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# Southern California's Water "Double Bogey"

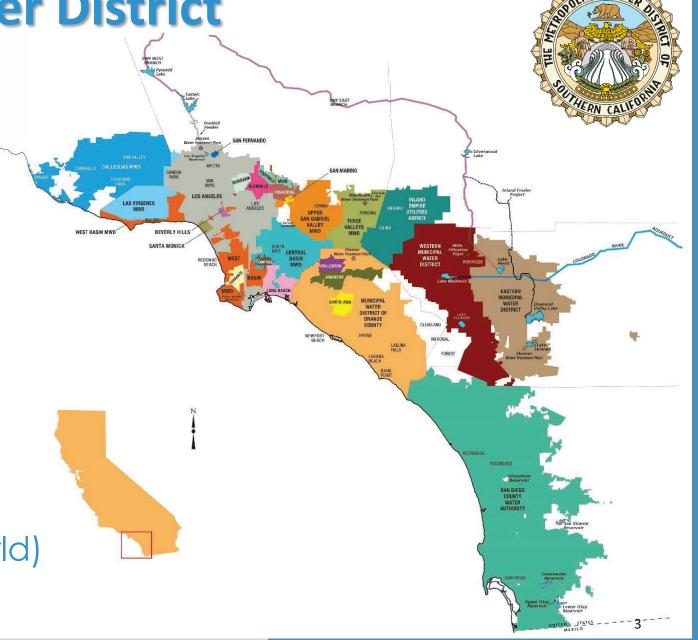


Assistant General Manager Metropolitan Water District



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

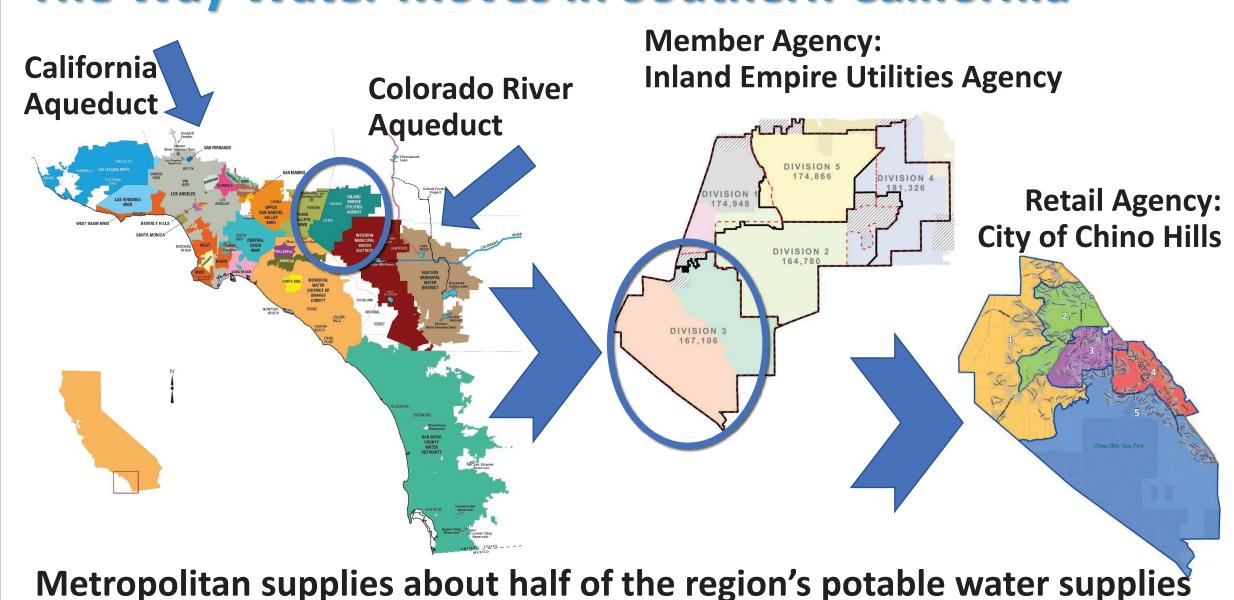
- Nation's largest wholesale water provider
- Service area:
  - 19 million people
  - 5,200 square miles
  - parts of six counties
- 26 member agencies
- Supports \$1.6 trillion regional economy (ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the world)



#### The Role of Metropolitan for Southern California



#### The Way Water Moves in Southern California

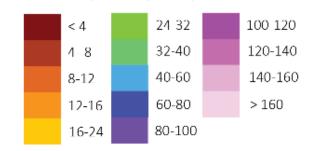


#### California's "Normal" Climate is Abnormal

#### **Average Annual Precipitation (1981-2010)**

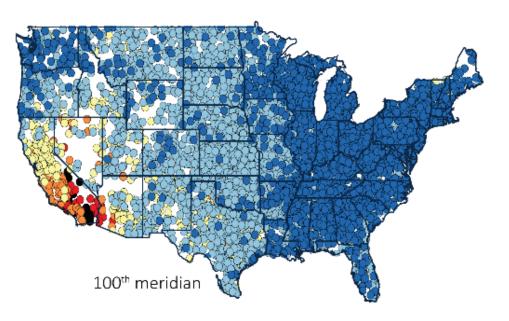
# 100<sup>th</sup> meridian

#### Annual Precipitation (inches)

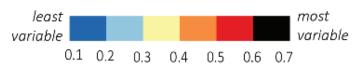


Left map source: Oregon State University (2015)

#### **Rainfall Variability**



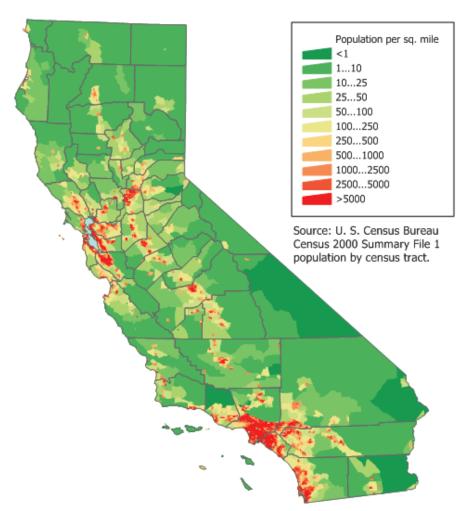
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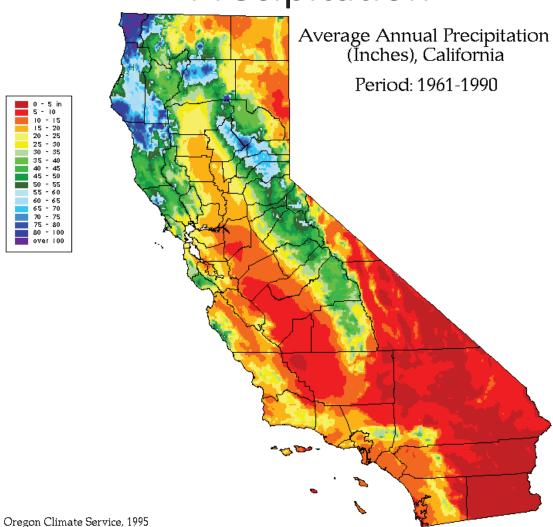
Right map source: Dettinger (2011)

#### California's Urban Water Mismatch

Population

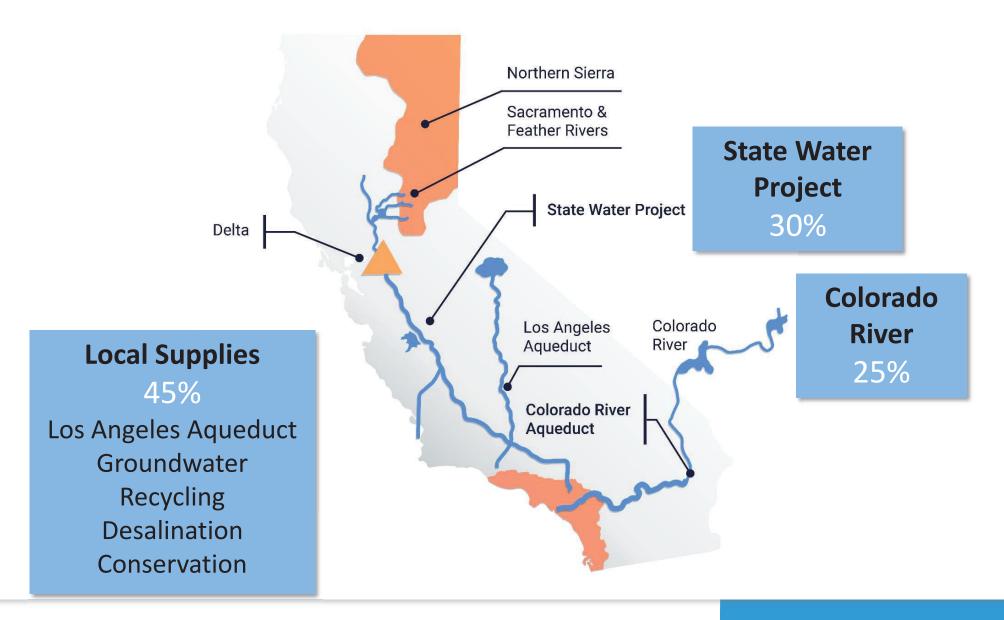


#### Precipitation

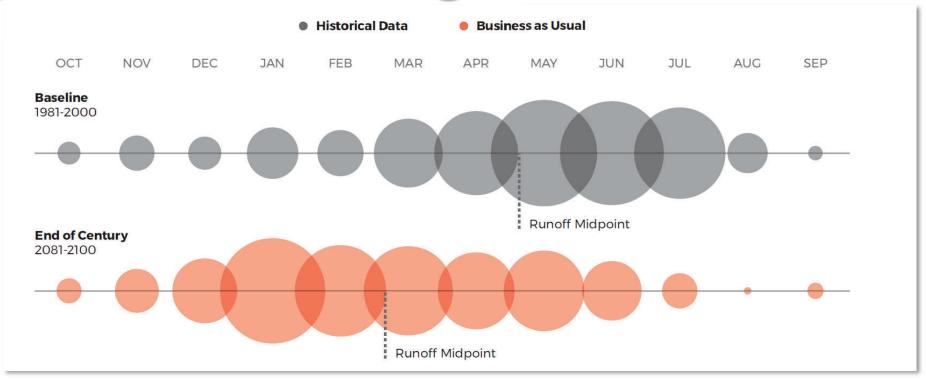


#### **Securing Water for Southern California**

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#### **Challenges of Climate Change**



#### **Future expectations:**

- Less snow/more fire
- Big atmospheric river events get bigger
- Flooding increases dramatically
- Dry years (probably) get drier

Reich, K.D., et al. (2018). Climate Change in the Sierra Nevada: California's Water Future. UCLA.

#### **Imported Supplies are Stressed**

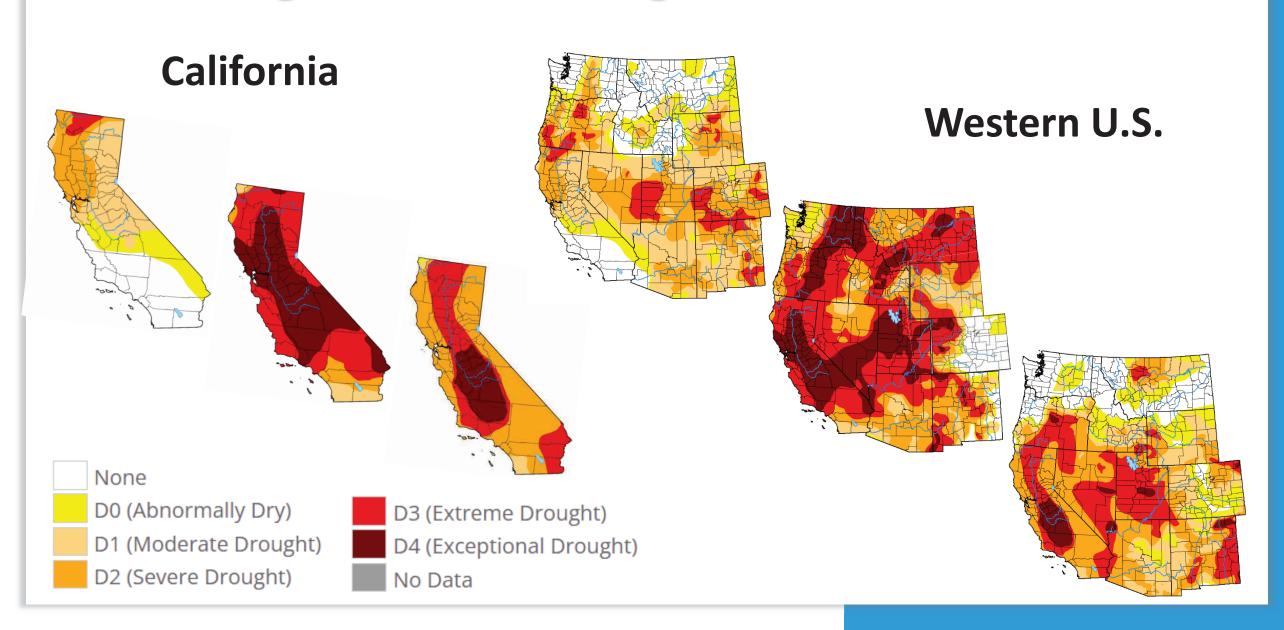
Lowest 3-year deliveries from State Water Project (No. Cal.)

Lake Oroville

Shortage declared for Lower Colorado River Basin

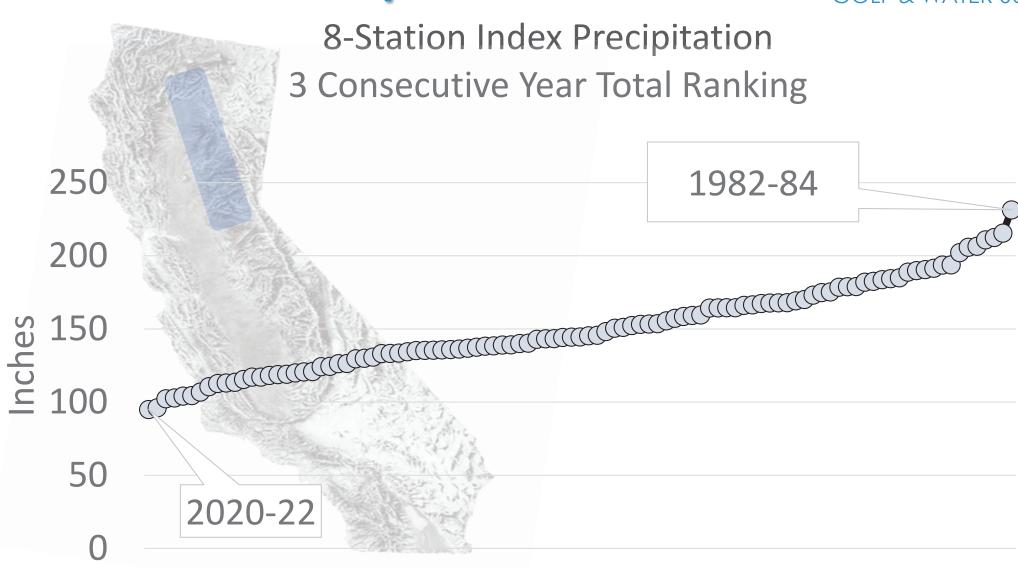


## **U.S. Drought Monitor: August 2020-2021-2022**



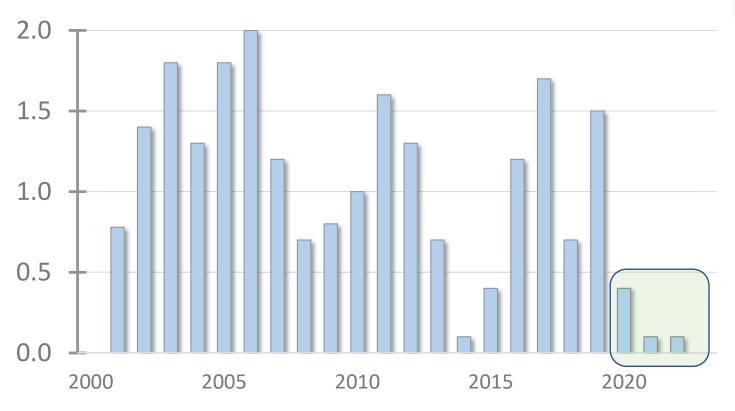
## **Driest Three-Year Sequence of Record**

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# **Drought Effects Most Acute Today on Northern California Supply**

Historic SWP Deliveries to Metropolitan (million AF)



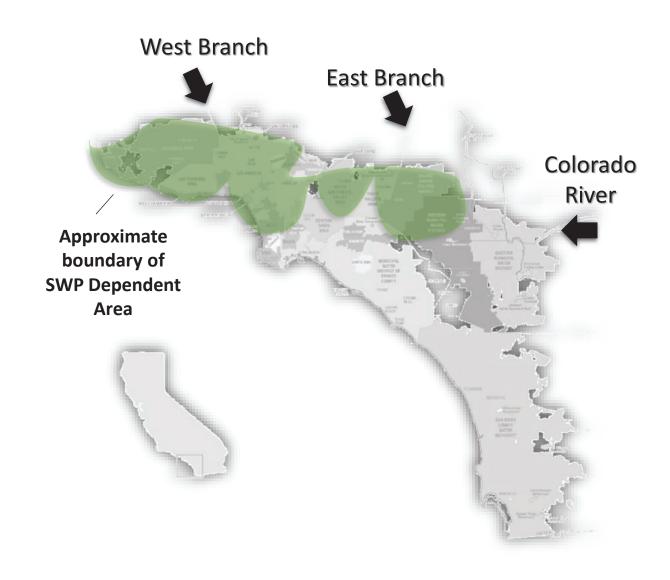


#### **Addressing Drought**

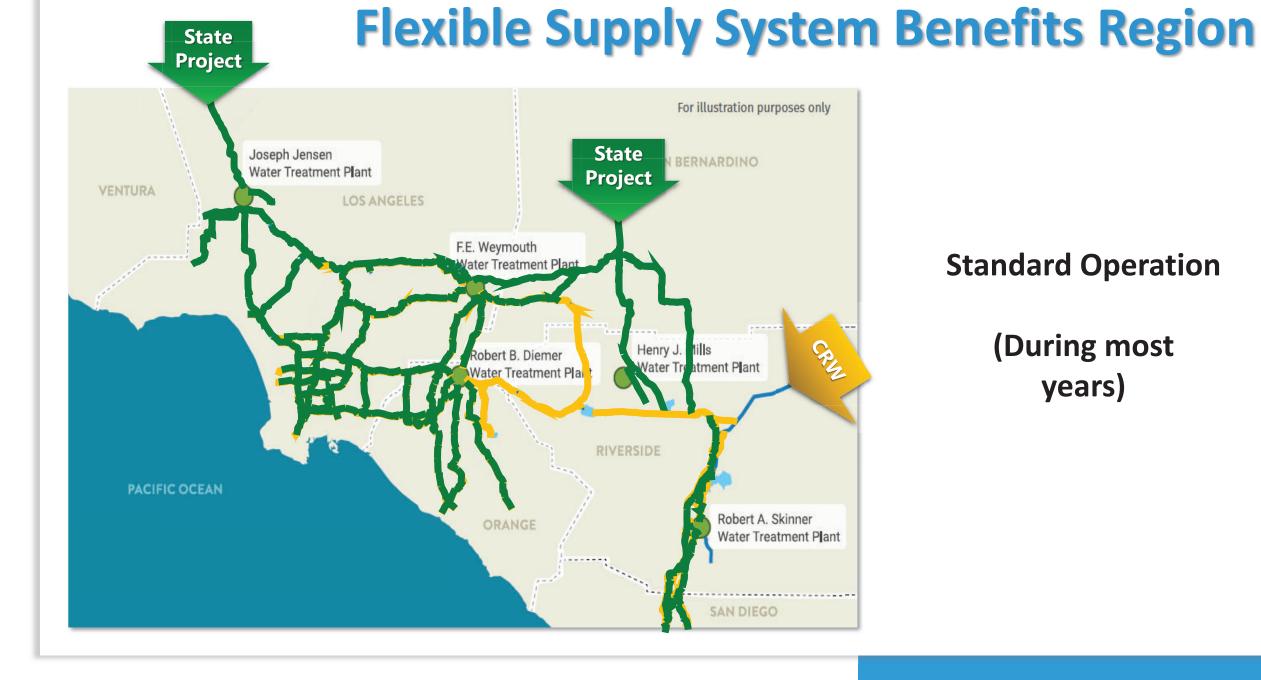
- Jan 2022, statewide emergency regulations to prevent wasteful water use went into effect
- Mar 2022, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order to support even more water conservation at the local level
- Apr 26, 2022, Metropolitan implements emergency outdoor watering restrictions affecting dozens of communities in Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties and about 6 million Southern Californians



#### **Challenge for Areas Served from Northern California**

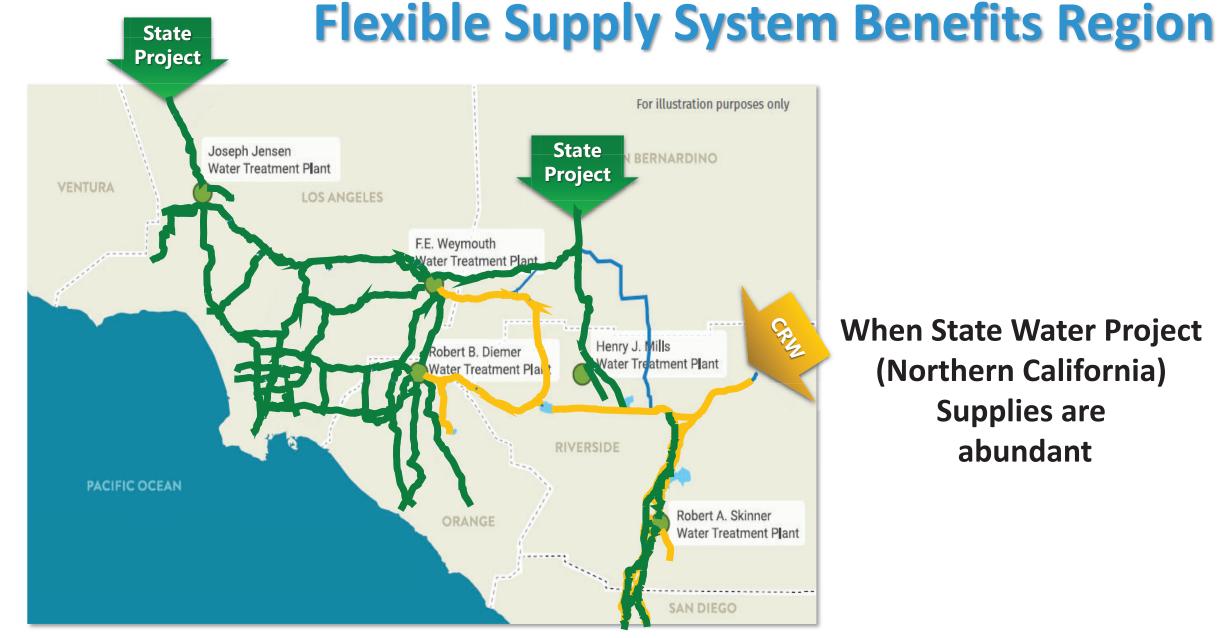


- Water-use restrictions affect ~6 million
   Southern Californians in Los Angeles,
   Ventura and San Bernardino counties
- Mostly limiting outdoor watering to one or two days a week or volume use limits
- Pending requirement for all urban areas to reduce use by 20% or more
- Stored water is available, but declining
- Colorado River water is available, but system is also in stress



**Standard Operation** 

(During most years)



When State Water Project (Northern California) **Supplies are** abundant

#### Flexible Supply System Benefits Region State **Project** For illustration purposes only **State** Joseph Jensen BERNARDINO Water Treatment Plant Project **VENTURA** LOS ANGELES F.E. Weymouth Vater Treatment Plant Henry J. Mills Robert B. Diemer Water Treatment Plant Water Treatment Plan RIVERSIDE PACIFIC OCEAN Robert A. Skinner **ORANGE** Water Treatment Plant SAN DIEGO

When State Water Project (Northern California) Supplies are scarce

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# Lake Mead has dropped 25 feet since January



### **Items Appearing as Mead Lake Level Drops**



**SNWA's Original Intake** 

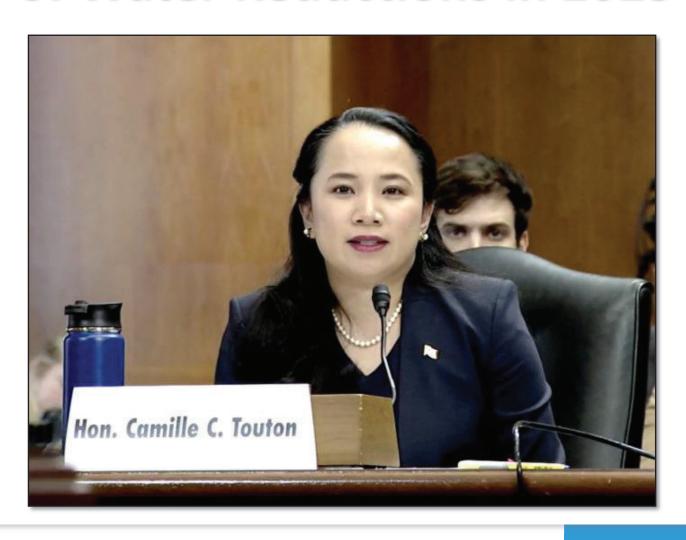


**Human Remains Found in Barrel** 



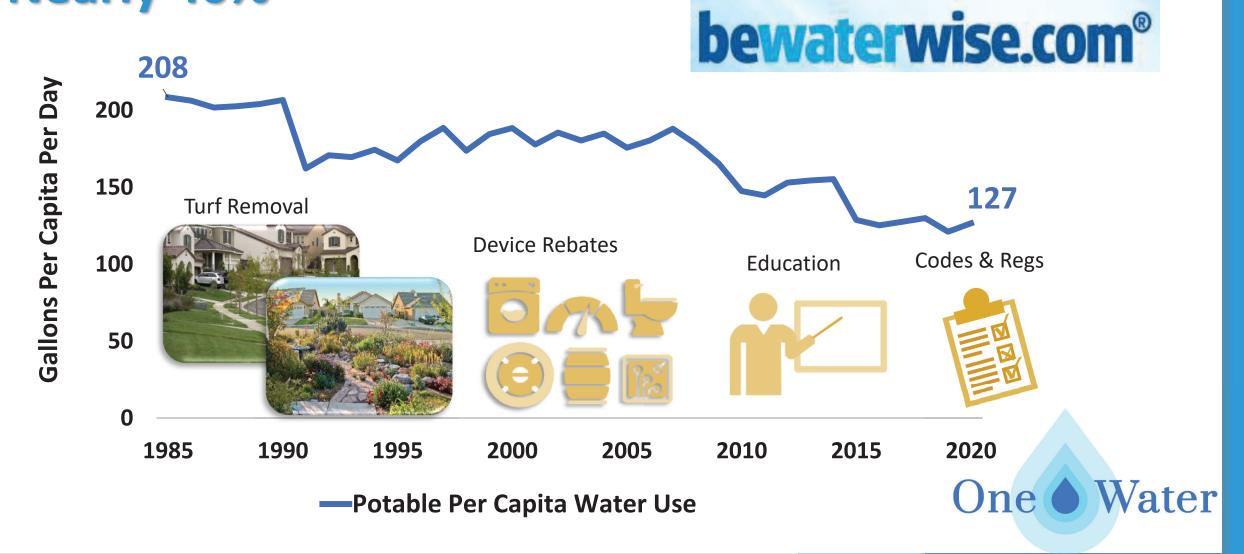
**Ghost Ship Emerges** 

# June 14, 2022: Commissioner Touton Calls for 2 – 4 MAF of Water Reductions in 2023



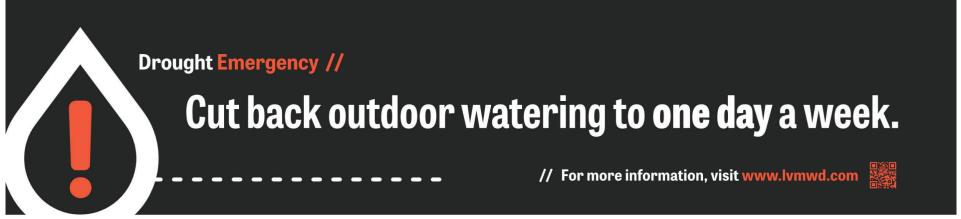
SoCal's Water Use Declined by Nearly 40%

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#### Strong Messaging for the Region









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## **One Water Approach Addresses Uncertainties**





Maintain reliable supply from the Colorado River



Modernize and secure supply reliability for the State Water Project



Complete distribution system improvements to allow water to move through region



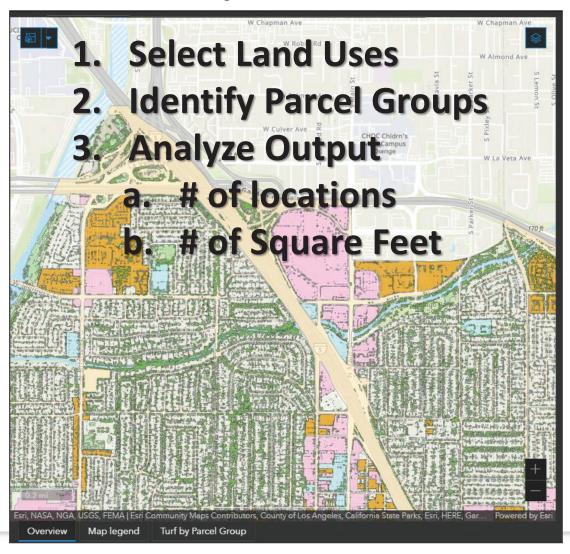
Meet future demand by expanding local supply, including Pure Water Southern California

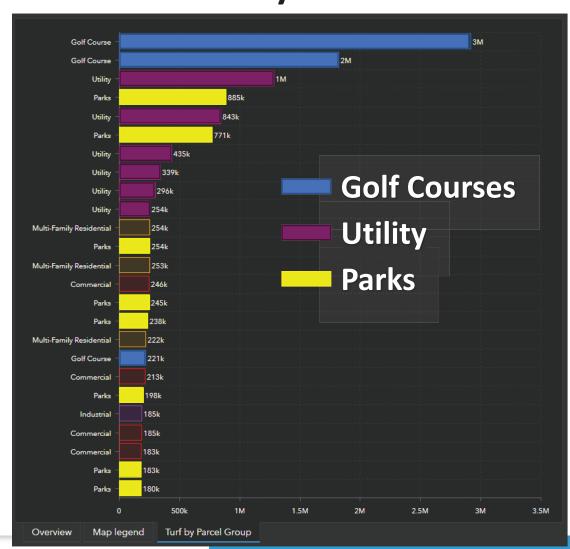


Eliminate non-functional turf

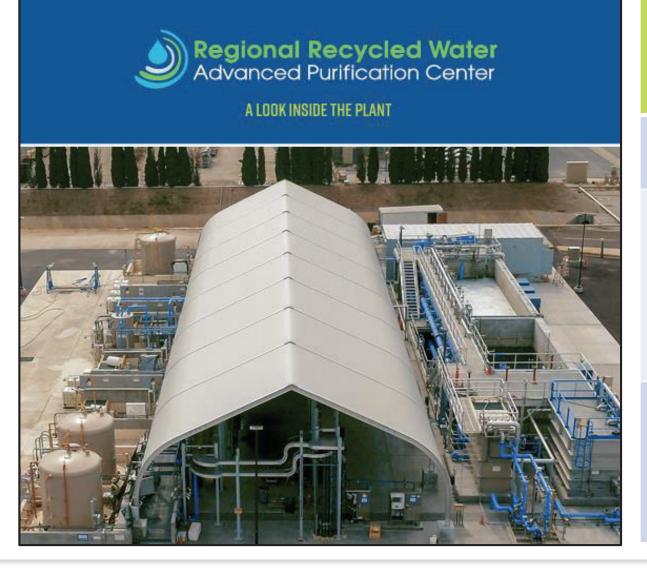
#### The Question of "Non-Functional Turf"

Pilot Study on a Turf Identification Tool for the City of Santa Ana





#### **Pure Water Southern California**



A partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

500,000-gallon-per-day Demonstration Facility

Full-scale facility to produce up to 150 million gallons of purified water daily (168,000 acre-feet each year)

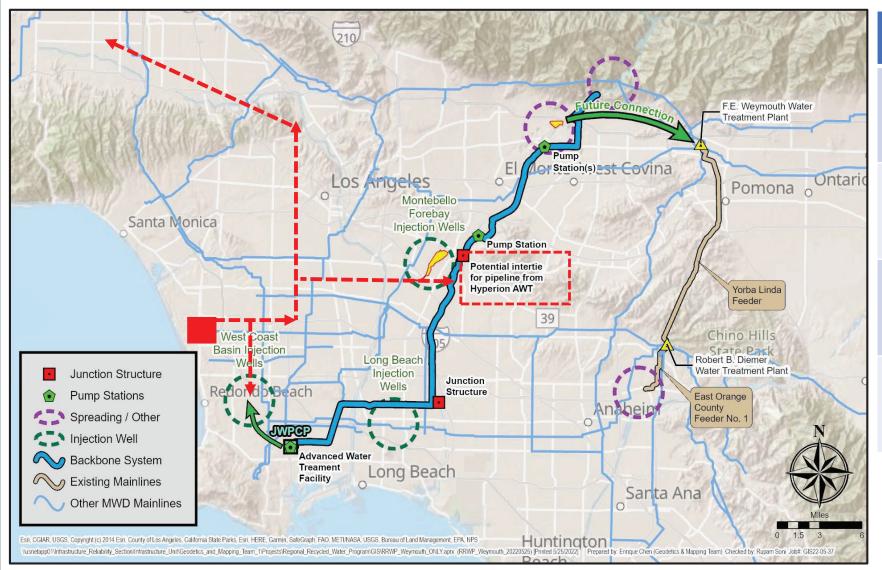
→ enough for more than 500,000 homes

3-Step Purification Process Includes

- Membrane Bioreactors
- Reverse Osmosis
- Ultraviolet Light/Advanced Oxidation process



#### **Pure Water Southern California Overview**



Phase	Completion
Environmental Planning	2021 – 2024
Early Start Projects	2022 – 2025
Design & Construction	2024 – 2031
Testing and Operation	2031 - 2032



#### **Available Rebates and Incentives**



- Device Rebates SocalWaterSmart.com
- Turf Replacement
- Water Savings Incentive Program Custom, pay-for-Performance Incentives
- On-Site Recycled Water Retrofit Program
- Free Large Landscape Surveys -BeWaterWise.com
- Landscape Training for Professionals

#### **Commercial Device Rebates**



\$200







\$485+

#### Rebates available for:

- Turf replacement
- High-efficiency plumbing fixtures
- HVAC equipment
- Commercial kitchen & food equipment
- Medical & dental equipment

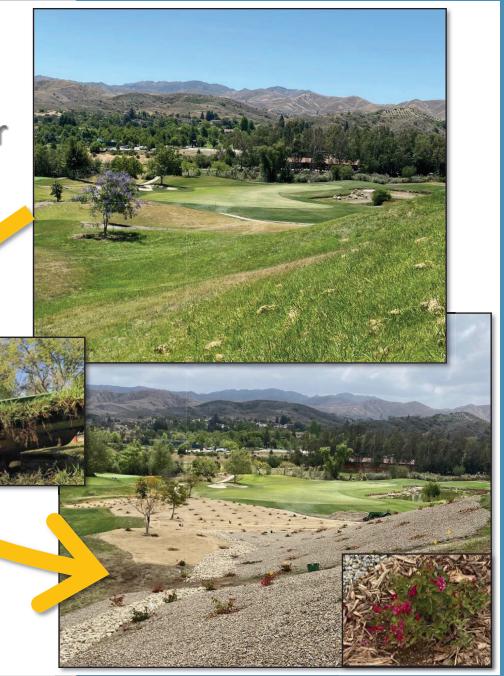
## **Turf Replacement Program**

Multi-pronged approach to maximize water utilization and conservation

 Minimum \$2 per square foot of turf removed

 Commercial: 50,000 square foot rebate maximum (per year)

- Incorporates watershed components to capture runoff
- Additional requirements on socalwatersmart.com



#### Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)

- "Pay for performance program"
- Incentives for non-residential, customized projects:
  - Retrofit existing equipment
  - Improve processes
  - Improve agriculture & landscape irrigation systems
  - Contract for water management services
- Apply online at socalwatersmart.com











## **Example 1: Large Landscape Project**

Project	Replacement & upgrade of entire irrigation system, including "smart" irrigation controllers, drip and highefficiency sprays, flow sensors, rain sensors, master valves, & lateral lines ~16.6 Acres irrigated area. Project completed ~ Dec 2014
Calculated water savings	355M gallons over 10 years
MWD incentive	\$141,069
Eligible Project Costs	\$780,000





## **Example 2: Commercial Project**

Project	Wholesale plant nursery captures its own irrigation runoff, treats it on-site through natural processes, stores water on-site and re-uses for irrigation. Project completed ~ Oct 2014
Calculated water savings	1,180M gallons over 10 years
MWD incentive	\$357,659 (+ \$100,000 WMWD)
Eligible Project Costs	\$715,317







#### **Additional Commercial Incentives**

- On-Site Retrofit Program
  - Convert potable irrigation or industrial water systems to recycled
  - \$195 per acre-foot for five years of estimated water use (up to actual costs)
- Free Landscape Surveys
  - Minimum 1 acre irrigated area
  - Recommendations Allow for custom projects
- Landscape Training for Professionals
  - FREE PDF Handbook available @ <u>bewaterwise.com</u>
  - FREE CLCA and QWEL dual Certification and MWEL @ www.clca.org





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