



<b>Update on Drought Conditions and DWR Activities</b>
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**Background**

September 30 marked the conclusion of water year 2014. The water year ended with less than 60% of average precipitation, making it one of the driest in California's history.

With the drought in its third year, reservoirs in the state remain low due to below average precipitation. In January, Governor Brown declared a drought emergency and set a statewide goal for water conservation. Both the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project greatly reduced water deliveries this year because of severe dry conditions.

Forecasters are unable to predict yet whether California will get the major storms necessary to end the drought. The presence or absence of El Niño conditions is not a reliable indicator for what may be in store for the state this winter.

Bill Croyle, DWR's Drought Manager, will update the Commission on current conditions and drought response actions.

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