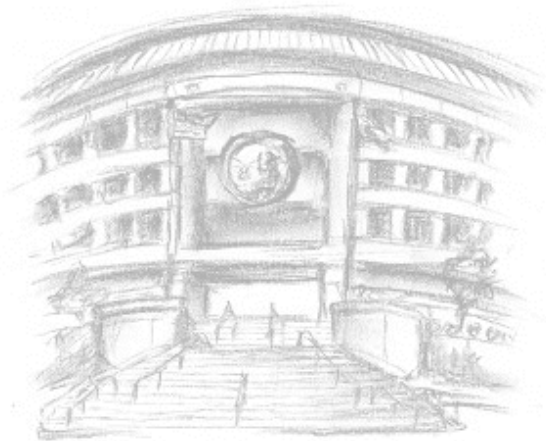




State of the Drought



CWA Spring Conference

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Drought Events Timeline

- **December 2013** – Drought Task Force established
- **January 17** – Drought State of Emergency declared by Governor Brown
 - 20% voluntary conservation
- **January 31** – No water deliveries from the State Water Project
 - Might increase if it rains
- **February 21** – Central Valley Project
 - No water deliveries for farmers
 - 50% cut for urban customers





Drought Events Timeline

- **April 18** – State Water Project deliveries increased from 0% to 5%
 - Delta salinity barrier project called off
 - Federal Water project deliveries for some senior rights holders increased from 40% to 75%
- **April 25** – Governor Brown’s Proclamation
 - Continued State of Emergency
 - 20 Action Items
- **May 2014** – Save our Water Month
 - Water Conservation Campaign in full swing
 - Snowpack – 9% of normal as of May 16





Governor's April 25 Proclamation

- **Highlights**

- Facilitate water transfers and exchanges
- Urban water suppliers directed to address outdoor water / waste
- Californians directed to eliminate water waste
 - Limit outdoor watering; irrigation, washing hard surfaces, car washing; Commercial establishments
- Homeowner Association rules voided
- Assist with temporary interconnections between water systems
- Protect threatened and endangered species
- CEQA / Water Code sections suspended
 - Timber harvesting
 - Water transfers





Governor's Budget

- **May Revise**
- Emergency Drought Response
 - Task Force
 - Legislation
 - \$687.4 million for drought relief
 - Accelerated expenditure of voter approved bonds
 - Includes funds for food and housing for those directly impacted
 - Expanded Fire Protection
 - Operations Plan
 - DWR, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife, State Board





Wildfire Activity

- **San Diego County**
 - Eight Fires, 18,000 acres burned as of Friday, May 16
 - Dozens of homes / structures destroyed / thousands evacuated
 - No major electric grid interruptions
 - Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency on May 14
- **California; 1,501 wildfires thus far this year**
 - Double than average
 - Additional funds made available for Cal Fire
 - Peak staffing expected in June





CPUC Drought Mitigation

February 27, 2014 – CPUC adopted Resolution W-4976

- Drought procedures for water conservation, rationing and service connection moratoria.
- Comply with Governor's call for 20% conservation

Tariff Rule No. 14.1

- Water Conservation and Rationing Plan
- Lists non-essential and unauthorized water uses

Tariff Schedule 14.1

- Mandatory rationing
- Requires DWA approval

All Class A utilities have voluntary conservation measures in place

CPUC monitoring vulnerable systems

