

WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES DROUGHT RESPONSE

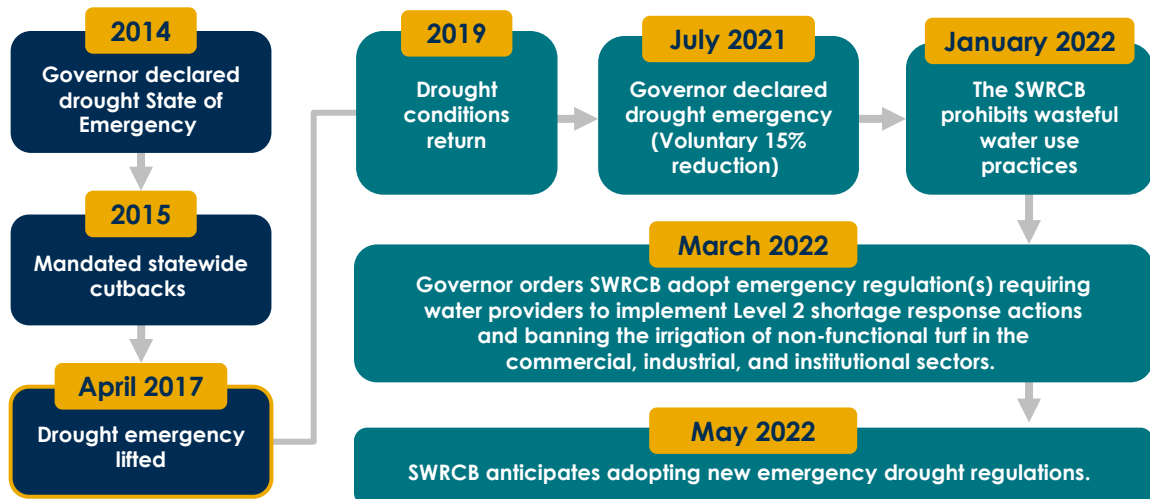
Western Municipal Water District (Western)
and Riverside Public Utilities (RPU)

City Council
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DROUGHT & REGULATORY TIMELINE (2014-2022)



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EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

Governor's Executive Order issued **March 2022** requesting the SWRCB to adopt an emergency regulations requiring:

- Water providers to implement response actions of **10-20%** shortage level
- Prohibition of the use of **potable** water to **irrigate non-functional turf** in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors.

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SERVICE AREA

Riverside Public Utilities

Western Municipal Water District

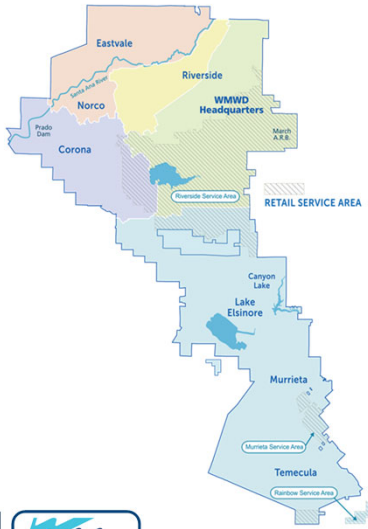
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WESTERN SERVICE AREA



Established in 1954 to deliver imported water

- Drinking water, wastewater, recycled water, stormwater capture/recharge, groundwater management, and desalination

Located in western Riverside County

- 527 square miles | Pop. ~ 1 million
- 60,000 – 85,000 acre-feet of water served annually



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WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

WSCP is a roadmap for a water supplier to follow when a water shortage occurs.



- Specific to **each water provider** to account for local conditions (i.e. supply portfolio, rate structure, constraints, etc.)
- Water shortage levels **with associated demand reduction actions**



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WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN



RPU and WMWD shortage stages and demand reduction actions

Agency Specific Toolbox



Outdoor Watering Restrictions



Data Analytics



Customer Communication



Price Signals



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WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN SIMILARITIES

 Stage 2 20% Reduction	 Stage 2 15% Reduction
Automatic irrigation controllers adjusted	
Repair leaks timely	
Water features to recirculate water	
Irrigation run-off restricted	
Hose shut-off nozzles required	
Hosing off sidewalks, driveways and other hardscapes prohibited	
RPU: Landscape watering between 6 PM-10 AM Western: Landscape watering between 8 PM-8 AM	
Landscape irrigation after 48 hours of rainfall	
	Landscape watering 3x per week



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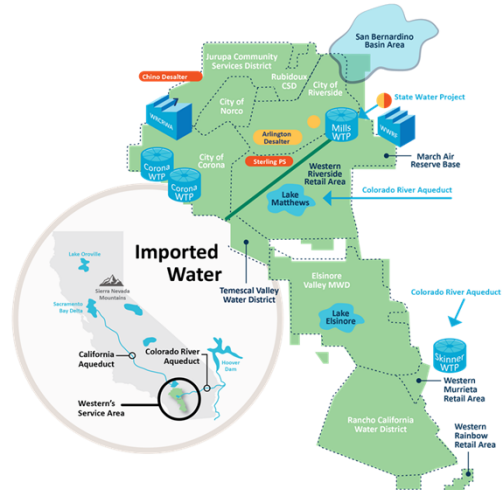
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WESTERN DROUGHT REGULATION RESPONSE

Western's Water Portfolio 38% Local Supply | 62% Imported

May 2021: Western began feeding Mills Treatment Plant from Diamond Valley Lake

- Current reservoir storage in Diamond Valley Lake is **68% full**
- This action helps Western remain off the State Water Project dependent area list



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WESTERN DROUGHT REGULATION RESPONSE



Demand Reduction
Actions



Compliance &
Enforcement



Response to CII non-
functional turf regulation



Budget based rate
structure



AML - Advanced
Metering Infrastructure
(Smart Meters &
Customer Portal)



Drought Task Force



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RPU DROUGHT REGULATION RESPONSE



Demand Reduction
Actions



Compliance &
Enforcement



Response to CII
non-functional turf
regulation

100% Local Groundwater Supply

Bunker Hill: -8 ft/yr

Rialto-Colton: -0.5 ft/yr

Riverside North: -0.75 ft/yr

Riverside South: -0.5 ft/yr



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JOINT MESSAGING

Regional **Collaboration Efforts**



Fix all **leaks and broken sprinklers**.



Water landscaping **at night** to reduce evaporation.



Reduce irrigation days to **three days a week**.



Replace your turf with **water-wise plants**.



Wash **full loads of laundry and dishes**.



Take **shorter showers** and use a low-flow showerhead.



Wash your car at a **carwash that recycles water**, instead of at home.



Clean driveways and walkways with a **broom instead of a hose**.



We need trees and trees need water. **Mulching and low flow** watering keep trees thriving.

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REBATES & RESOURCES

RPU Programs & Rebates



High Efficiency
Clothes
Washers

Additional Programs & Rebates available at:
RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Rebates | WMWD.com/Rebates

Local **Efforts Alone Are Not Enough**



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SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS

COALITION MISSION



Through an education campaign, elevate the water crisis

Raise awareness among California policymakers and leaders

Demand bold and immediate State action

Make water a top State agenda item



THE WATER CRISIS
ACT NOW TO SECURE CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE.



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Priority #4 - Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 - Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive an **update** on Riverside Public Utilities and Western Municipal Water District's response to the State Water Resources Control Board's emergency drought regulations.



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