

Storm Report

Nov. 25, 2025 – Jan. 12, 2026



Rainfall

RAINFALL IN INCHES AS OF JANUARY 12, 2026

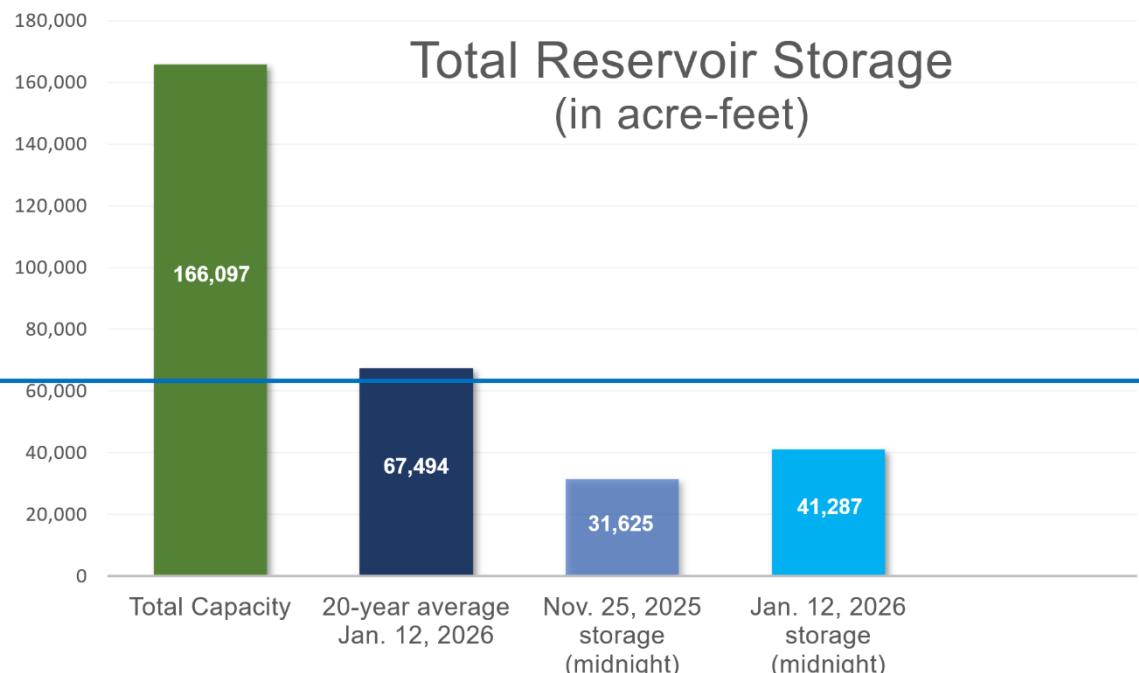
COUNTY RAIN GAUGE LOCATIONS	CURRENT PERIOD 11/25/25 – 01/12/26 (inches)	SEASON ¹ TO DATE 01/12/26 (inches)	SEASONAL AVG TO DATE (inches)	% SEASONAL AVG TO DATE	HISTORICAL SEASON AVERAGE (inches)
WEST² (Valley Christian)	14.76	25.04	18.84	133%	43.43
CENTRAL (San José)	4.65	9.53	6.04	158%	14.23
NORTH EAST (Penitencia)	4.21	9.76	4.25	230%	10.04
SOUTH (Coyote Reservoir)	5.08	11.34	8.66	131%	20.51

Reservoir Levels

- Shasta Reservoir storage was at 135% of historical average and Lake Oroville was at 139% for January 11, 2026.
- Estimated inflow into local reservoirs was approximately 22,300 acre-feet between November 25, 2025 and January 11, 2026.
- Total local reservoir storage on January 11, 2026 was about 25% of total unrestricted capacity and 61% of normal when compared to the 20-year average for this date.

Raw Water Operations

- Releases from Anderson Reservoir strive to maintain deadlock, 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.



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.

Raw Water Preparations (cont.)

- Almaden-Calero Canal Transfers began on January 8, 2026, and may continue through January 17, 2026.
- Calero Reservoir started supplying source water to Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (STWTP) on January 12, 2026, and it is planned to continue 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 21,802 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

Valley Water issued a storm preparedness email to 63,000 residents on December 22, ahead of a National Weather Service minor flood watch, highlighting expected moderate to heavy rainfall and potential nuisance flooding.

Staff continued to share flood tips on social media as planned throughout the winter months. Starting on December 19, staff began sharing messages about the series of storms we experienced over the holiday week. These messages included instructions to avoid driving through flooded streets, reporting clogged storm drains and creek blockages, and information on where residents can obtain free sandbags. Staff also shared a Valley Water video on how to use a sandbag properly and posted it in areas prone to flooding.

Flood Management Operations

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

All 5 Valley Water sandbag sites were restocked with filled bags just prior to recent rain events. Sites were monitored and maintained as needed during the rain events. There are currently 9,000 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 November 25, 2025, and January 12, 2026. As more information is gathered, some of the information reported here may change.

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