



Planning for your water needs – now and in the future

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FACT SHEET

Drought Condition

1. 2008 is the eighth consecutive year of drought on the Colorado River.
2. Lake Powell and Lake Mead are only 50% full.
3. The 2007 and 2008 Sierras snowpack were among the lowest in history, despite 2008 storms.
4. A federal court order to protect the endangered Delta Smelt by limiting the pumping of water out of the Delta has been in effect since January 2007, reducing water deliveries to Southern California by approximately 30%.
5. Water in storage in State Water Project reservoirs for use in the future was used in 2007 and is being used in 2008 to provide 30% of Southern California's current water supply.
6. State Water Project reservoirs are only 50% full. If demand is not reduced, these reservoirs could be empty by 2010. If this happens, water demand will exceed supply by at least 30%.
7. On June 4th, the Governor proclaimed a statewide drought and issued an Executive Order directing local water agencies to take immediate actions to reduce water consumption locally and regionally through 2008 and prepare for worse water conditions in 2009.
8. On June 10th, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California declared a water supply alert urging cities, counties, and water agencies in its service area to achieve extraordinary conservation by adopting and enforcing drought ordinances and increasing public outreach.