Update on Water Supply Conditions and State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation



Sierra Nevada Mountains Robbin Goddard/LA Times

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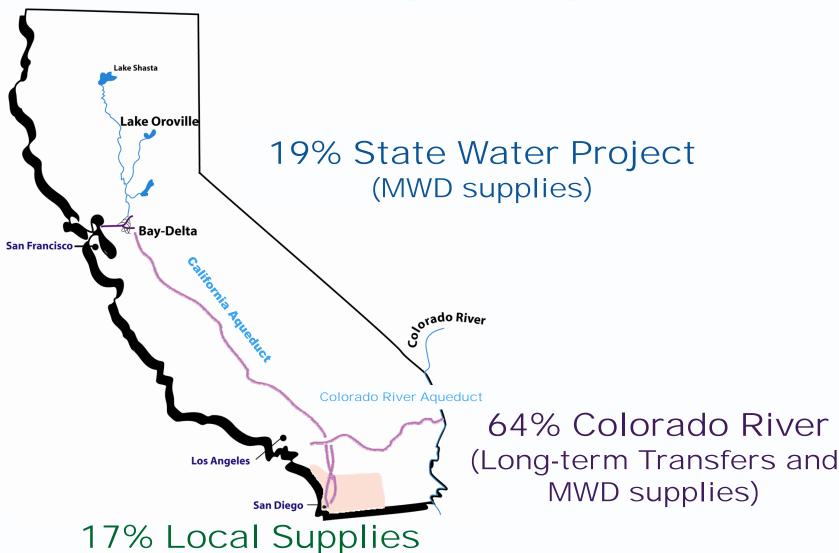


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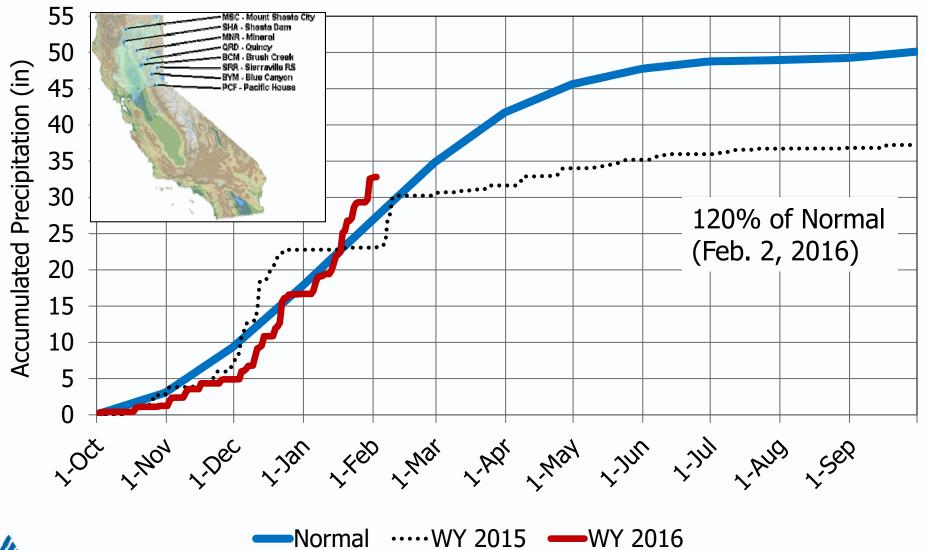
Sources of San Diego County's Water Supply

(2010-2014 five-year average)



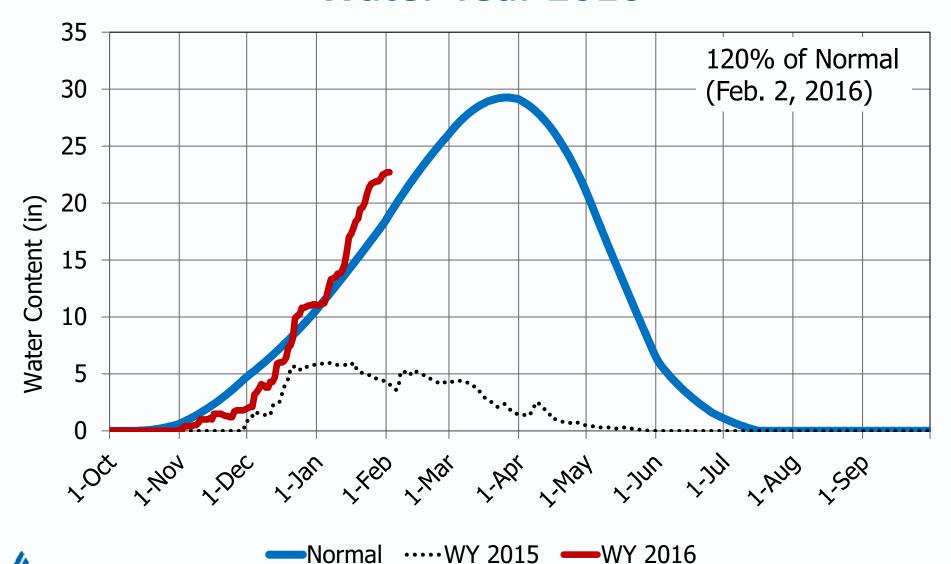


Northern Sierra Precipitation 8-Station Index

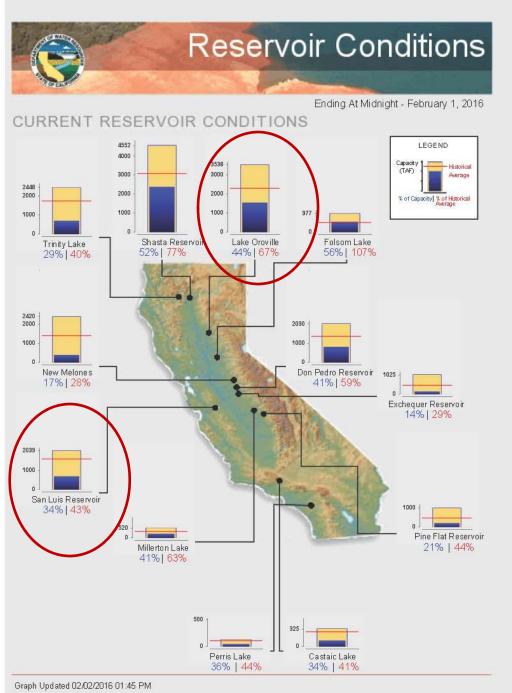




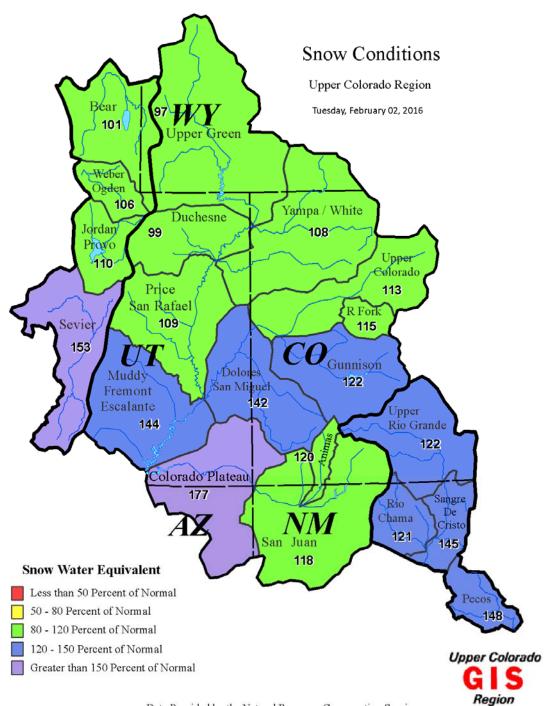
Northern Sierra Snowpack Water Year 2016













Local Precipitation

Water Year 2016 Precipitation Through February 1, 2016

Station	Actual in.	% Normal
Lindbergh Field	6.06	117%
Ramona Airport	10.08	134%

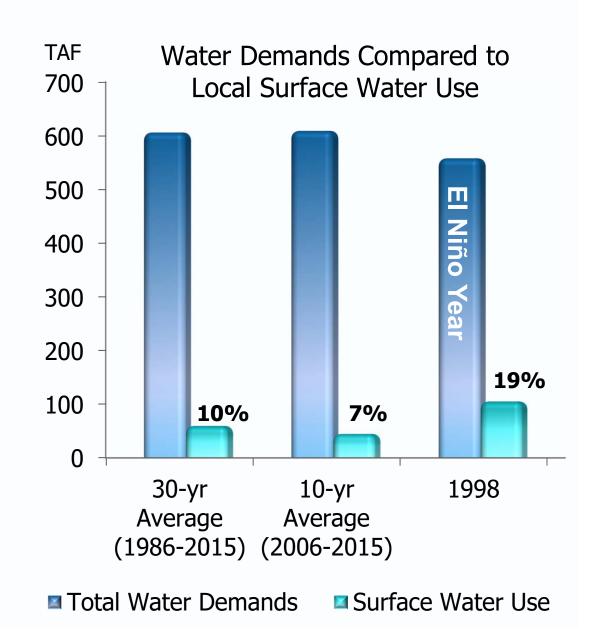


Flooding near the Fashion Valley mall, Jan. 6, 2016 (Susan Murphy/KPBS) 7



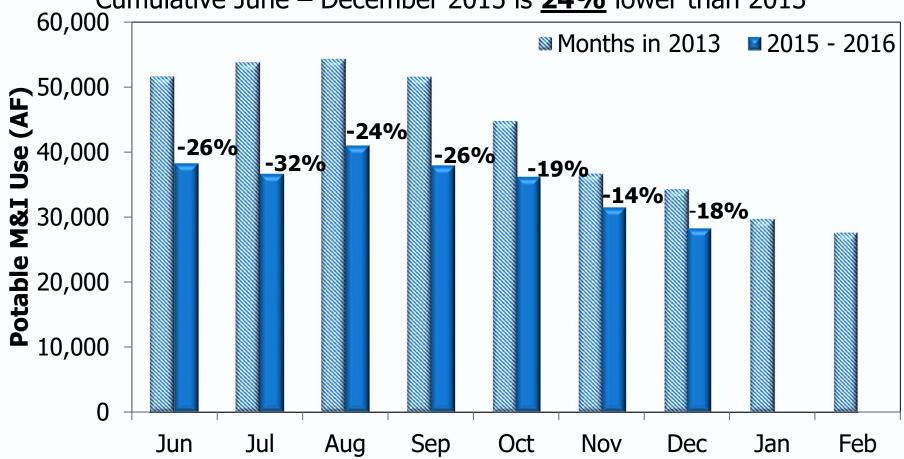
El Niño Reality Check

- 30-year average local surface water use meets 10% of San Diego region's demands
- Recent drought years have lessened that amount to only 7%
- Even heavy rains due to strong 1998 El Niño results in only 19% surface water use



Total Potable M&I Water Use State Emergency Regulation Reporting Months

Cumulative June – December 2015 is **24%** lower than 2013



Source: Member Agency monthly water use reporting to the Water Authority



Governor Brown November 13, 2015 Executive Order Statewide Reduction Mandate

 If drought persists through January 2016, SWRCB shall extend restrictions until Oct. 31, 2016 to achieve statewide reduction in urban potable water usage



- SWRCB shall consider modifying existing restrictions to:
 - Address uses of potable and non-potable water
 - Incorporate insights gained from existing restrictions



February 2, 2016 SWRCB Emergency Regulation Overview

- Extend Regulation until October 2016
 - Compliance period June 2015 October 2016
- Evaluate Regulation in April based on supply conditions
 - If warranted, adjust or repeal Regulation no later than May
- Maintain statewide prohibitions and urban water supplier conservation standards
- Potential adjustments to the standards for climate, growth and new local drought-resilient sources of potable supply
 - Total reduction cannot exceed 8 percentage points
 - Conservation standard cannot drop below 8 percent



February 2, 2016 SWRCB Emergency Regulation New Local Drought-Resilient Supply Credit

- Begins to recognize investments in drought-resilient supplies
- Conservation standard reduced up to 8 percentage points based on amount of supply
- Applies to supplies developed after 2013

Use of drought-resilient supply does not reduce water

available to another legal user or environment

 Applies primarily to seawater desalination and coastal indirect potable re-use projects



