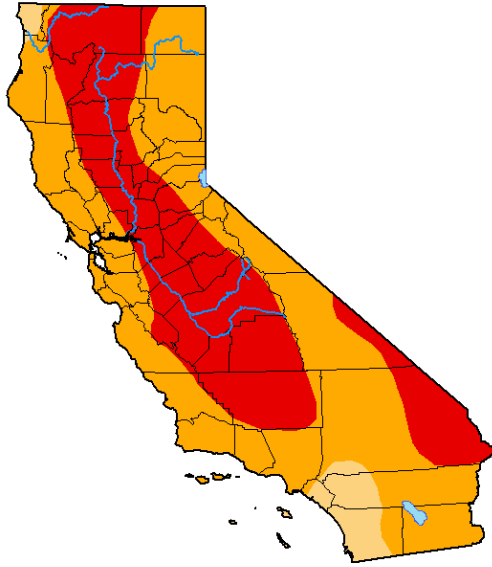


### U.S. Drought Monitor California

**May 3, 2022**  
(Released Thursday, May 5, 2022)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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# 27%

**STATEWIDE**  
AVERAGE SNOWPACK  
FOR MAY 5

# 55%

**RESERVOIR**  
STORAGE  
LAKE OROVILLE

# 47%

**RESERVOIR**  
STORAGE  
SAN LUIS

# 80%

**PRECIPITATION**  
NORTHERN SIERRA  
AVERAGE FOR MAY 5

## WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- Outdoor watering only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays between 8 p.m.-8 a.m. (with exceptions such as hand-watering)
- No excess runoff from outdoor watering
- No hosing down driveways, sidewalks, buildings, or parking lots
- No washing vehicles without a shut-off nozzle
- No using water in fountains or other water features without recirculation
- No watering during rain and 24 hours following
- Fix leaks within seven (7) days of discovery

## MVWD ACTIONS



Social Media Campaign:  
Water Watch Wednesdays  
(drought updates, tips, etc.)



1 Water Waste Report  
received in this  
reporting period



MVWD customers will receive an insert in their May/June bill statement expressing the severity of the drought and urging them to cut back water use. Incorporates the regional drought campaign tagline "The Time is Now."

## TIMELINE

10/19/21 - Governor issues Drought Emergency Proclamation for CA

12/15/21 - MVWD declares Significant Water Supply Shortage (Stage 2)

1/4/22 - State Water Board adopts Emergency Regulations on water use restrictions

3/28/22 - Governor issues Executive Order, calling on local water agencies to move to Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans and directing the State Water Board to consider banning irrigation of non-functional turf

4/26/22 - Metropolitan Water District declares a Water Shortage Emergency for SWP-dependent areas & restricts outdoor watering to one day per week.