



# **Item 17: Proposed Emergency Conservation Regulations by State Water Resources Control Board**

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# Drought 2015

- Drought conditions are continuing. As of March 3, 2015, snow water equivalents for the Northern, Central, and Southern Sierra regions were at 16 percent, 20 percent, and 21 percent of normal for that date, respectively.
- Additionally, most reservoirs are less than 60 percent full and January 2015 was one of the driest months ever recorded in California history.

# Emergency Regulations

- On January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency
- On July 15, 2014, the State Water Board adopted an emergency regulation to support water conservation (Resolution No. 2014-0038)
- The emergency regulation will expire on April 25, 2015

# Emergency Regulations

- SWRCB to consider amending and re-adopting drought-related emergency regulations related to urban water conservation
- Additional drought actions for 2015:
  - Increased reporting requirements by water supplier
  - Prohibition on irrigation of turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation
- Current Water Waste regulations remain, including 2-day per week watering schedule (Wednesday and Saturday)
- Staff will continue to report on drought response and local water conservation activities