

LEVEL 2 - SIGNIFICANT DROUGHT



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Mild Drought



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Significant Drought



LEVEL 3
Critical Drought



LEVEL 4
Emergency Drought

What does this mean?



Rain below normal for over 2 months



Streams and ground water low, nearing very low flows in some areas



Fire danger steadily increasing



Strain on some water supplies

Act Now!



RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

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IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:



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Establish water-use reduction targets and conduct targeted outreach.

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SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:

Establish a water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

Regularly update local residents and businesses.

Use drought surcharges or seasonal water rates.

Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

Develop or refine your local drought management plan.

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