

# Storm Report

Jan. 13, 2026 – Feb. 23, 2026



## Rainfall

### RAINFALL IN INCHES AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026

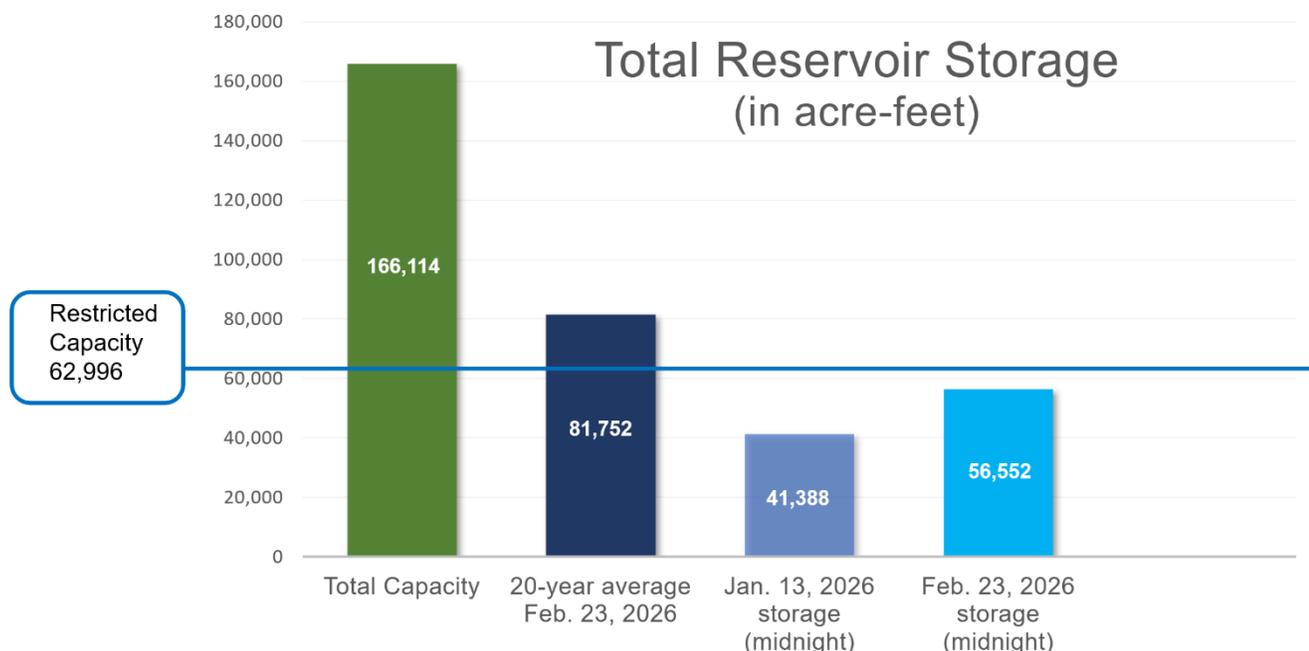
COUNTY RAIN GAUGE LOCATIONS	CURRENT PERIOD 01/12/26 – 02/23/26 (inches)	SEASON <sup>1</sup> TO DATE 02/23/26 (inches)	SEASONAL AVG TO DATE (inches)	% SEASONAL AVG TO DATE	HISTORICAL SEASON AVERAGE (inches)
<b>WEST<sup>2</sup></b> (Valley Christian)	10.40	35.83	31.29	114%	43.43
<b>CENTRAL</b> (San José)	3.23	13.03	9.80	133%	14.23
<b>NORTH EAST</b> (Penitencia)	3.59	13.35	6.90	193%	10.04
<b>SOUTH</b> (Coyote Reservoir)	5.04	16.46	14.42	114%	20.51

## Reservoir Levels

- Shasta Reservoir storage was at 112% of historical average and Lake Oroville was at 126% for February 22, 2026.
- Estimated inflow into local reservoirs was approximately 26,220 acre-feet between January 13, 2026 and February 22, 2026.
- Total local reservoir storage on February 23, 2026 was about 34% of total unrestricted capacity and 69% of normal when compared to the 20-year average for this date.

## Raw Water Operations

- Releases from Anderson Reservoir strive to maintain deadpool, per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) order.
- Calero, Almaden, and Guadalupe reservoirs were below the interim Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) restricted levels during this period.
- Coyote Reservoir storage was below the permanent DSOD restricted level during this period.



<sup>1</sup> Rainfall season extends from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

<sup>2</sup> Rainfall Data stations: **West** – Santa Cruz Mountains; **Central** – near downtown San Jose; **Northeast** – near Milpitas; **South** – near Coyote Reservoir.

## Raw Water Preparations (cont.)

- Almaden-Calero Canal Transfers occurred during this period between January 10, 2026 and January 15, 2026.
- Calero Reservoir was the source water for Santa Teresa Treatment Plant from January 12, 2026 through January 16, 2026.
- No reservoirs spilled during this period.

## Pre-storm Preparations

Crews completed stream maintenance program work from June through October, removing an estimated 24,109 cubic yards (CY) of sediment for capacity and repairing 2,215 linear feet (LF) of creek bank. Field crews continue monitoring over 300 locations countywide before, during, and after storm events to eliminate flow restrictions.

## Communications

Staff shared social media posts from city and county partners, which included information about warming centers and advisories to avoid flooded streets. Staff also encouraged residents to keep waterways clear and to report any blockages through Access Valley Water.

Valley Water's annual flood awareness campaign continued with digital advertisements that urged residents to remain alert and prioritize flood safety. The campaign primarily targets homes and businesses in identified flood-prone areas, using a mix of print, social media, digital, and outdoor messaging to promote emergency preparedness.

## Flood Management Operations

Valley Water Office of Emergency Services (OES) On Call team coordinated Valley Water's participation and information sharing with the Santa Clara County Operational Area (Cities and County) during multiple calls. No Emergency Operations Center activations for recent storms.

## Flooding

No observations of creek flooding were reported by Valley Water staff.

## Field Information Teams (FITs)

No FIT Teams were deployed during this time period.

## Fallen Trees and Debris Removal

Staff continue to inspect and assess the waterways. Flow restrictions, including downed trees and debris on bridge piers, continue to be removed as needed before, during, and after storm events.

## Sandbags

Valley Water sandbag sites in Palo Alto, Morgan Hill, and San Jose were restocked will filled bags prior to the recent rain events. All 5 Valley Water sandbag sites were monitored and maintained as needed during the rain events. There are currently 10,000 filled sandbags in reserve at the Winfield Yard.

This information is based on first-hand accounts from Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) staff and other monitoring sources between January 13, 2026, and February 23, 2026. As more information is gathered, some of the information reported here may change.

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