



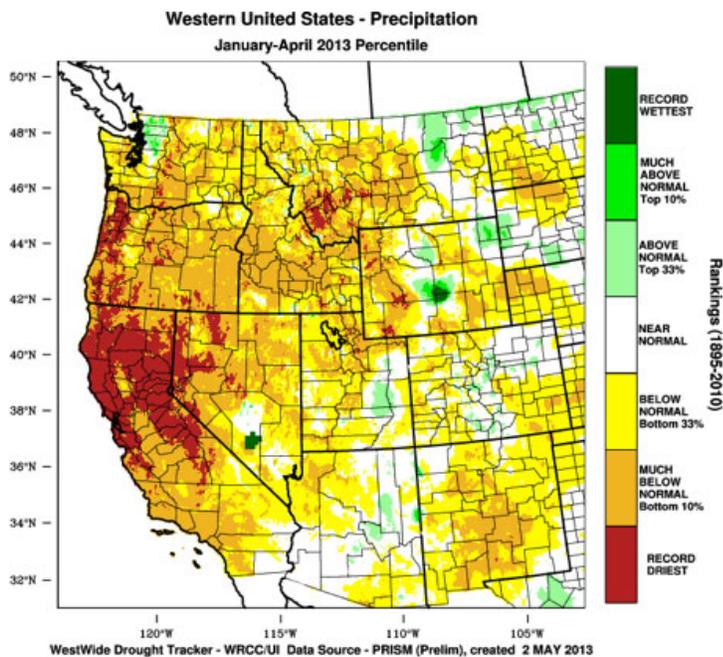
**Briefing on Impacts of Recent Dry Conditions**

**Background**

Atmospheric river storms in late November and early December 2012 brought record wet conditions to California. But record dry conditions were observed in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins from January through April 2013, as illustrated below. Southern California was dry this year as well. The Department of Water Resource (DWR)'s final Sierra snow survey in May showed that most of the snowpack had already melted and low snowpack translates to low runoff in Central Valley rivers. Fortunately, the early wet start to the year resulted in generally good reservoir storage in most of the state's major reservoirs going into the summer months. However, dry conditions prompted DWR to lower its estimated State Water Project deliveries this year to just 35 percent of contractors' requests.

Overall, water year 2013 is a second dry year for most of California, following a dry 2012. Dry conditions have already resulted in an early start to this year's wildfire season, and the outlook calls for above normal potential for significant wildfires in much of the state.

Jeanine Jones, DWR Interstate Resources Manager, will update the Commission on DWR's latest water supply conditions and possible impacts on urban users, the agricultural sector, and foothill communities.



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