

Storm Report

Nov. 12, 2024 – Nov. 25, 2024



Rainfall

RAINFALL IN INCHES AS OF November 25, 2024

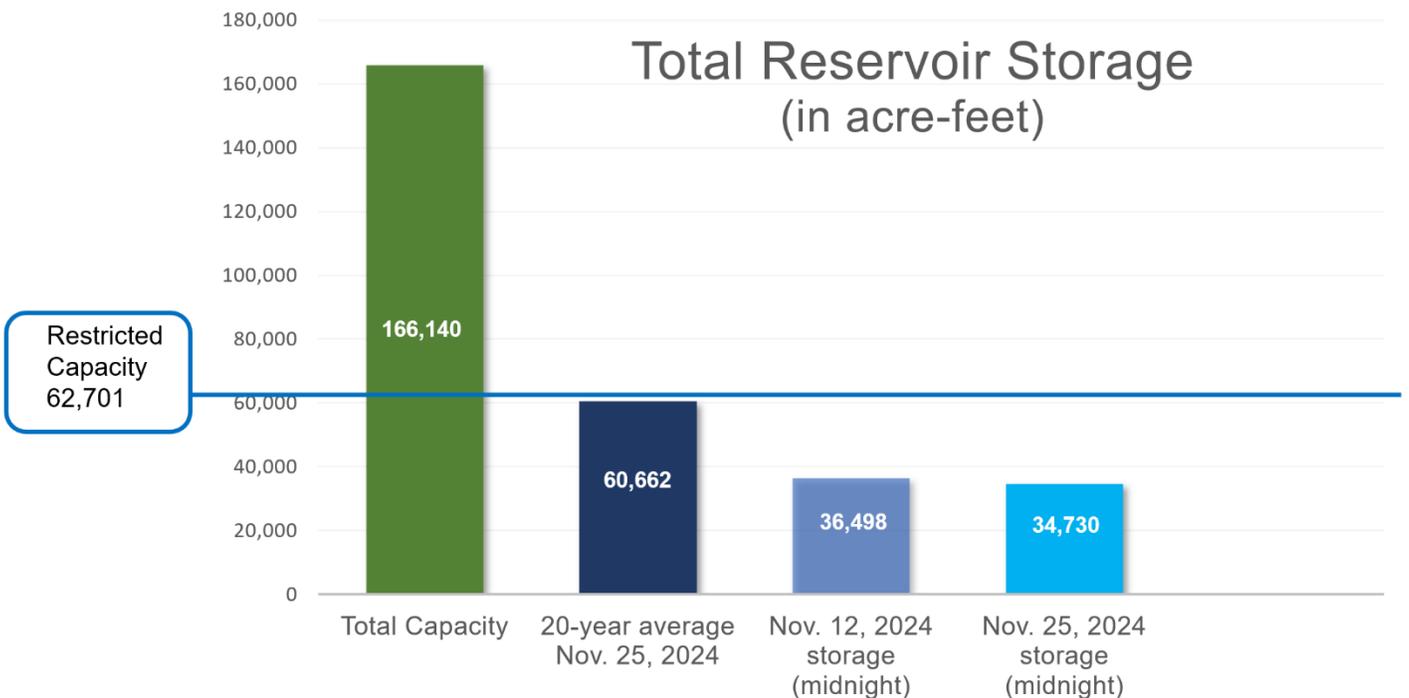
COUNTY RAIN GAUGE LOCATIONS	CURRENT PERIOD 11/12/24 – 11/25/24 (inches)	SEASON ¹ TO DATE 11/25/24 (inches)	SEASONAL AVG TO DATE (inches)	% SEASONAL AVG TO DATE	HISTORICAL SEASON AVERAGE (inches)
WEST² (Valley Christian)	4.52	5.31	6.39	83%	43.43
CENTRAL (San José)	1.11	1.42	2.22	64%	14.23
NORTH EAST (Penitencia)	1.26	1.65	1.48	112%	10.04
SOUTH (Coyote Reservoir)	1.69	2.36	2.94	80%	20.51

Reservoir Levels

- Shasta Reservoir storage was at 110% of historical average and Lake Oroville was at 104% for November 24, 2024.
- Estimated inflow into local reservoirs was approximately 400 acre-feet between November 12, 2024 and November 25, 2024.
- Total local reservoir storage on Nov. 25 was about 21% of total unrestricted capacity and 57% 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.
- Almaden, Calero, and Guadalupe reservoirs were below interim DSOD restricted levels, and Coyote Reservoir was below the permanent DSOD level during this period.



¹ Rainfall season extends from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

² Rainfall Data stations: **West** – Santa Cruz Mountains; **Central** – near downtown San Jose; **Northeast** – near Milpitas; **South** – near Coyote Reservoir.
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Pre-storm Preparations

Crews completed stream maintenance program work from June to October, removing over 10,000 cubic yards (CY) of sediment for capacity and repairing over 2,070 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 held a joint news conference on Nov. 13 with the City of San Jose and the National Weather Service to discuss our winter preparedness efforts and the availability of sandbags across the county. Our 2024 flood awareness postcard was delivered to over 54,000 homes and businesses in the FEMA SFHA.

Properties in areas considered at high risk of flooding were targeted with additional preparedness messaging, and flood awareness banners were hung at 12 hot spot creek locations.

Communications staff shared several social media posts from the National Weather Service with information on the projected rain totals and tips to alert people to avoid flooded roadways and register for local emergency alerts. Staff also responded to media requests on storm preparedness from KCBS Radio, ABC7 News

Flood Management Operations

Valley Water Office of Emergency Services (OES) On Call team continues to monitor potential inclement weather and coordinate information and intelligence sharing with the Santa Clara County Operational Area (Cities and County).

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

In preparation for the storm, nearly 15,000 sandbags were stocked across 5 Valley Water sandbag sites in the county along with additional loose sand and empty bags at the Palo Alto and Morgan Hill sites. There are currently an additional 20,000 filled sandbags in reserve at the Winfield and South County yards.

This information is based on first-hand accounts from Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) staff and other monitoring sources between November 12, 2024, and November 25, 2024. As more information is gathered, some of the information reported here may change.

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