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2023 Fall Hydrology and Groundwater Level Update

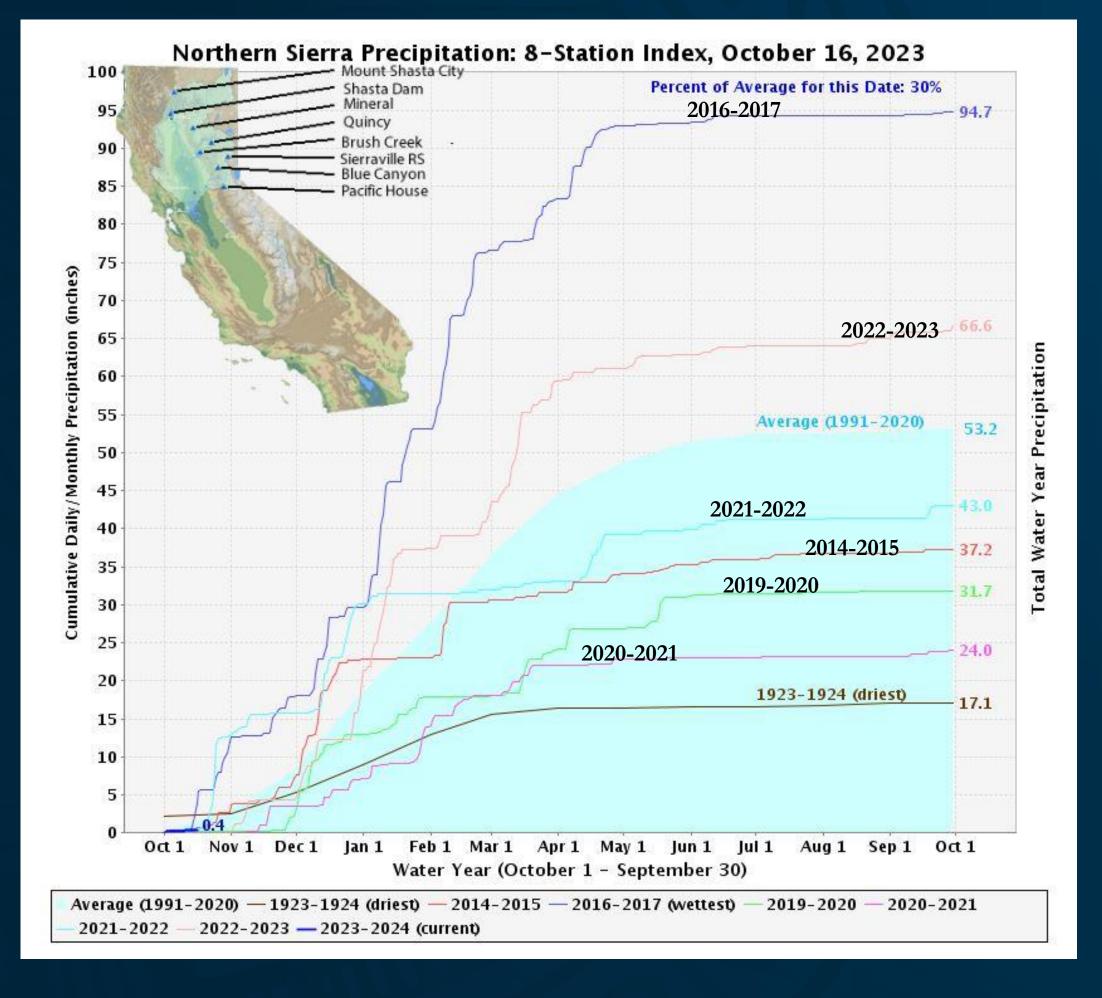
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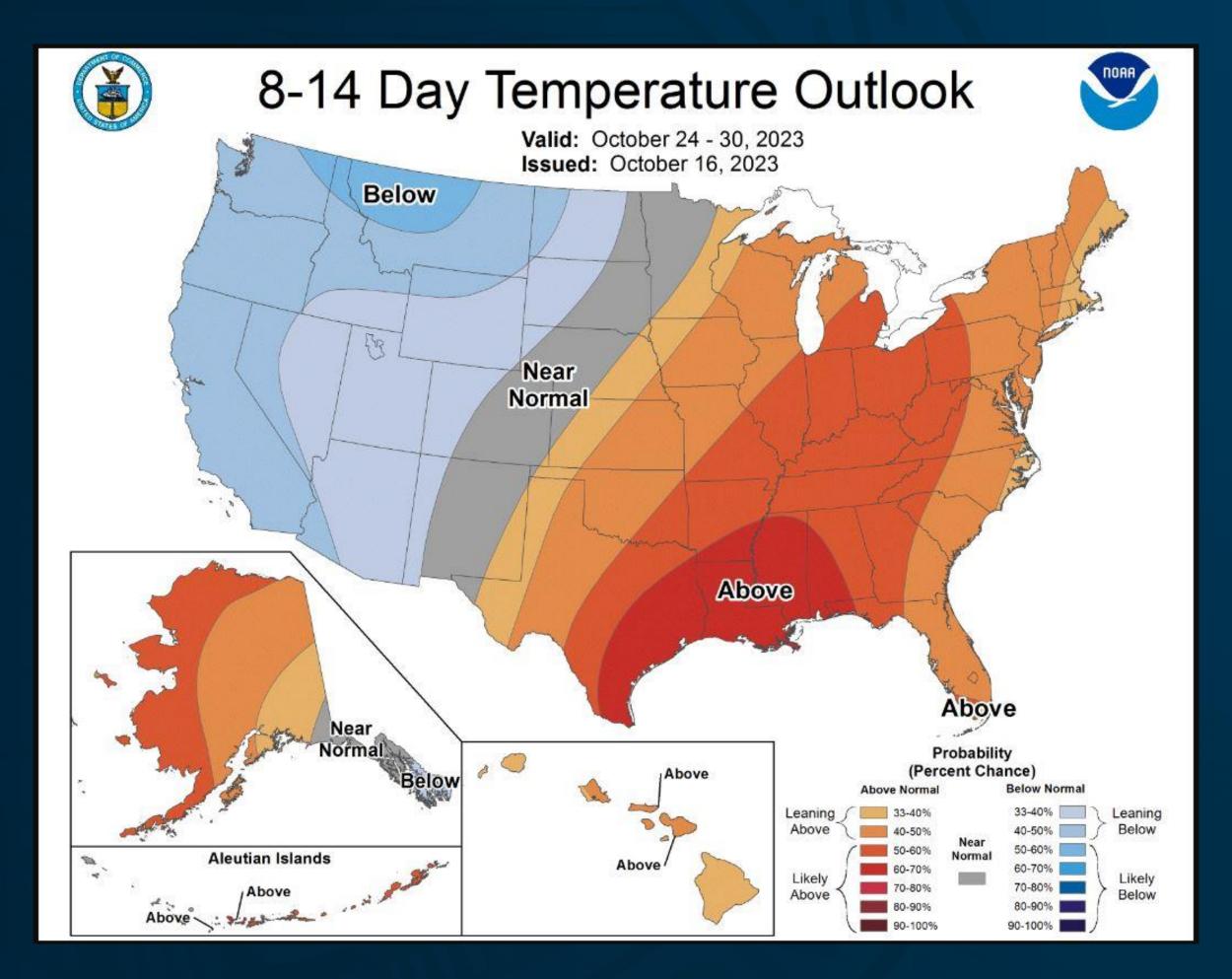
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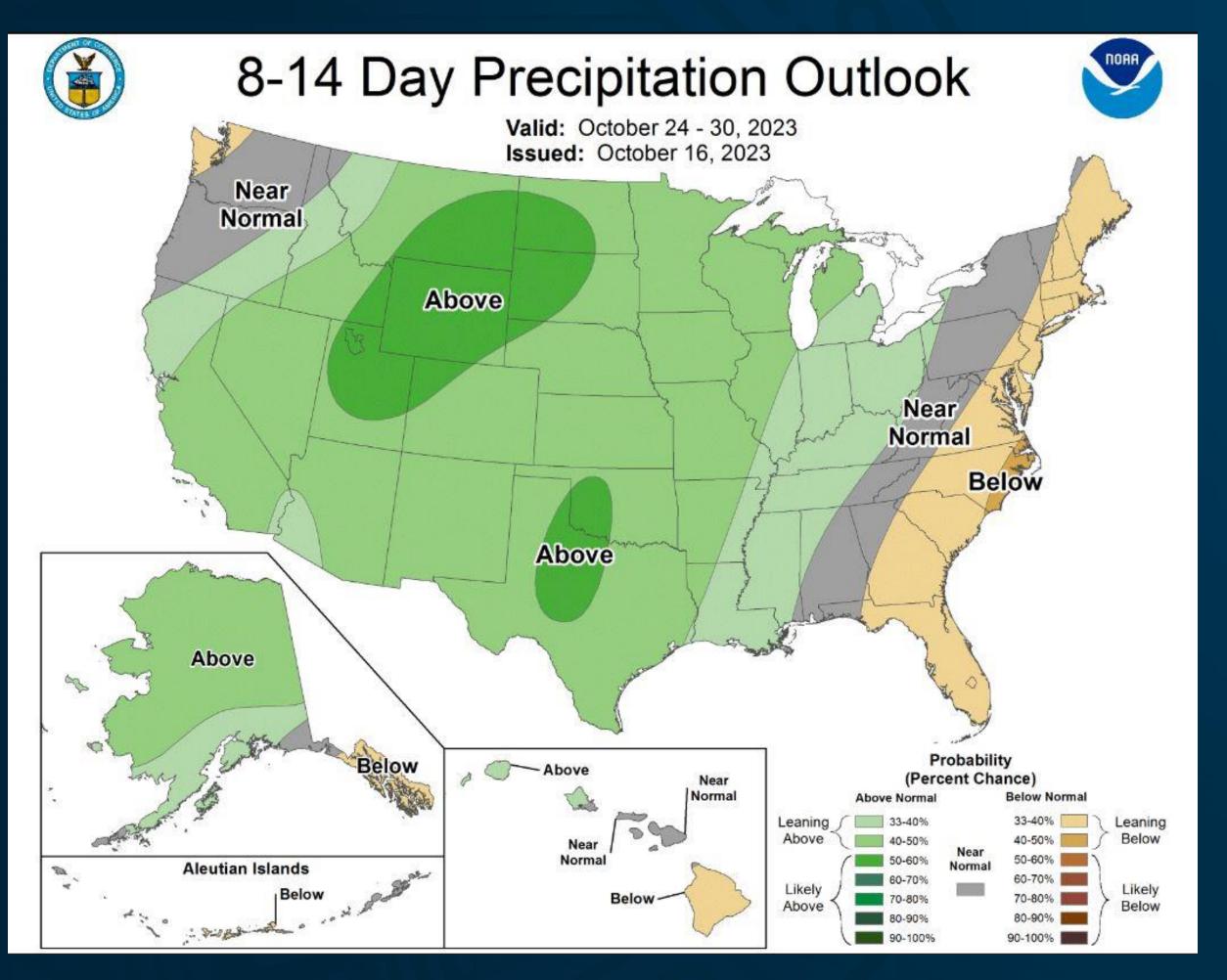


Outline

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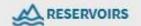




California Water Watch







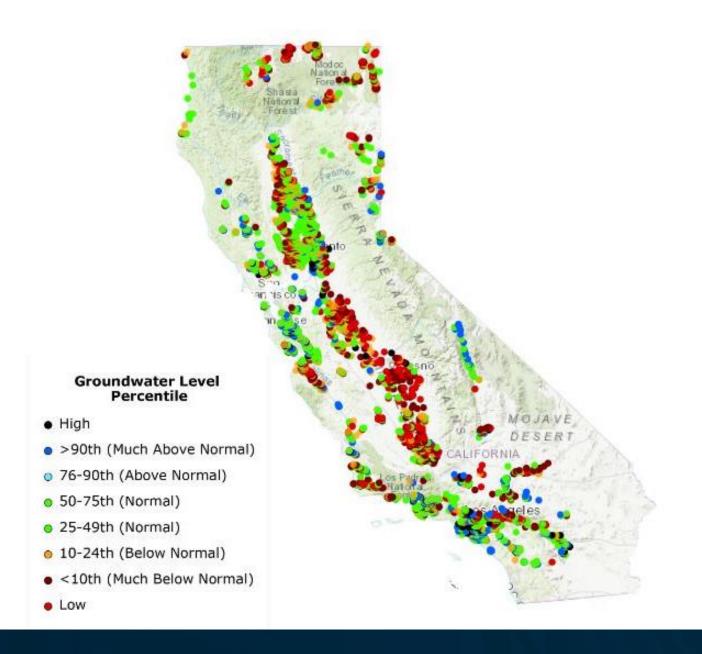
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Groundwater as of 10/15/2023

The map of California shows groundwater level conditions across the state by comparing the most recent groundwater level measurement at individual monitoring wells to historical measurements during the same month. For a well to appear on this map, the most recent measurement must have occurred within the last 18 months, and measurements from at least 10 years must exist for that month.

Currently, most monitoring wells are only measured twice a year, in the spring and fall. Few wells have monthly data, however the State and local groundwater monitoring agencies are working to improve and expand groundwater level data collection.

We are collectively learning more than ever before about our groundwater basins from data being collected and reported by local groundwater agencies. These data are the foundation to support future decision-making related to land use and water resource planning.

The State and locals will continue monitoring and tracking groundwater conditions and collecting new data allowing locals to better manage water resources including implementing groundwater recharge during average and wet years to ensure groundwater will be available as a buffer for future dry and drought times when it is needed most.

Get More Data >

California Water Watch

Precipitation Statistics (period of record: 1981-current)

Statewide as of 10/16/2023

Water Year to Date: 0.29"

% of Average: 72%

Precipitation % of average for

full water year through

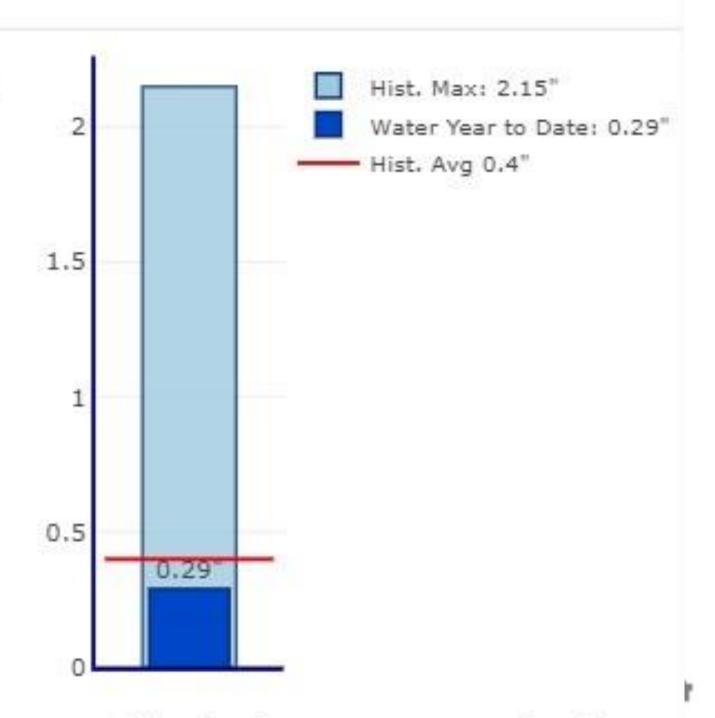
September 30th: 1%

Historical Record to Date:

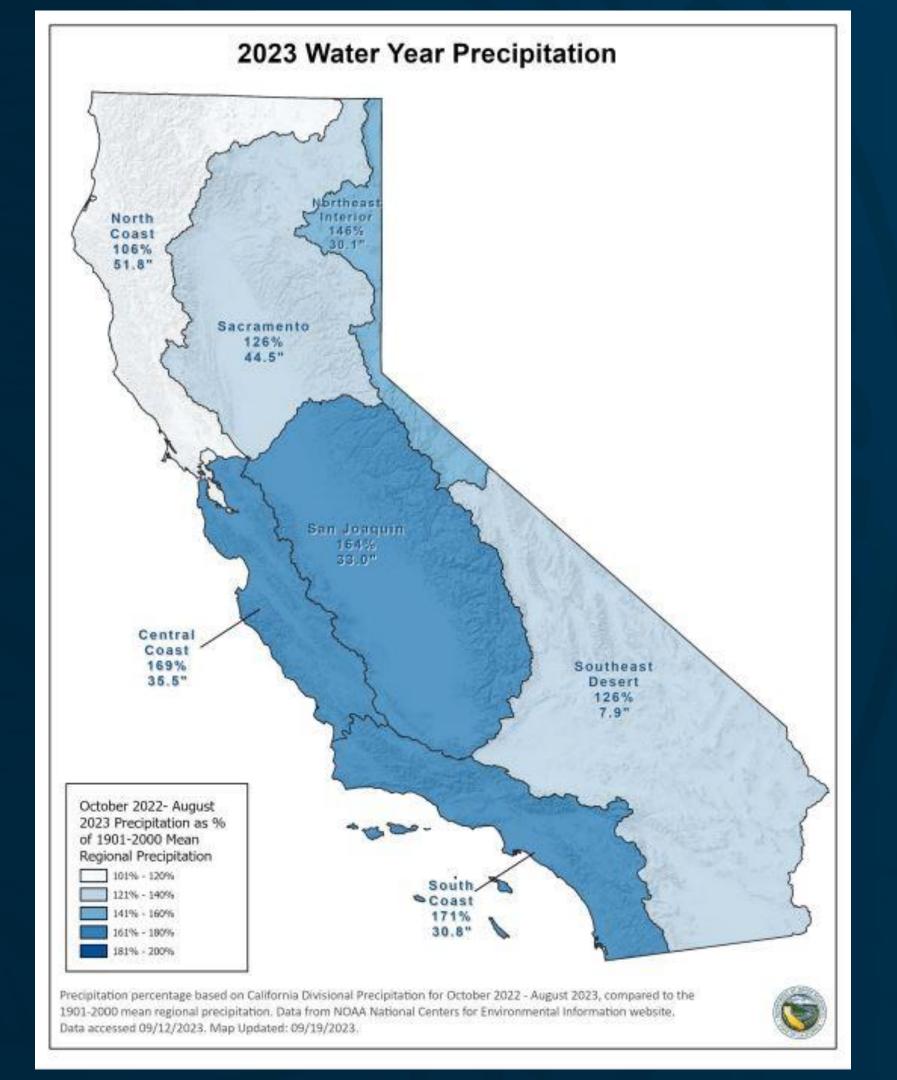
Max: 2.15"

Mean: 0.4"

Min: 0.01"



Precipitation for water year to date is 72% of historical average



CalGWLive Website



California's Groundwater Live

Current Conditions Groundwater Levels Well Infrastructure Land Subsidence

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CALIFORNIA'S LATEST GROUNDWATER INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS



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Current Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater is a vital resource in California. It sustains our ecosystems, supports our agriculture, fuels our economy, quenches our thirst, and reduces the impacts of drought and our changing climate. Groundwater accounts for 40 percent of the State's total annual water supply in normal years and almost 60 percent in drought years. This is why the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is committed to protecting this precious resource and has developed California's Groundwater Live in conjunction with the public release of California's Groundwater Update 2020. We welcome you to explore our newest groundwater tool which features the latest groundwater information, live statistics and a series of interactive dashboards that can be accessed by clicking the icons below.

Monitoring Wells
Below Normal Level

Monitoring Wells at Normal Level Monitoring Wells
Above Normal Level

42%

33%

25%

These numbers are calculated from combining All-Time High, Above Normal, Normal, Below Normal and All-Time Low categories in the Current Groundwater Level

Conditions dashboard below. 1 Learn more about the calculations

Current Well Infrastructure Information

This section includes the latest information on the well infrastructure in California. Information for domestic and irrigation wells are based on DWR's Online System for Well Completion Reports (OSWCR) and information for public supply wells is based on data from the State Water Resource Control's Division of Drinking Water. Click on the links below to explore the five interactive and user-friendly dashboards, that detail California's well infrastructure.

Domestic Wells



279,011 Total 2,599 WCRs Received Year to Date

Irrigation Wells



61,601 Total 1,052 WCRs Received Year to Date

Public Supply Wells



13,858 Total Active **Public Supply Wells**

Reported Dry Wells

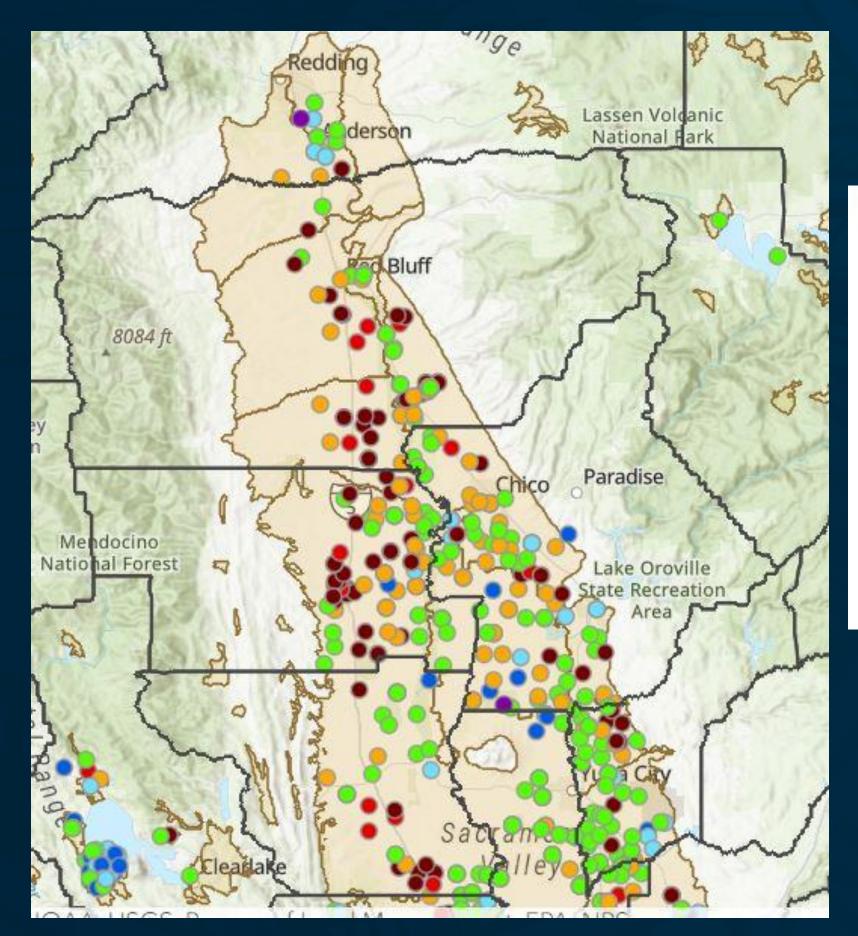


423 in 2023 18 Reported In the last 30 Days



New! Explore Dry Domestic Well Susceptibility within Groundwater Basins

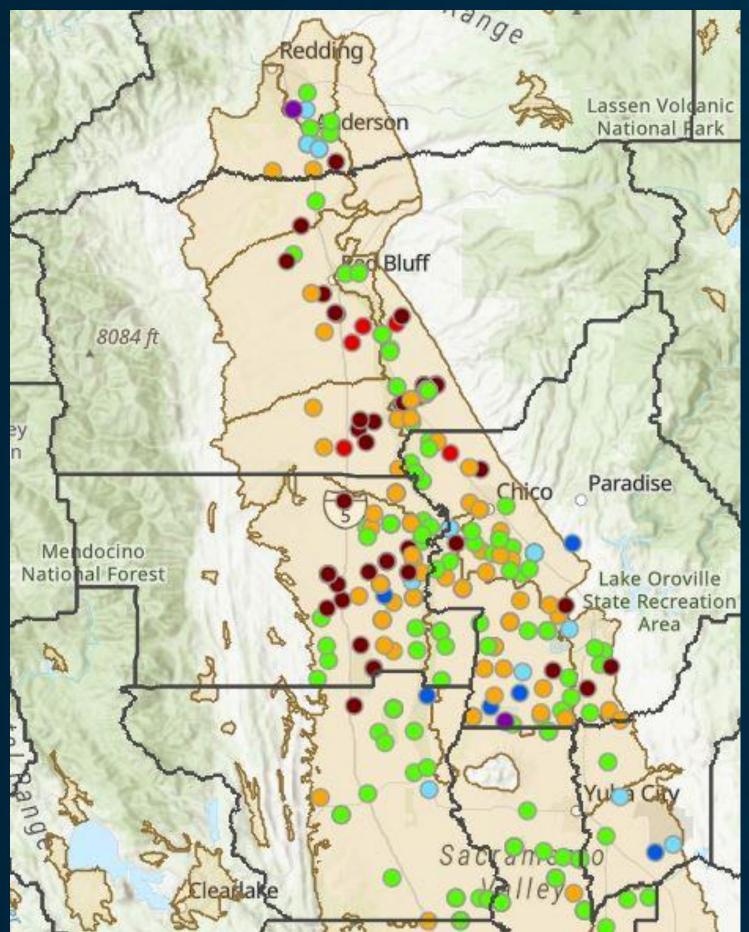
Current GWL Conditions – Last 18 Months



Groundwater Level Percentile Class

- All-Time Low
- <10 (Much Below Normal)</p>
- 10-25 (Below Normal)
- 25-50 (Normal)
- 50-75 (Normal)
- 76-90 (Above Normal)
- >90 (Much Above Normal)
- All-Time High

Current GWL Conditions – Last 90 Days



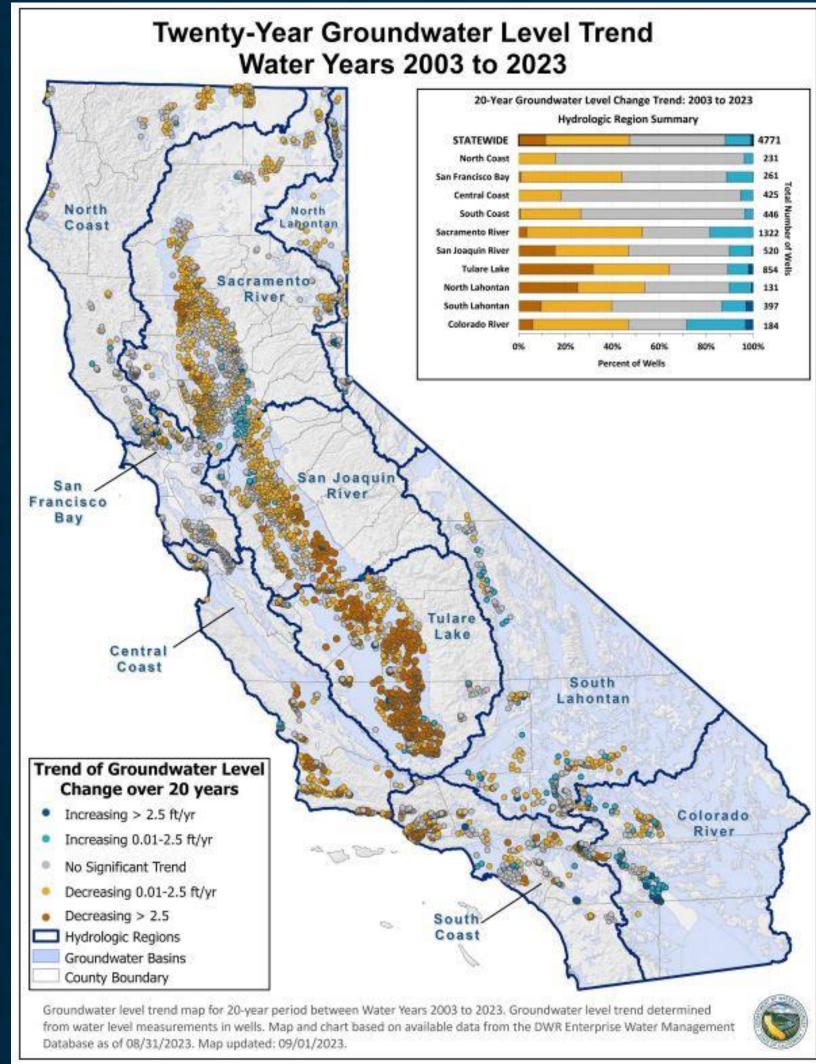
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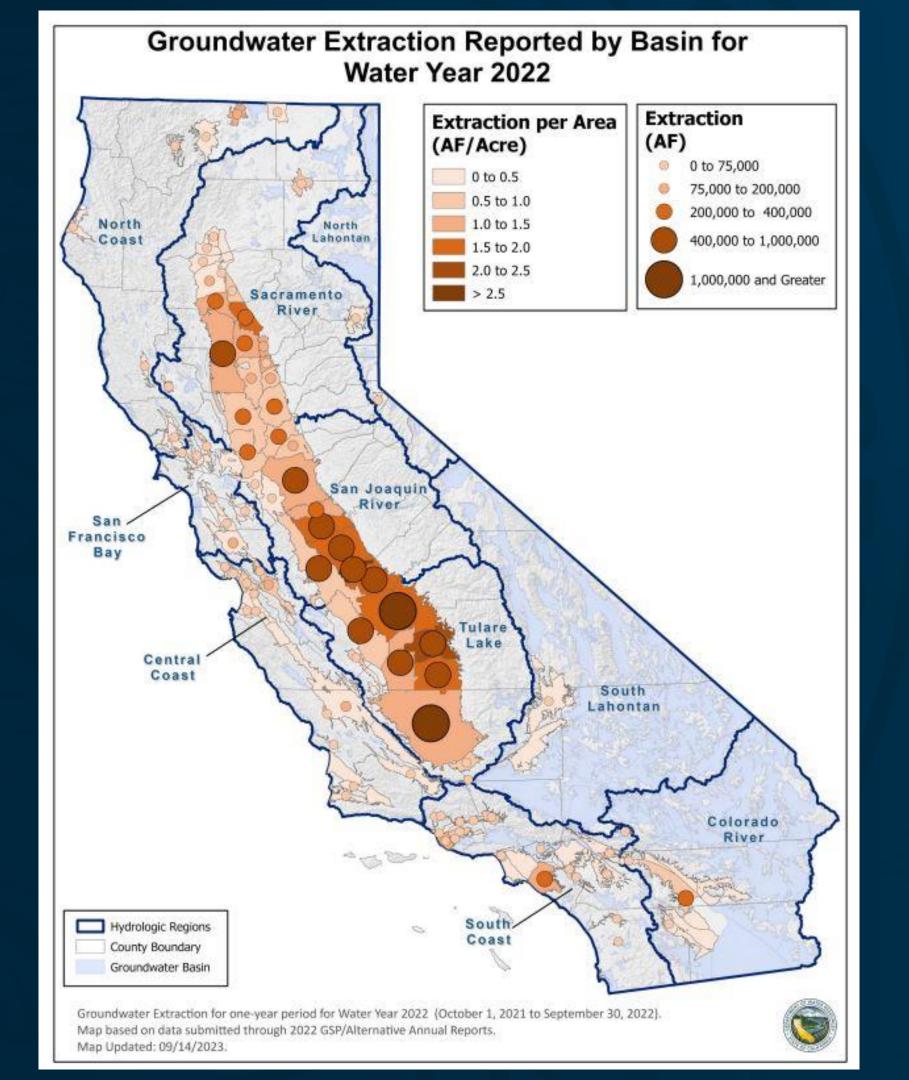
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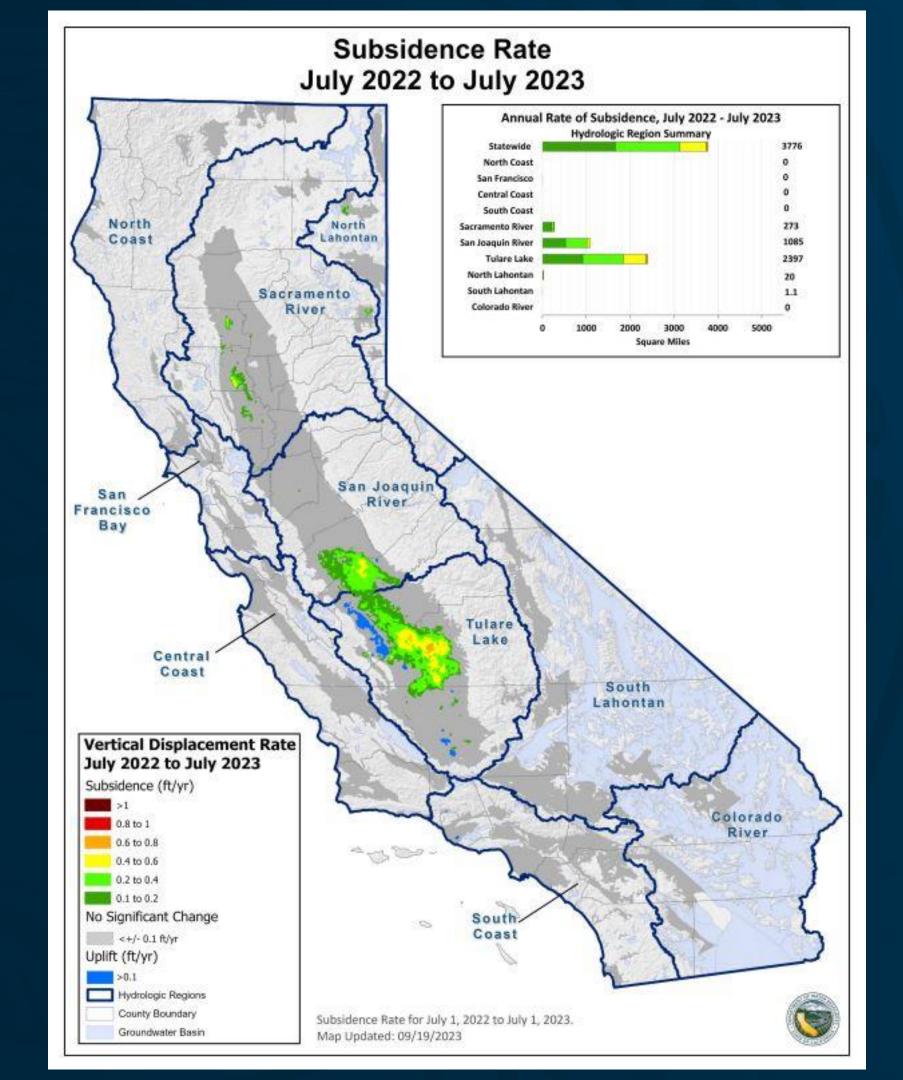
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CALIFORNIA'S
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OCTOBER 2023

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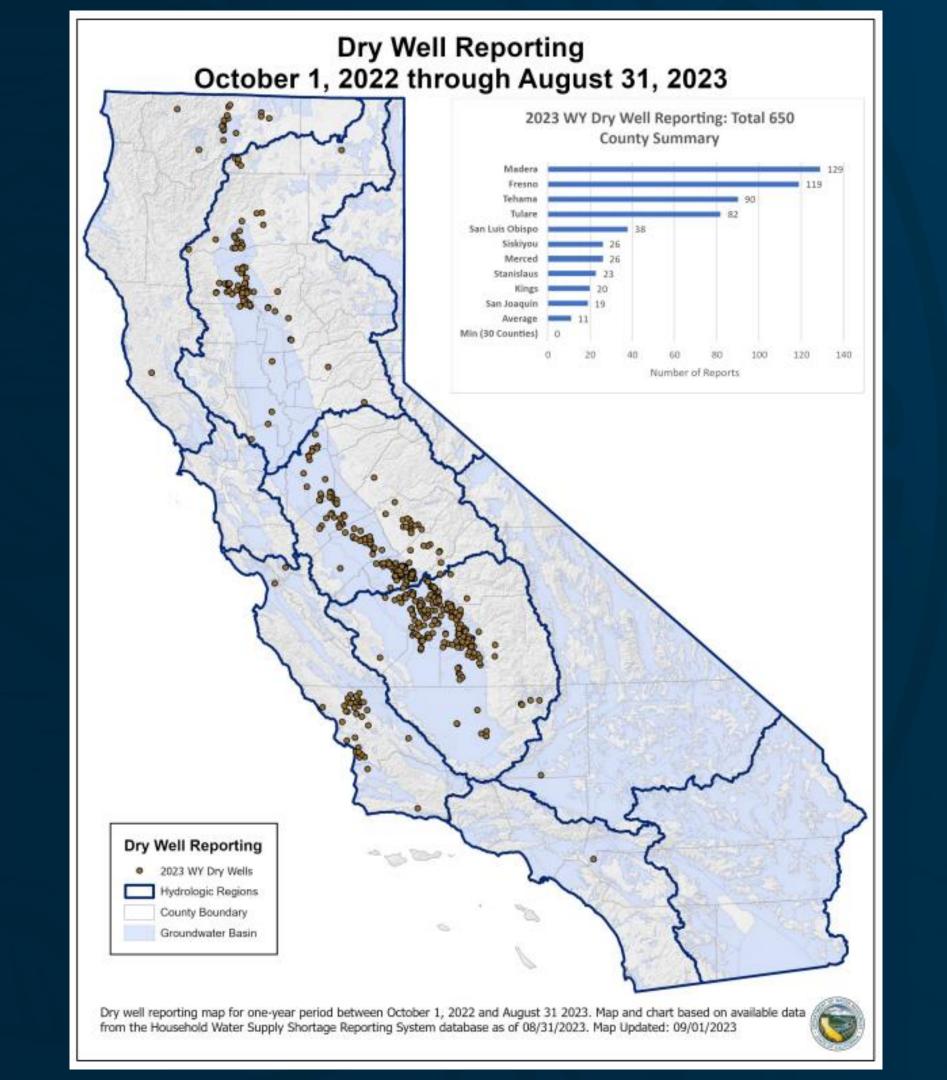
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InSAR data processing for 2022-2023 will be completed early 2024



Groundwater is a renewable resource and CAN be managed sustainably



http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/ https://sgma.water.ca.gov/CalGWLive/

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