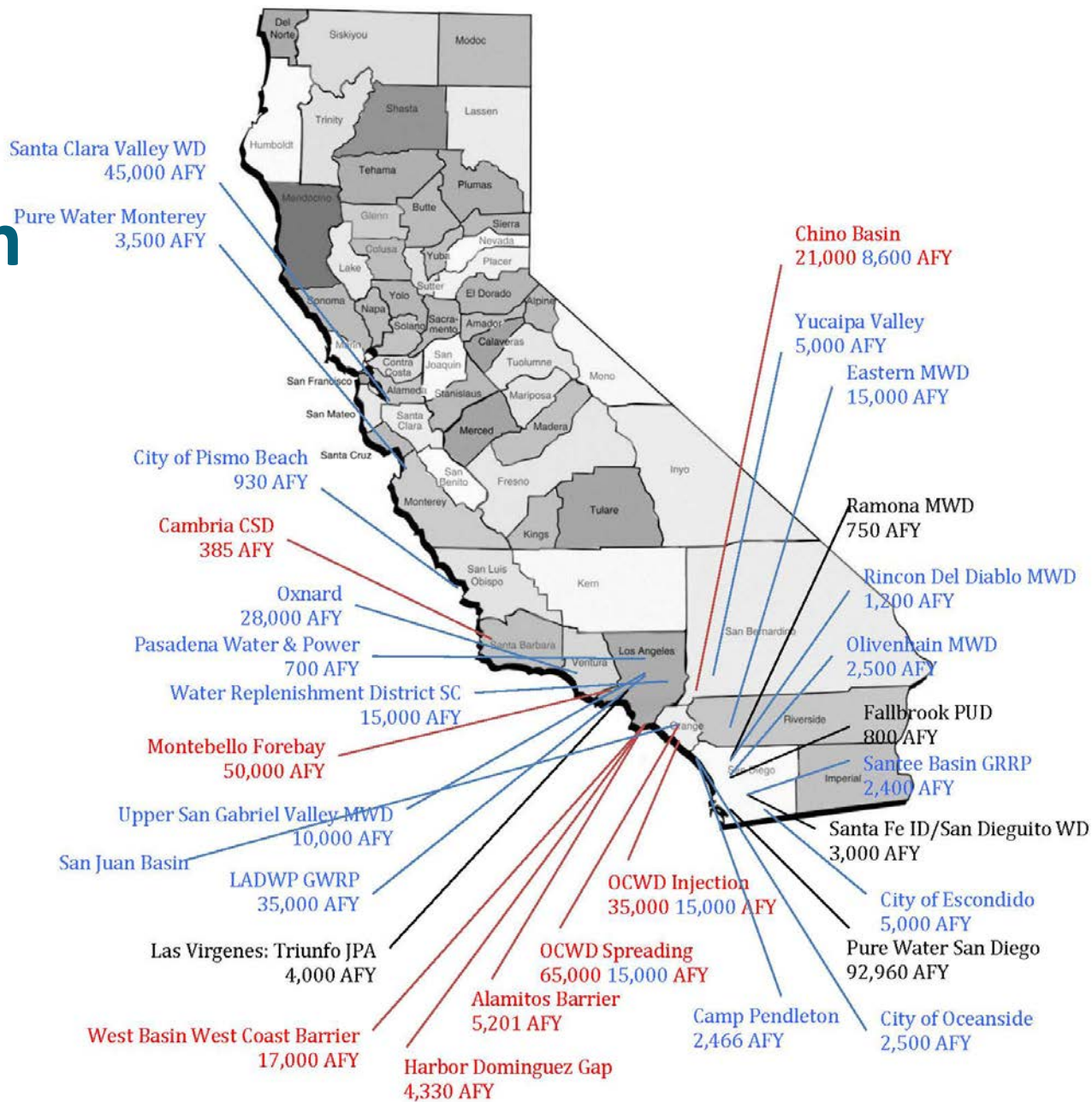
**Red** = Permitted GWRR  
200,00 AFY

**Blue** = Planned GWRR  
>210,000 AFY

**Black** = Planned SWA  
>100,000 AFY



(June 5, 2015)

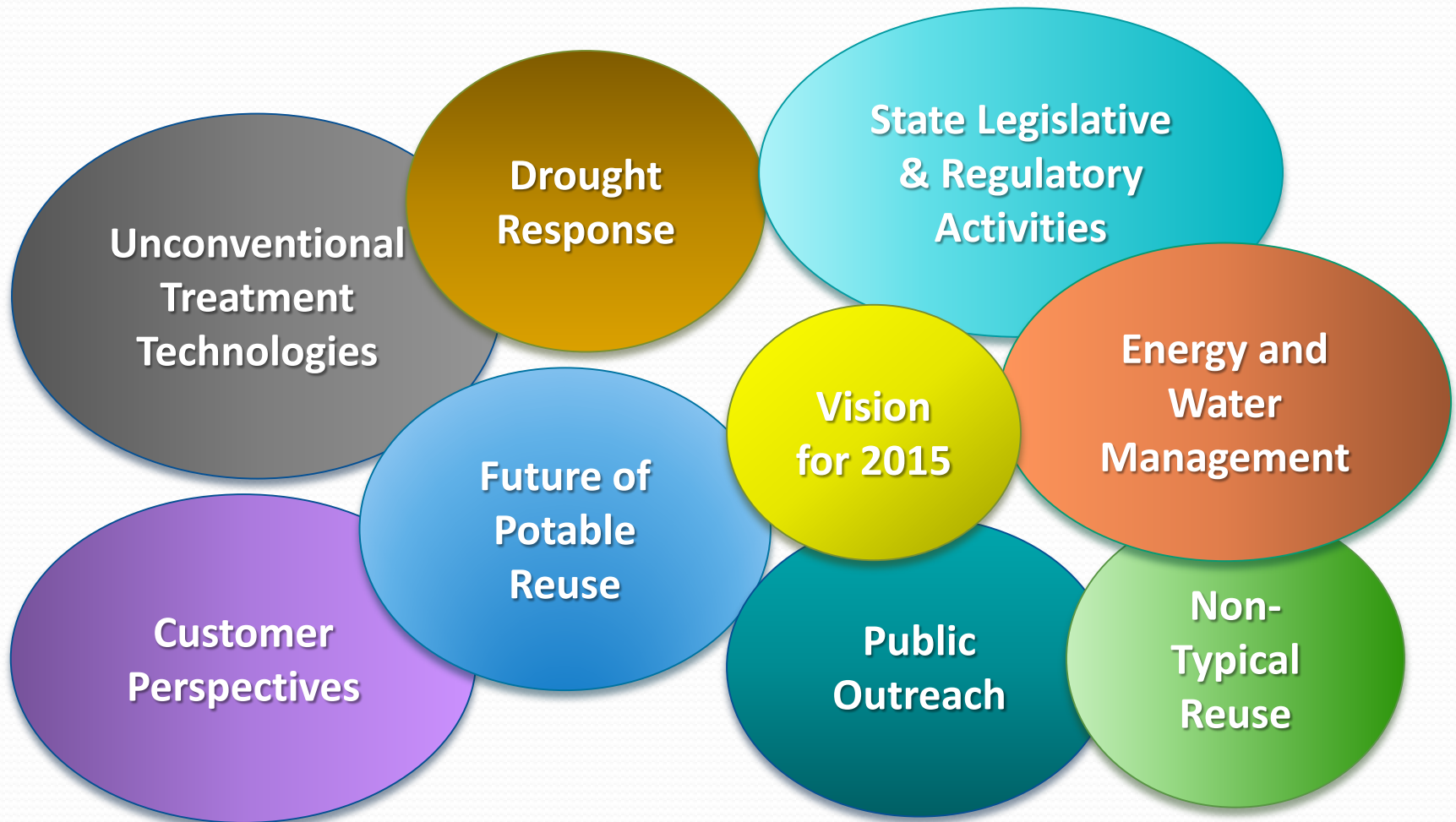




# Public Support is Evident

- **San Jose Plant Turns Bathroom Wastewater Into Drinking Water - *KABC TV, Los Angeles, 11/20/14***
- **San Diego City Council unanimously approves purifying sewage into drinking water – *San Diego Union-Tribune, 11/19/14***
- **Pismo Beach moves forward on proposal to turn sewage into drinking water - *San Luis Obispo Tribune 4/30/15***
- **California Governor Prepares Citizens for Coming ‘Toilet to Tap’ Concept - *The Blaze 5/22/15***
- **Californians may have to drink sewage as drought crisis continues - *Newsweek, 5/26/15***
- **Turning sewage into drinking water gains appeal as drought lingers – *LA Times, 5/25/15***

# Finger on the Pulse of the Reuse



NorCal Chapter Meeting Topics: 2013 to 2015

# Recycled Water “Myth Busters”

## Recycled Water MYTHS AND FACTS

new water resource

will it kill



the redwoods?

is recycled water  
too expensive  
to produce?

Is run-off into our  
streams and oceans  
going to sicken  
the wildlife?

have the laws  
regulating recycle  
water changed?

contaminants?



pathogens?



will it make  
my family sick?

can recycled water  
help alleviate the  
drought?

will using recycled water  
adversely affect my  
irrigation system?

have other options  
such as greywater, rain  
catching and desal  
been explored?

### WANT YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED?

Join us at the next  
Northern California  
WaterReuse Association Meeting  
**MYTHBUSTERS**  
Friday, June 5, 2015  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
City of Santa Rosa  
35 Stony Point Rd, Santa Rosa



***NorCal Chapter Meeting  
Distinguished Panel  
Santa Rosa, CA  
June 5, 2015***



# It takes MANY ....



NorCal Chapter 2013-14 Sponsors

# It takes LEADERS...



# We are in this TOGETHER...

## North & South



### ***NorCal Chapter Officers (2013-14)***

*Left to Right*

- Cindy Bertsch
- Sanjay Reddy
- Courtney Rubin
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- Curtis Lam
- Dawn Taffler
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# THANK YOU

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