

LEVEL 3 - CRITICAL DROUGHT



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Mild Drought



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Significant Drought



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Critical Drought



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Emergency Drought

What does this mean?



Rain much below normal for several months



Streams and groundwater very low, record low flows in some areas



Drought-induced Fire potential steadily increasing



Potential water supply constraints, risk to fire protection



Fish and wildlife impacts

Act Now!

RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:



Minimize overall water use.



Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.

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IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:

Ban all nonessential outdoor water use.

Provide information and tips on the drought and water conservation.

Enforce water use restrictions with penalties.

Prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping.

Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets, identify top water users, and conduct targeted outreach.

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SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:

Establish a year-round water conservation program.

Use drought surcharges or seasonal water rates.

Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.

Develop or refine your local drought management plan.

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