

# Water Shortage Emergency Condition and Drought Response

Special Joint Meeting with Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill  
August 23, 2021

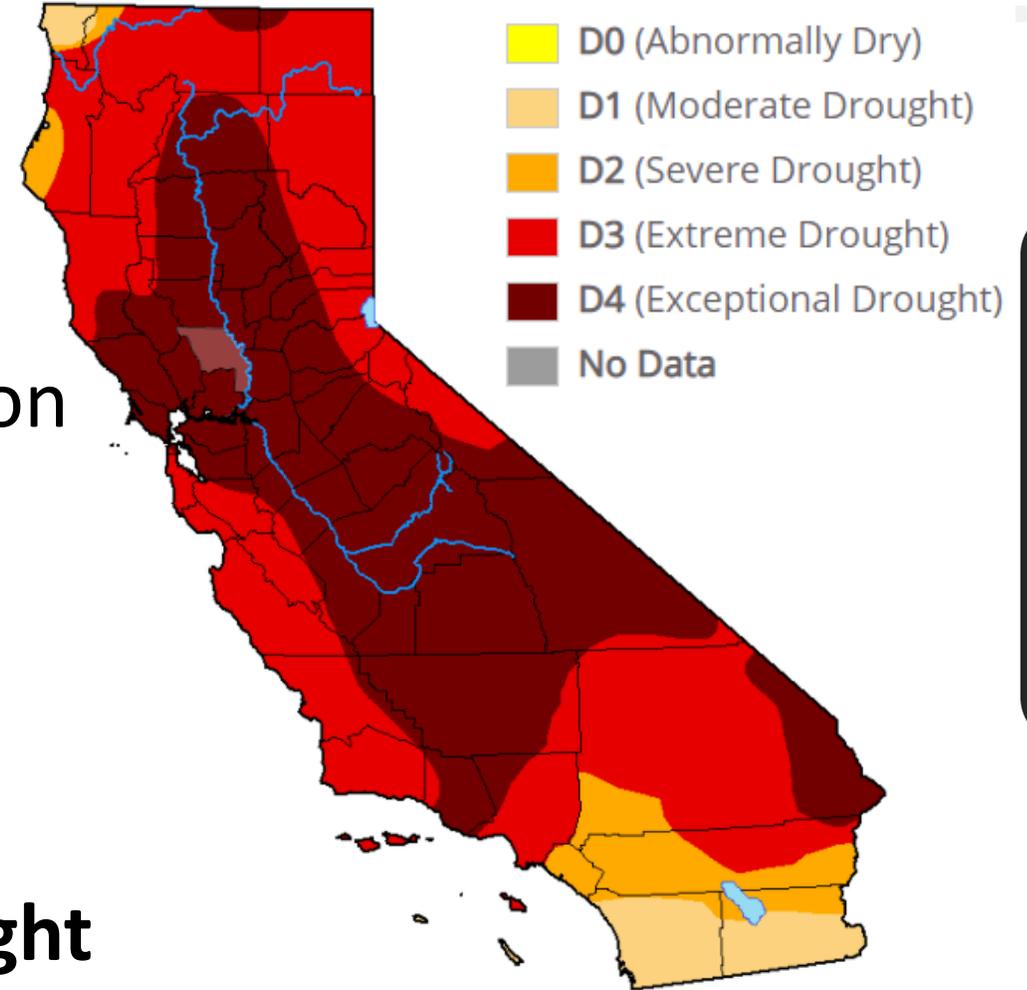
# Drought Status

**May 10** – State drought proclamation expanded to 41 counties

**June 22** - County drought proclamation

**July 8** - County included in State proclamation

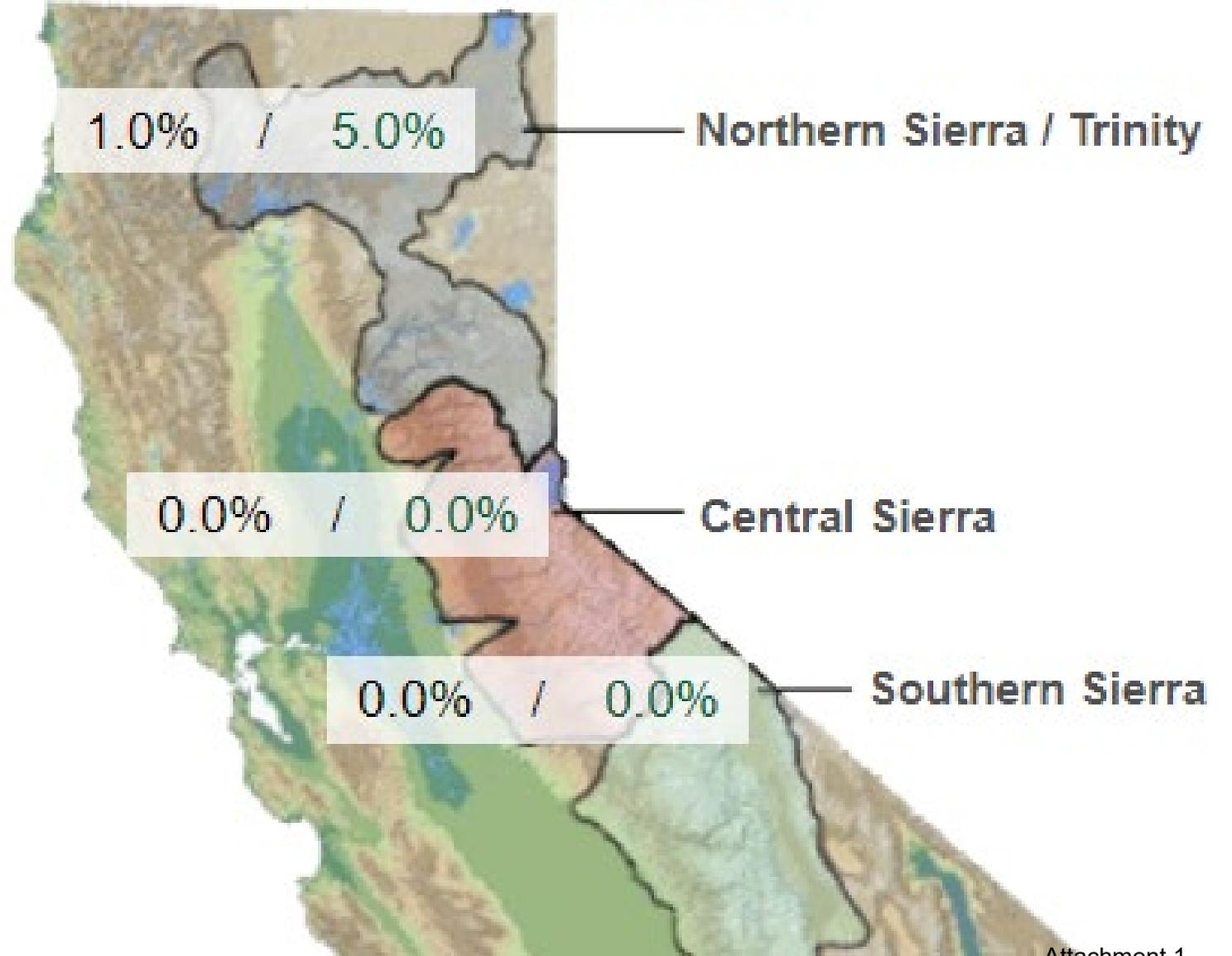
**Aug 3** U.S. Drought Monitor:  
County in **Extreme/Exceptional Drought**



Snowpack:

Zero percent of average

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date



# 2021 Drought Impacts to Valley Water

Local water supplies are low

Imported water allocations are low

Limited Recharge and additional pumping may result in rapid decline of groundwater levels

Risk of dry wells especially in South County and resumed land subsidence in North County

# Loss of Anderson Increases Risk

Drained by federal mandate for seismic retrofit  
(89,278 acre-feet capacity)

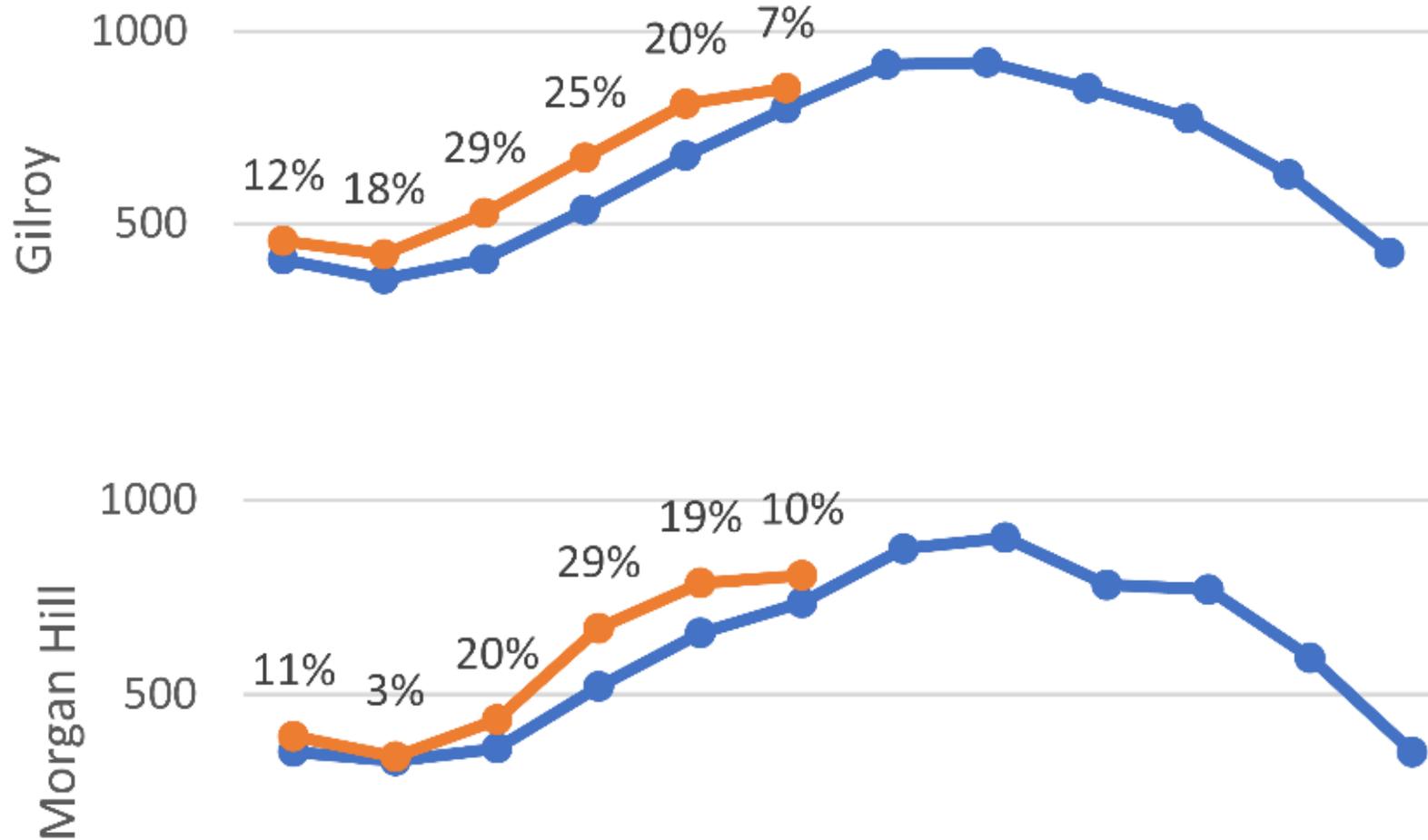


# Water Shortage Emergency Condition

- Declared Water Shortage Emergency Condition calling for Water Use Restriction on June 9, 2021
- Urged county to proclaimed local emergency
- Resolution includes:
  - Valley Water to aggressively promote water conservation programs to all water users
  - Urges Santa Clara County farmers to consider the water shortage emergency condition in planting and irrigation practices.

# Progress Towards Water Use Reduction

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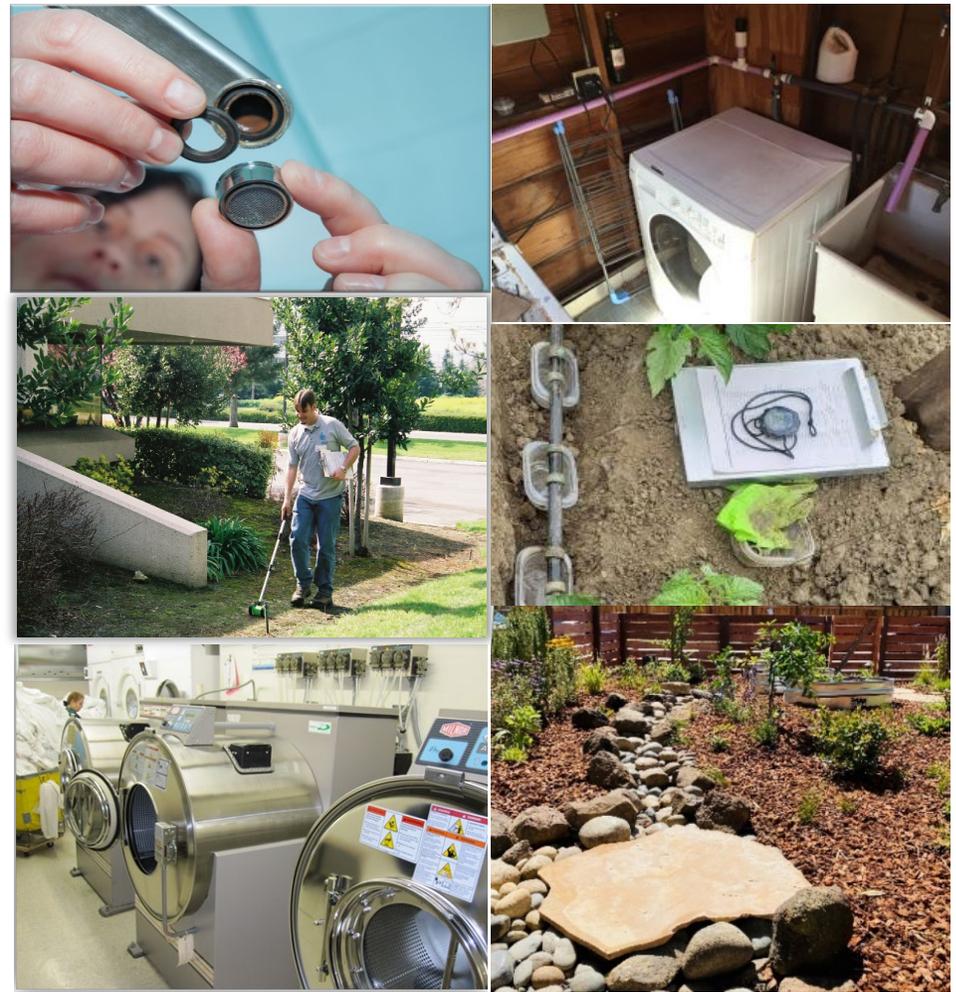
# Valley Water Drought Response

- Doubled Landscape Conversion Rebate (\$1 to \$2 per sq. ft.)
- Increased conservation messaging
- *BeHeard* interactive webpage
- Reduce retailer deliveries
- Ensure adequate recharge in South County
- Pause imported water releases to most creeks and ponds
- Regular Updates to Board and Committee



# Water Conservation Programs

- Residential Programs
- Landscape Programs
- Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII) Programs
- Agriculture Programs
- Water Waste Inspectors
- Education/Workshops/Resources



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# Water Conservation Programs

COVID-19 Program Notice



## Landscape Rebate Program

Our Landscape Rebate Program can help you save water and money, offering up to **\$3,000\*** for residential sites and **\$50,000\*** for commercial and multi-family sites.

Get started with your application

Overview of the Landscape Rebate Program

\*Maximum rebates may be even higher in some cost sharing areas.

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# QUESTIONS



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