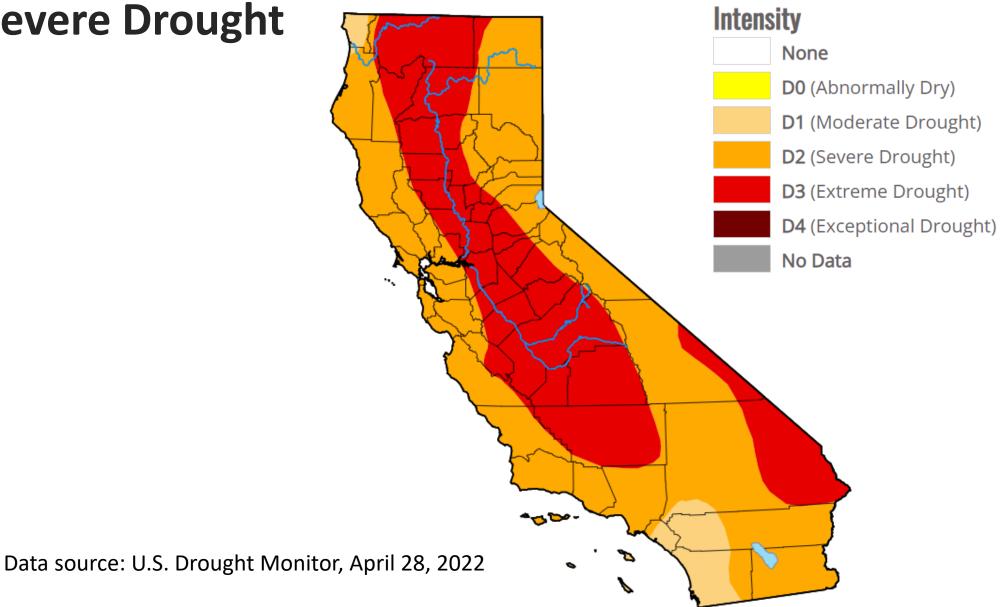


# Monthly Drought Emergency Response, Water Supply Update, and Water Use Reduction Enforcement Plan

Valley Water Board Meeting May 10, 2022

#### **Severe Drought**

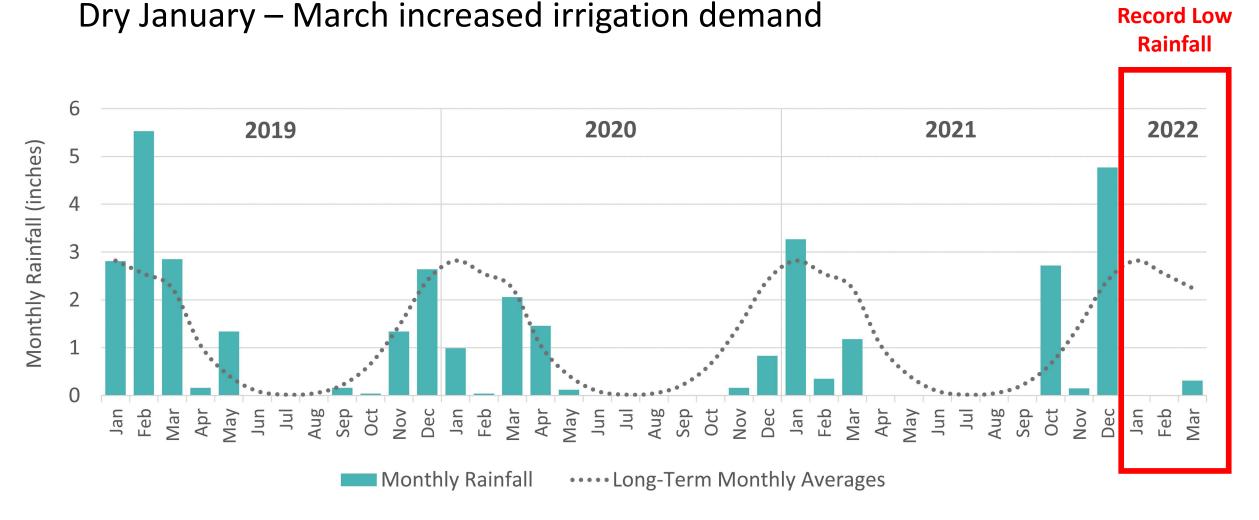


#### **Early and Proactive Drought Response**



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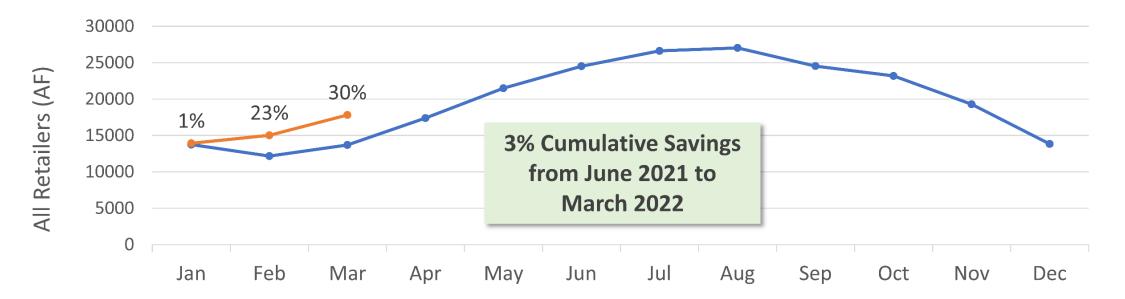
#### Driest first three months on record



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#### **Countywide Water Savings**

The percent increase (+) or percent decrease (-) in water use from 2019 to 2022 is shown for each month.



- Goal to reach 15% call on annual cumulative basis
- Water use reduction enforcement plan will help reach goal

## **Historically Low 2022 Imported Water Allocations**

- Allocations reduced after dry Jan through March
- State Water Project 5% and minimum Human Health and Safety needs
- **Central Valley Project** Public Health and Safety only (confirming 2022 amount) and 0% for Ag
- Semitropic water bank withdrawal
- Emergency transfers

#### Groundwater

- Recharge remains below average, but would be much lower without public health and safety supplies expected
- Water levels have declined but remain above 2014 levels due to emergency imported water supplies

## Water Supply Scenarios Forecasted

One scenario in 2022 based on current imported water allocations and critically dry hydrology

Two drought scenarios in 2023:

- Dry Hydrology
- Critically Dry Hydrology (Worst Case)

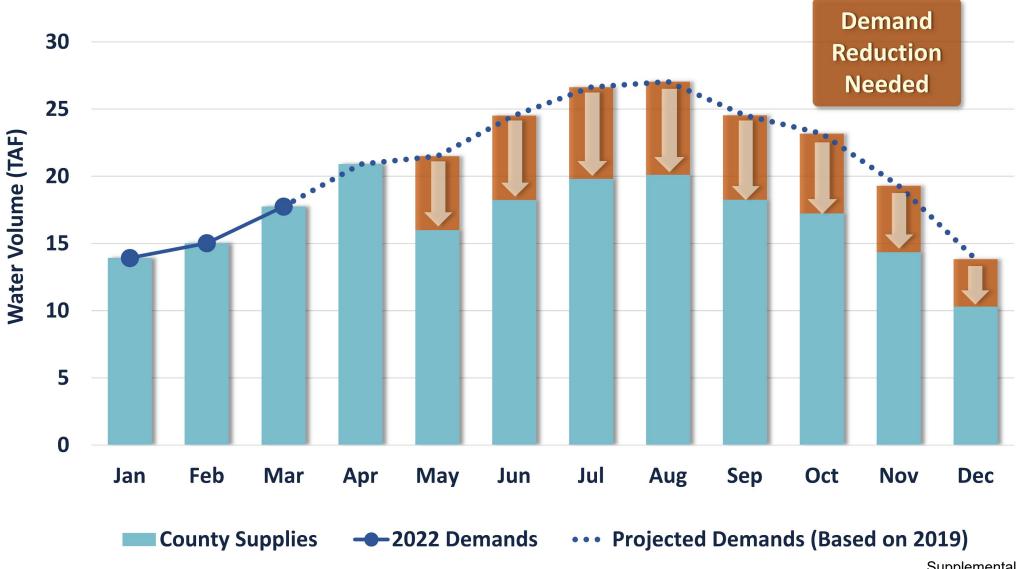
#### **Scenarios Evaluated**<sup>\*</sup>

There is risk of subsidence and dry wells if critically dry conditions continue in 2023. **Water use must be reduced to ensure sufficient supplies.** 

				WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK		
Scenario	Calendar Year	Imported Supplies	Local Surface Supplies	Groundwater Recharge	Treated Water	End of Year Groundwater Storage
Critically Dry	2022	<b>Low</b> (118 TAF)	<b>Low</b> (28 TAF)	Below Normal (73 TAF)	Maintain 2021 reduction (23%)	Normal (Stage 1) (306 TAF)
Dry	2023	<b>Low</b> (116 TAF)	<b>Low</b> (18 TAF)	<b>Low</b> (62 TAF)	Maintain 2021 reduction (23%)	Alert (Stage 2) (293 TAF)
Critically Dry	2023	Extremely Low (53 TAF)	Extremely Low (7 TAF)	Extremely Low (33 TAF)	<b>Extreme reduction</b> (35%)	Severe (Stage 3) (243 TAF)

\*2022 scenarios assume demand reduced by 10% from 2019. 2023 scenarios assume achieving the Board's call for 15% demand reduction from 2019. Achieving the 15% call in 2022 would increase groundwater storage by 13 TAF in 2022 and 2023 Page 9 of 16

#### Summer demands must drop to ensure sufficient supplies



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#### Valley Water will enforce water waste restrictions

Ordinance for Board consideration on May 24, 2022 with

#### penalties for violators of water waste restrictions

- to enforce irrigation restrictions for non-functional landscape in amended Resolution 22-20
- authority set forth in Article X of the California Constitution,
  Water Code §350 and §375, Santa Clara Valley Water District Act

## **Enforcement through Valley Water's Water Waste Program**

- Enforcement to be based on existing program
- Expanded public outreach
- Vendor to help address more reports
- Budget adjustment will be brought to Board if needed
- Water waste notification letters/door hangers on program will state that failure to comply with water waste restrictions may result in future enforcement action

## **Collaboration with Retailers**

- Consistent drought coordination since June 2021 Resolution 21-68
- Valley Water's enforcement program to complement retailers' existing enforcement programs

## Public Outreach for Drought, Conservation, and Enforcement

Messaging on 2-day irrigation limit

Drought news conference

Spring conservation campaign

Board statements and column

Speakers Bureau presentations

Public outreach to be conducted to create awareness of enforcement





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## Water Use Reduction Enforcement Plan

#### **Enforcement will**

- Conserve scarce supplies
- Prepare for a possible fourth year of drought
- Help reach Board's call for water use reduction

#### Ordinance for Board consideration on May 24, 2022

# QUESTIONS



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