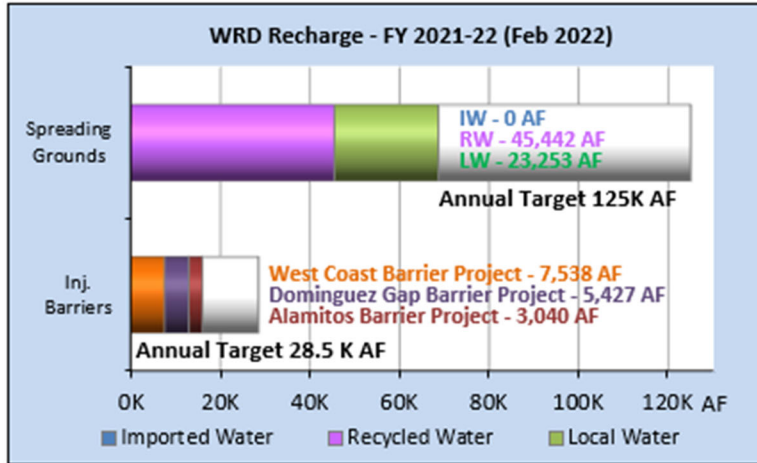
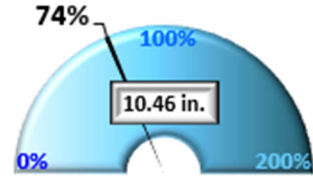


# GROUNDWATER BASIN UPDATE FOR APRIL 2022

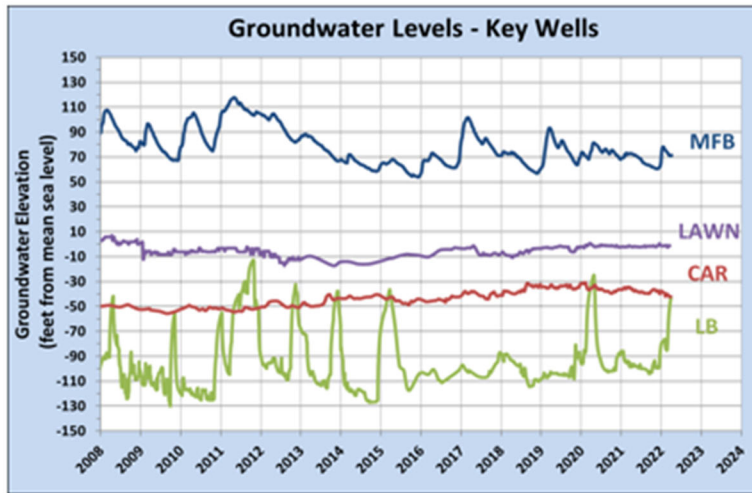
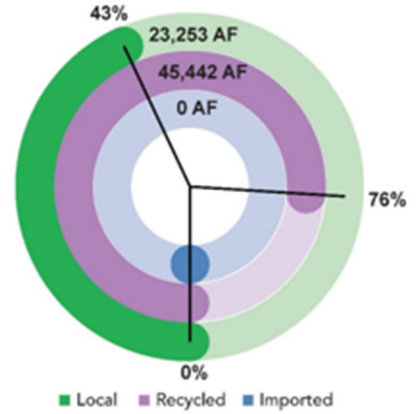
## GROUNDWATER BASINS AT A GLANCE\*



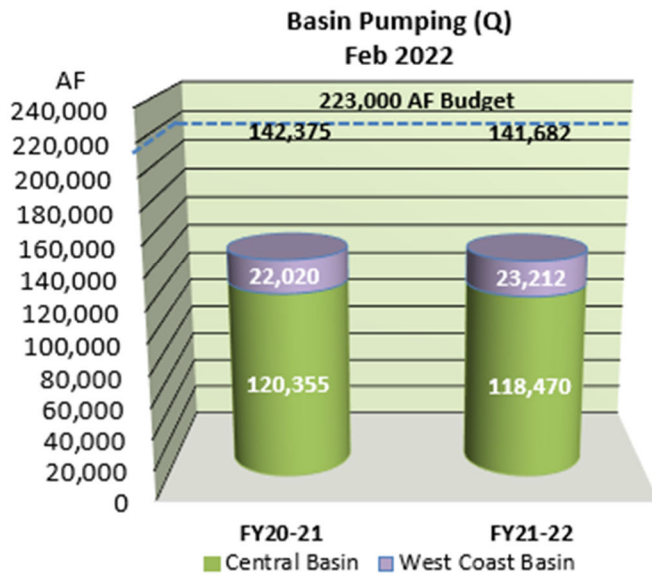
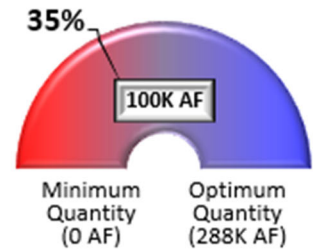
Precipitation % of Normal to Date  
Oct. 1 - Apr. 5



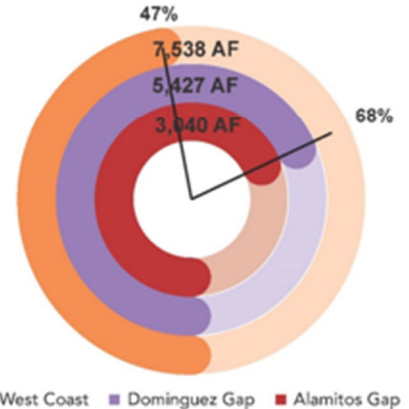
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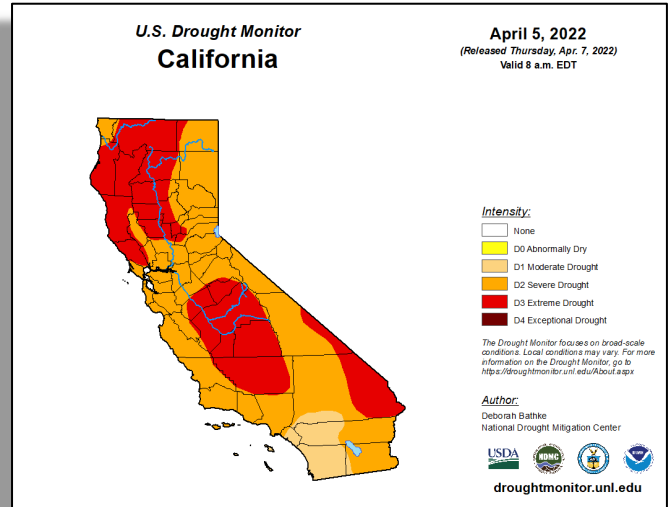
\* - Preliminary numbers, subject to change.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff monitors groundwater conditions in the District's service area throughout the year. A summary of the latest information is presented below.

### **Precipitation (Oct. 1, 2021 – Apr. 5, 2022)**

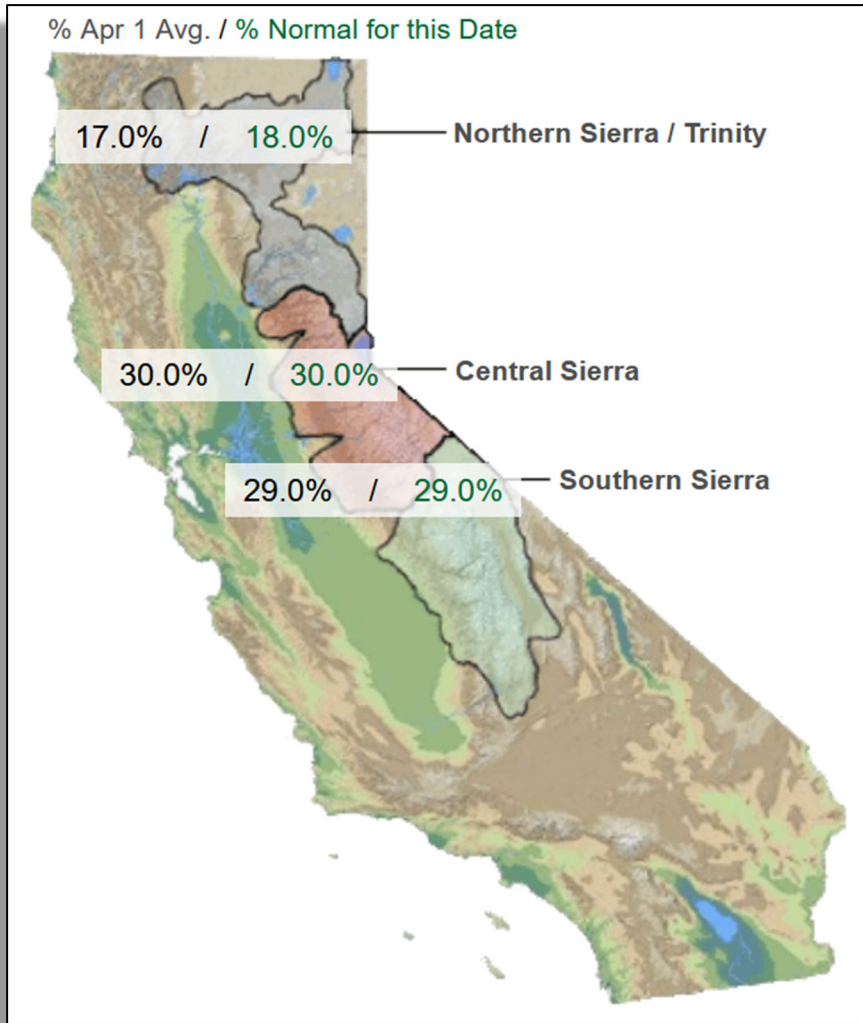
The WRD precipitation index reports that for the 2021-22 Water Year, there has been below average rainfall (10.46 inches) through April 5, 2022. The normal rainfall for this time period is 14.19 inches, so the District is 74% of normal. As of April 5, 2022, the U.S. Drought Monitor is reporting 100% of the State is abnormally dry, 100% under moderate, 94% under severe (+7%), 41% under extreme (+28%), and 0% exceptional drought conditions. California is still in a state of drought exacerbated by the drier than normal January and unseasonably warm February across most of the State. March rainfall was approximately half of the historic average. This has resulted in a significant loss of the Sierra Nevada snowpack.



### **Snowpack (Snow Water Content [SWE] as of April 8, 2022)**

In 1929, the State established the California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program with the California Department of Water Resources as the coordinator. Today, over 50 state, national, and private agencies collaborate in collecting snow data from over 300 snow courses with more than 60 of the courses being the original courses established in the early 1900's. The average snow course is 1,000 feet long and consist of about 10 sample points. Anywhere from two to six courses are measured per day depending on weather and access method.

The snow survey is completed using a snow sampling tube equipped with a cutter on the end that is driven through the snow measuring the depth and obtaining a snow core. The snow core is then weighed and the snow water content (or snow water equivalent) calculated. The surveys are completed throughout the winter by returning to the same sample points throughout the season to observe the changing conditions. From February through May the data is used by the State to forecast snow melt runoff. Many snow courses are only measured on or around April 1st, and since it is presumed that the snow accumulates up to April 1st and melts thereafter, April 1st is the benchmark for historic data comparisons.



| NORTH                           |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Data For: 08-Apr-2022           |      |
| Number of Stations Reporting    | 31   |
| Average snow water equivalent   | 4.7" |
| Percent of April 1 Average      | 17%  |
| Percent of normal for this date | 18%  |

| CENTRAL                         |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Data For: 08-Apr-2022           |      |
| Number of Stations Reporting    | 44   |
| Average snow water equivalent   | 8.8" |
| Percent of April 1 Average      | 30%  |
| Percent of normal for this date | 30%  |

| SOUTH                           |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Data For: 08-Apr-2022           |      |
| Number of Stations Reporting    | 25   |
| Average snow water equivalent   | 7.3" |
| Percent of April 1 Average      | 29%  |
| Percent of normal for this date | 29%  |

| STATEWIDE SUMMARY               |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Data For: 08-Apr-2022           |      |
| Number of Stations Reporting    | 100  |
| Average snow water equivalent   | 7.2" |
| Percent of April 1 Average      | 25%  |
| Percent of normal for this date | 26%  |

## IN THE NEWS

### **CALIFORNIA SNOWPACK LEVELS LOOKING GRIM HEADING INTO DRY SEASON**

With no March miracle or late spring deluge, 2022 is shaping up to be a much drier year than 2021. Earlier and more devastating fire seasons and mandatory water restrictions are becoming the norm. The west continues to experience what scientists deem the worst megadrought in 1200 years.

• *Roseville Today* – Staff Writer



Snow Water Equivalent (SWE):

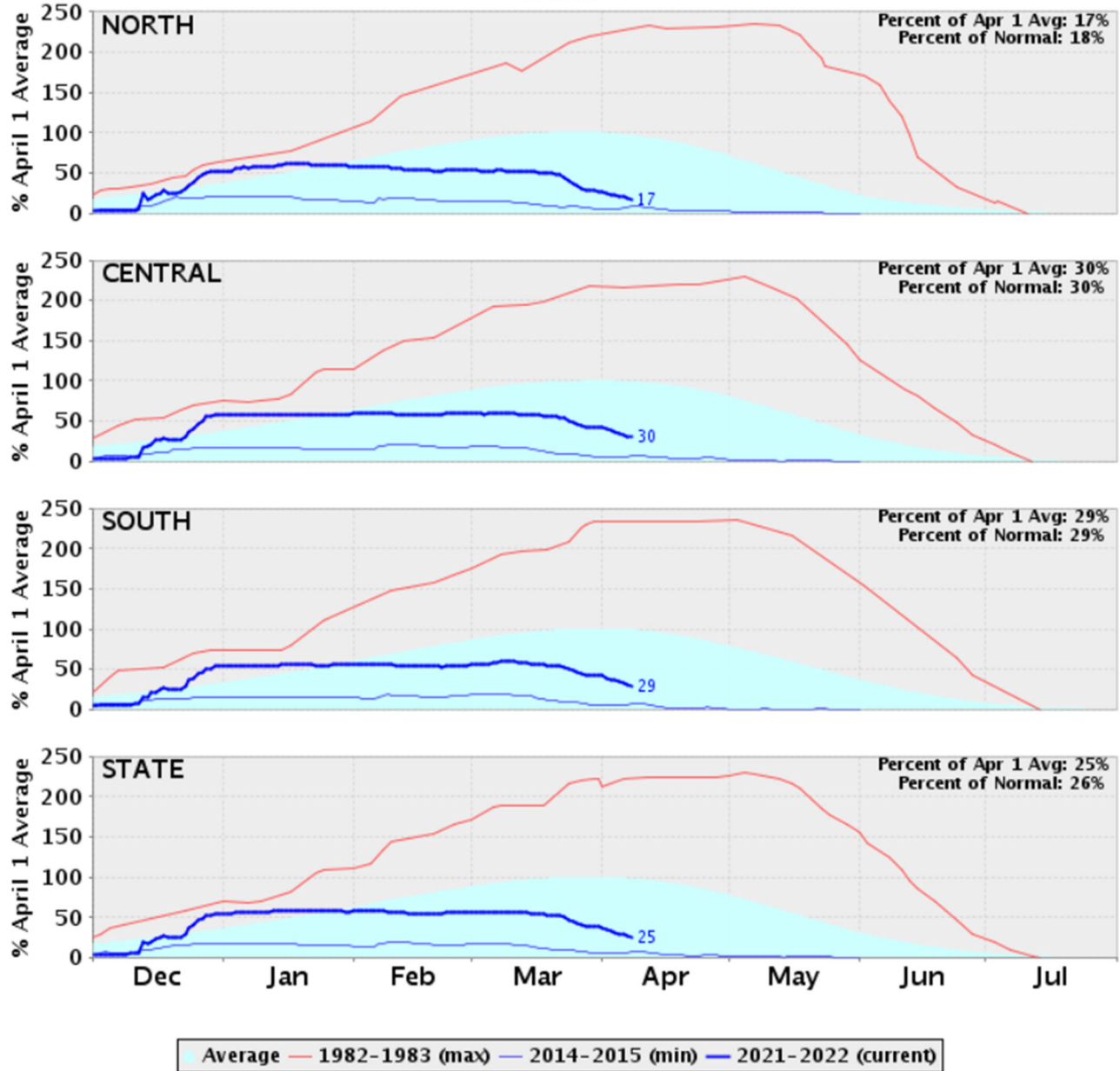
**Northern Sierra Nevada** – 4.7 in., 18% of normal to date and 17% of April 1<sup>st</sup> average

**Central Sierra Nevada** – 8.8 in., 30% of normal to date and 30% of April 1<sup>st</sup> average

**Southern Sierra Nevada** – 7.3 in., 29% of normal to date and 29% of April 1<sup>st</sup> average

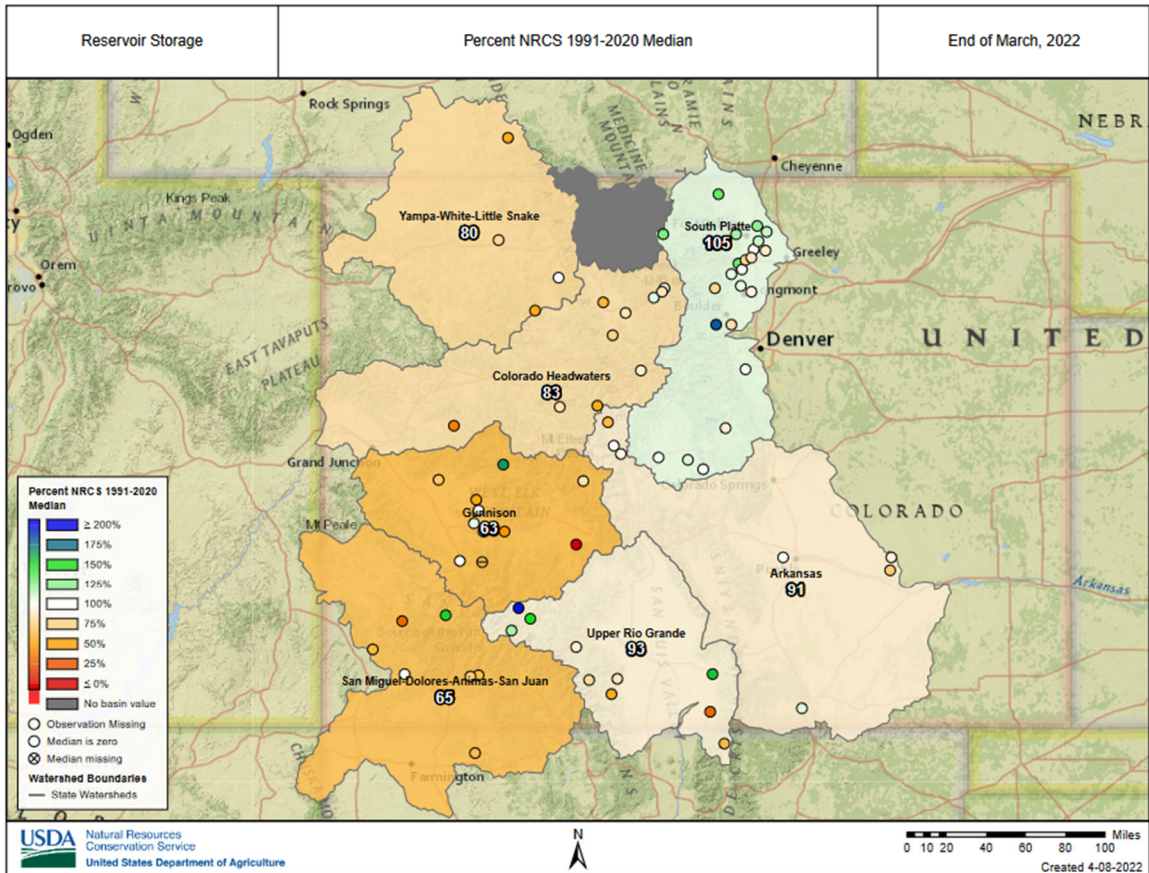
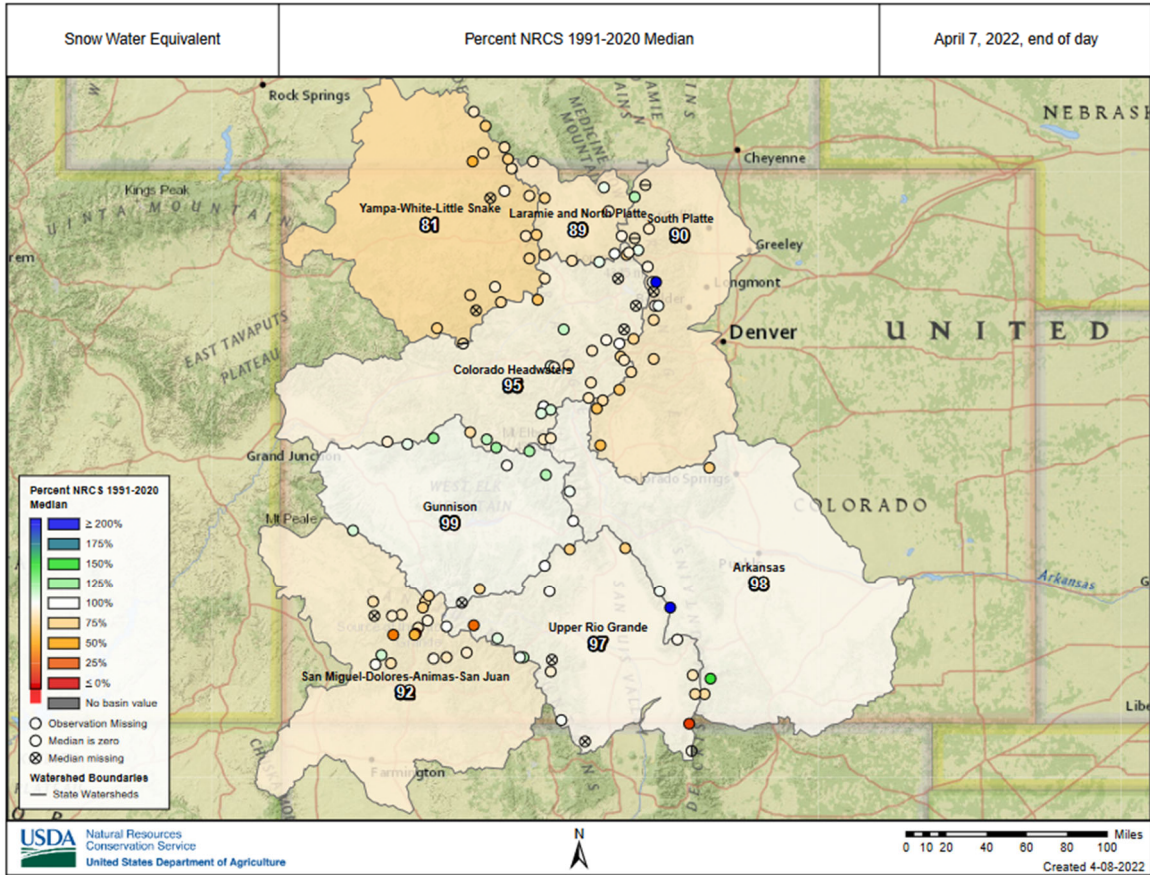
**Statewide Summary** – 7.2 in., 25% of normal to date and 26% of April 1<sup>st</sup> average

**California Snow Water Content - Percent of April 1 Average For: 08-Apr-2022**



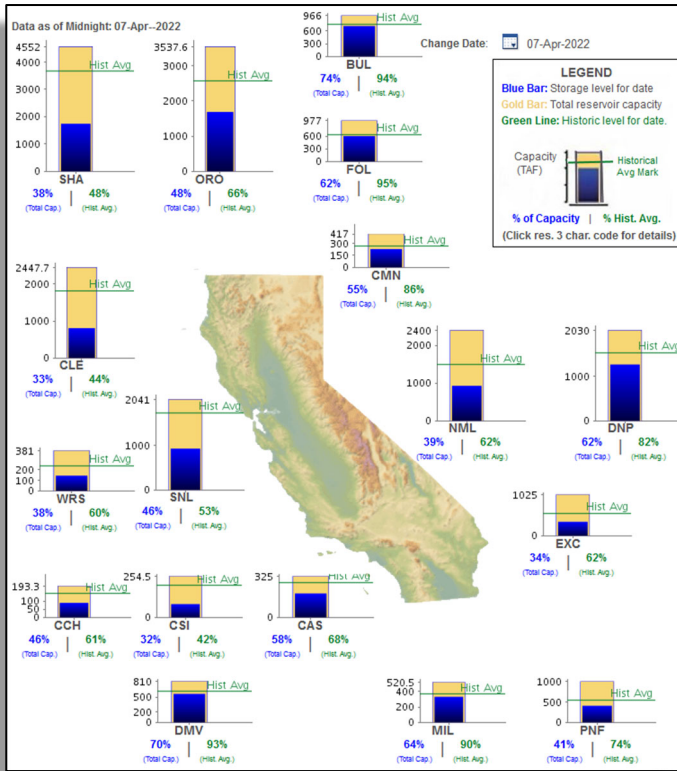
Statewide Percent of average to date

26.0%



## Reservoirs (as of April 7, 2022)

For the 20 reservoirs reported monthly to the committee, water levels have increased in 10 of 20 reservoirs. The largest increase occurred at Folsom Lake and Pine Flat Reservoir (0.08 million acre feet, MAF) and the smallest increase occurred at Trinity Lake (0.01 MAF). The largest decrease (-0.39 MAF) occurred at Lake Mead. The smallest decrease (<0.0 MAF) occurred at Sonoma, Cachuma, Castaic, Casitas, and Silverwood Lakes.



### MWD Reservoirs (SWP) Storage in Million Acre Feet

| Reservoir              | Capacity | Storage | % Full | Change |
|------------------------|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| Trinity Lake (CLE)     | 2.45     | 0.81    | 33%    | 0.01   |
| Lake Shasta (SHA)      | 4.55     | 1.74    | 38%    | 0.04   |
| Lake Oroville (ORO)    | 3.54     | 1.69    | 48%    | 0.05   |
| New Bullards Bar (BUL) | 0.97     | 0.72    | 74%    | 0.05   |
| Folsom Lake (FOL)      | 0.98     | 0.61    | 62%    | 0.08   |
| Camanche Lake (CMN)    | 0.42     | 0.23    | 55%    | -0.01  |
| New Melones L. (NML)   | 2.40     | 0.93    | 39%    | -0.04  |
| Don Pedro Res (DNP)    | 2.03     | 1.26    | 62%    | 0.06   |
| Lake McClure (EXC)     | 1.02     | 0.35    | 34%    | 0.05   |
| Lake Sonoma (WRS)      | 0.38     | 0.14    | 38%    | 0.00   |
| San Luis Res (SNL)     | 2.04     | 0.93    | 46%    | 0.03   |
| Millerton Lake (MIL)   | 0.52     | 0.33    | 64%    | 0.05   |
| Pine Flat Res. (PNF)   | 1.00     | 0.41    | 41%    | 0.08   |
| Cachuma Lake (CCH)     | 0.19     | 0.09    | 46%    | 0.00   |
| Castaic Lake (CAS)     | 0.33     | 0.19    | 58%    | 0.00   |
| Casitas Lake (CSI)     | 0.25     | 0.08    | 32%    | 0.00   |
| L. Silverwood (SLW)    | 0.08     | 0.07    | 86%    | 0.00   |

### MWD Reservoirs (CRA) Storage in Million Acre Feet

| Reservoir              | Capacity | Storage | % Full | Change |
|------------------------|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| Lake Powell            | 24.32    | 5.81    | 24%    | -0.18  |
| Lake Mead              | 26.12    | 8.50    | 33%    | -0.39  |
| Diamond Valley L (DVL) | 0.81     | 0.56    | 70%    | -0.01  |

Black Text - Decrease or no change in storage since the last report.  
Green Text - Increase in storage since the last report.

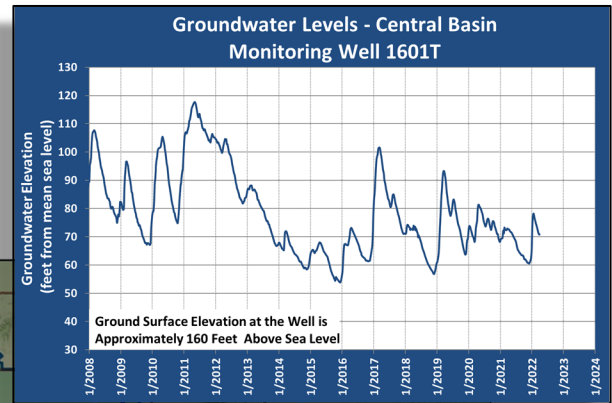
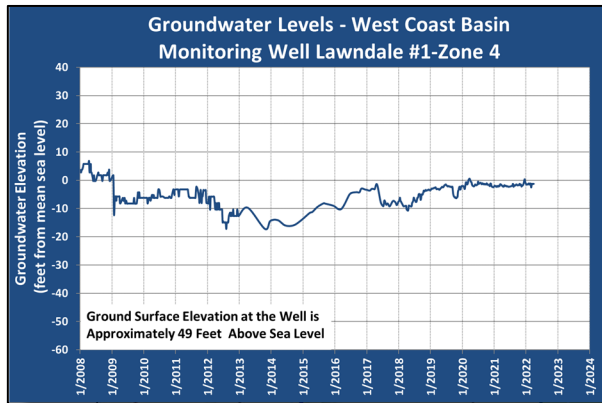
These 20 reservoirs are at 34% capacity (25.44 MAF) which is down 0.12 MAF from the prior month (0.45 MAF State Water Project [SWP] and -0.57 MAF Colorado River Aqueduct [CRA]).



Did you know?  
About 25% of all rainfall in the U.S. becomes groundwater.

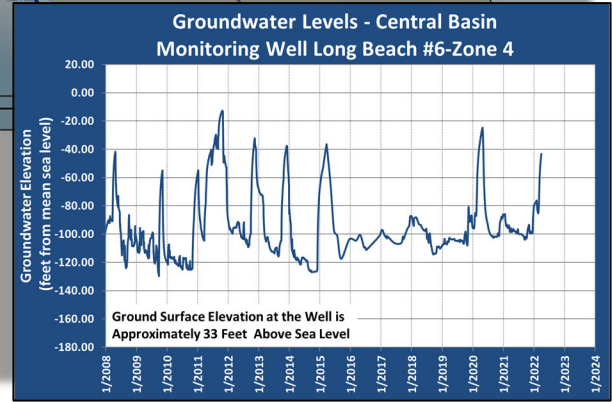
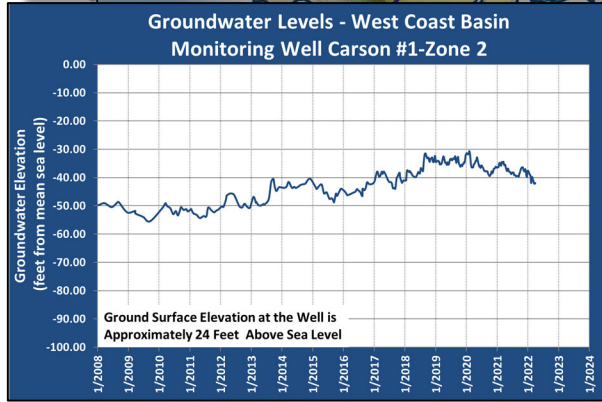
## Groundwater Levels (through April 1, 2022)

Groundwater levels in key monitoring wells are shown in the hydrographs below.



Central Basin Key Well Long Beach #6 and West Coast Basin Key Wells Lawndale #1 & Carson #1 are in a confined aquifer and do not respond readily to rainfall but instead to changes in pumping patterns and barrier recharge.

Central Basin Key Well 1601T is between the two spreading grounds and rises rapidly with rainfall and replenishment but falls sharply during dry spells and lack of replenishment.



### Groundwater Level Changes in Key Wells

| Well Name                               | Since Last Report          | Since Same Time the Previous Year |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central Basin Key Well 1601T            | Decreased 2.4 feet         | <b>Decreased 1.8 feet</b>         |
| Central Basin Key Well Long Beach #6_4  | <b>Increased 35.9 feet</b> | Increased 52.5 feet               |
| West Coast Basin Key Well Lawndale #1_4 | <b>Increased 1.3 feet</b>  | <b>Increased 0.7 foot</b>         |
| West Coast Basin Key Well Carson #1_2   | Decreased 1.3 feet         | Decreased 6.3 feet                |

**Bold** indicates a change in direction (decreasing or increasing) since the last report.

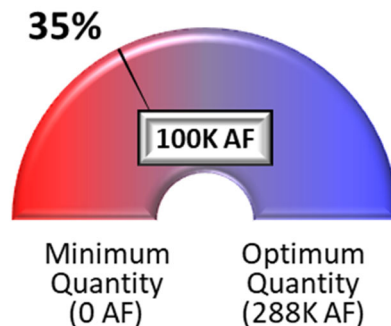
## Optimum and Minimum Groundwater Quantity

In response to a 2002 State audit of the District's activities, the Board of Directors adopted an Optimum and Minimum Quantity for groundwater in the District to define an appropriate operating range that would sustain adjudicated pumping rights, leave room for future storage projects, and identify a lower limit. The amounts are based on the accumulated overdraft concept, which the District tracks year by year based on changes in groundwater storage.

After an extensive review of over 70 years of water level fluctuations and discussions with the Board and pumping community, Water Year 1999/2000 was recognized as a representative year for the Optimum Quantity, which equated to an accumulated overdraft of approximately 612,000 acre feet. The Minimum Quantity was defined as an accumulated overdraft of 900,000 acre feet, which allowed an operating range from 0 acre feet (minimum) to 288,000 acre feet (optimum). The Board also adopted a policy to make-up the groundwater deficit should the accumulated overdraft fall too far below the Optimum Quantity.

The Accumulated Overdraft as of April 1, 2022, has been estimated at 800,089 acre feet (subject to change), which is 99,911 acre feet above the Minimum Quantity and 188,089 acre feet below the Optimum Quantity. The Basin is at 35% of Optimum Quantity which is 3% lower than what was reported last month (~9,000 AF lower).

### GW Basin Operating Range



### FACT:

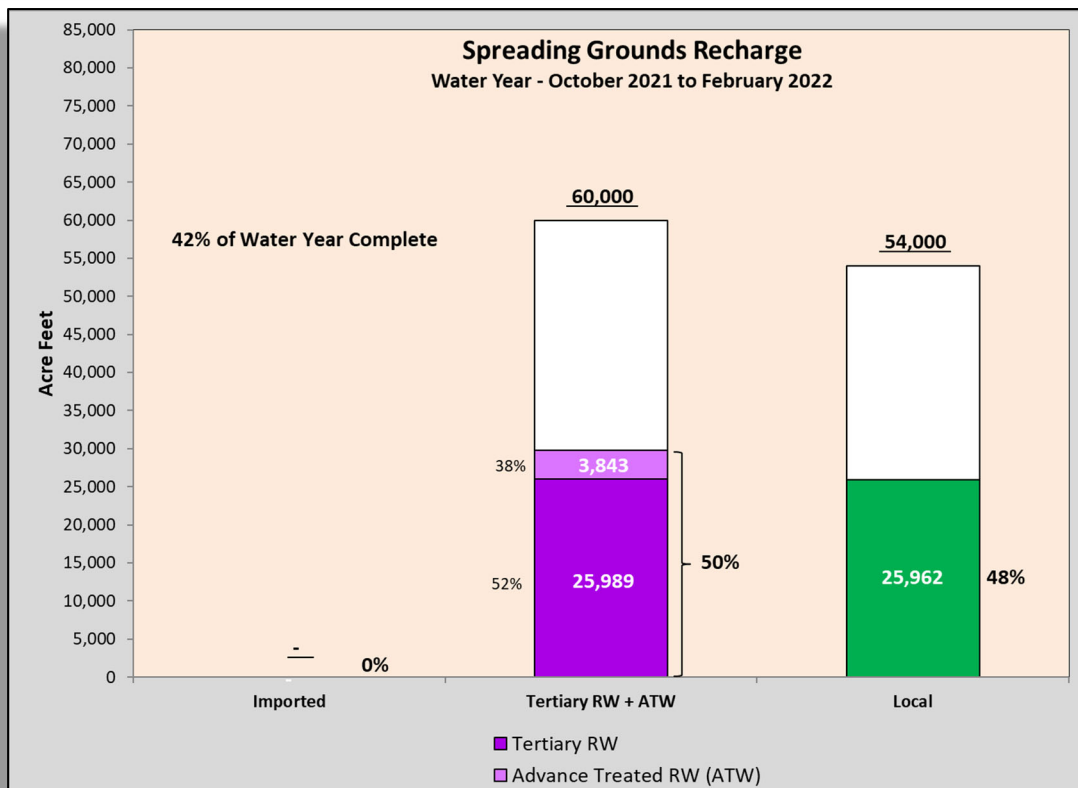
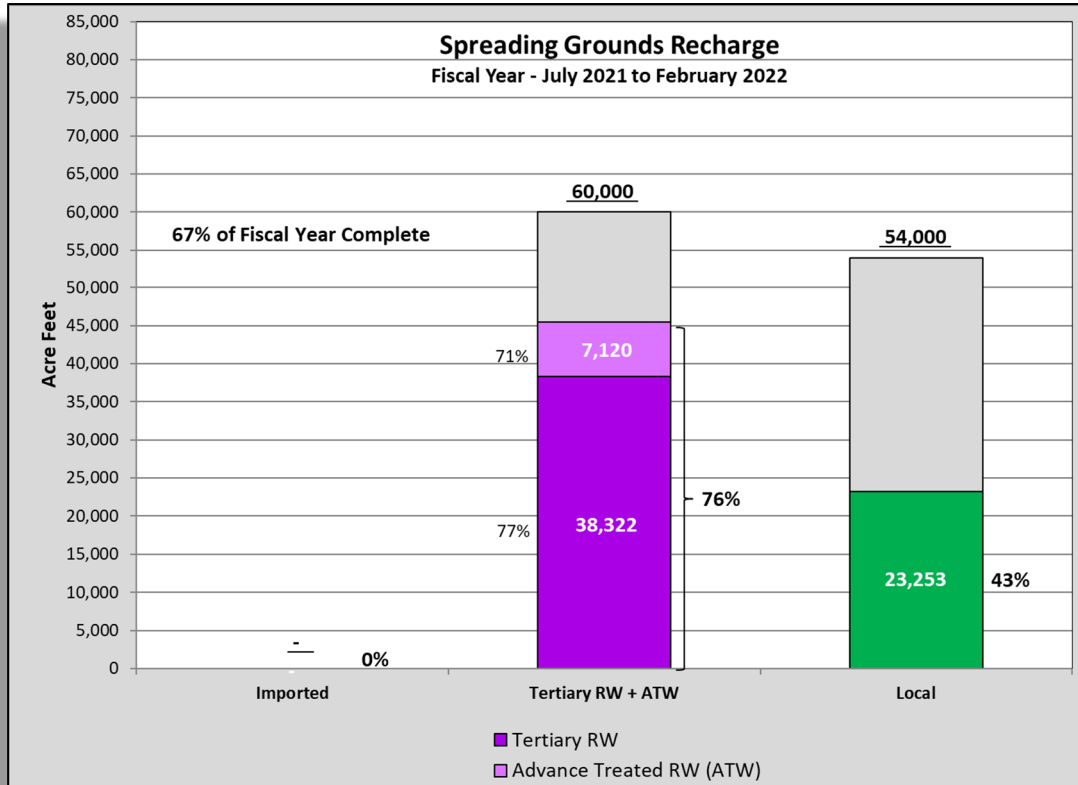
*Over the hill? Groundwater's age (or time since recharge) in shallow, local systems can vary from less than a day to a few hundred years. In deep, regional systems with long flow paths (tens of miles), the age of groundwater may reach thousands or tens of thousands of years.*





Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds (July 2021 - February 2022)

The following Charts shows the preliminary spreading grounds replenishment water for the current Fiscal Year (2021-22; 8 months) and Water Year (2020-21; 5 months):

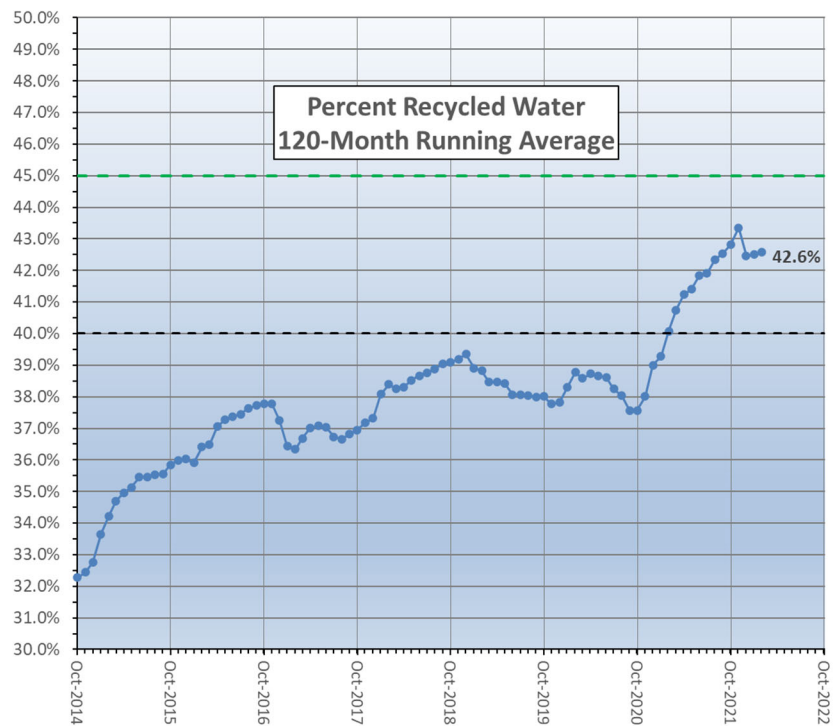
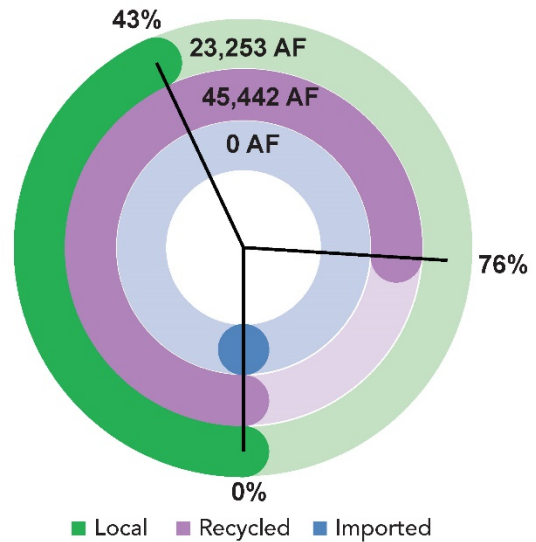


No imported water purchases are planned for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Local water (stormwater plus dry weather urban runoff) is captured by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) at the spreading grounds for recharge. Local water amounts are determined as the sum of the total waters conserved at the spreading grounds less the imported and recycled water deliveries. For the 2021-22 Fiscal Year, approximately 23,253 acre feet of local water capture has been reported by the LACDPW.

Preliminary numbers for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year show that approximately 45,442 acre feet of recycled water has been recharged with 7,120 acre feet consisting of advanced treat water from the ARC AWTF and 38,322 acre feet of tertiary recycled water. Presuming the advanced treated water as “Null Water”, the 120-month running average of the recycled water contribution in the Montebello Forebay is 42.6% and the regulatory maximum is 45%, with additional monitoring being required once 40% is reached. WRD and LACSD submitted the additional monitoring plan on May 26, 2021. Implementation of the plan will commence upon acceptance by the RWQCB.

### Spreading Grounds Recharge Jul 2021 - Feb 2022

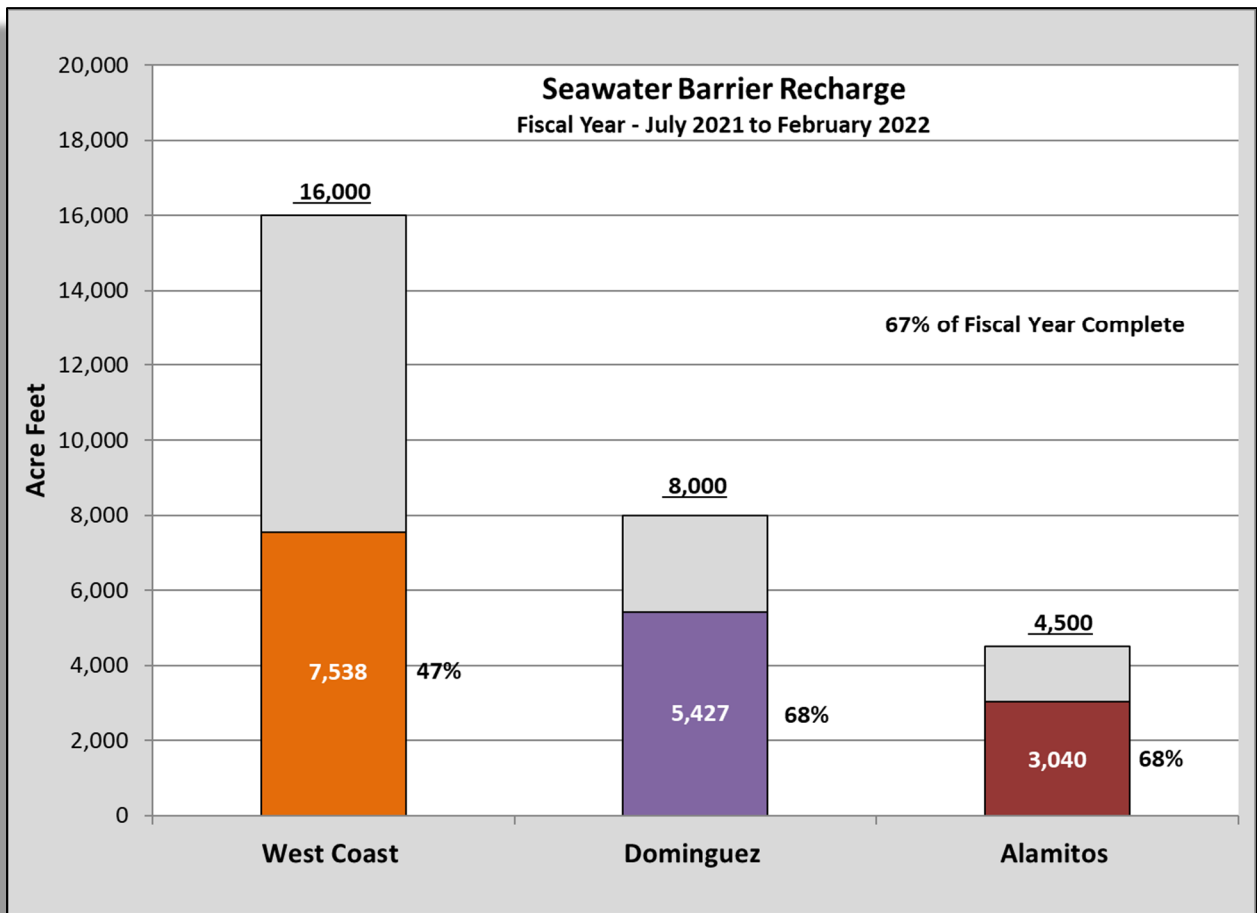


### Tertiary Recycle Water Permit Update

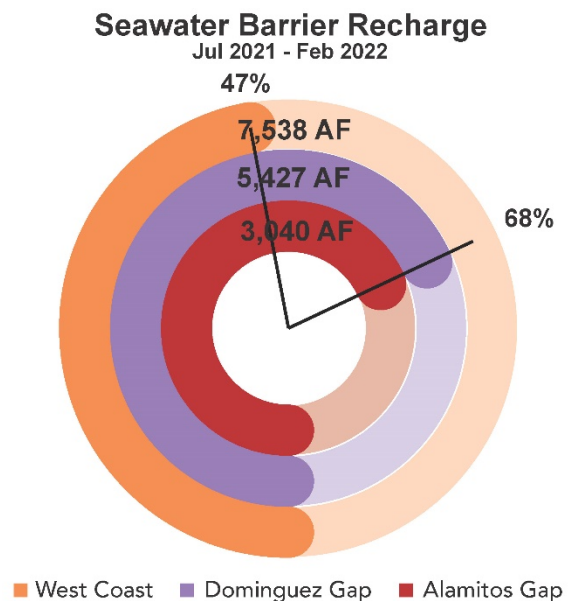
The permit is progressing with LACSD and WRD staff working with both LARWQCB and CA-DDW regulators to respond the questions and update pertinent sections of the new Title 22 Engineering Report. LACSD continues to work on two major studies needed for the new Title 22 Engineering Report – Biodegradable Dissolve Organic Carbon (BDOC) Study and Virus Logarithmic Reduction Value (LRV) Study.

Seawater Barrier Well Injection and Replenishment (July 2021 - February 2022)

The following Chart shows the barrier water injection:

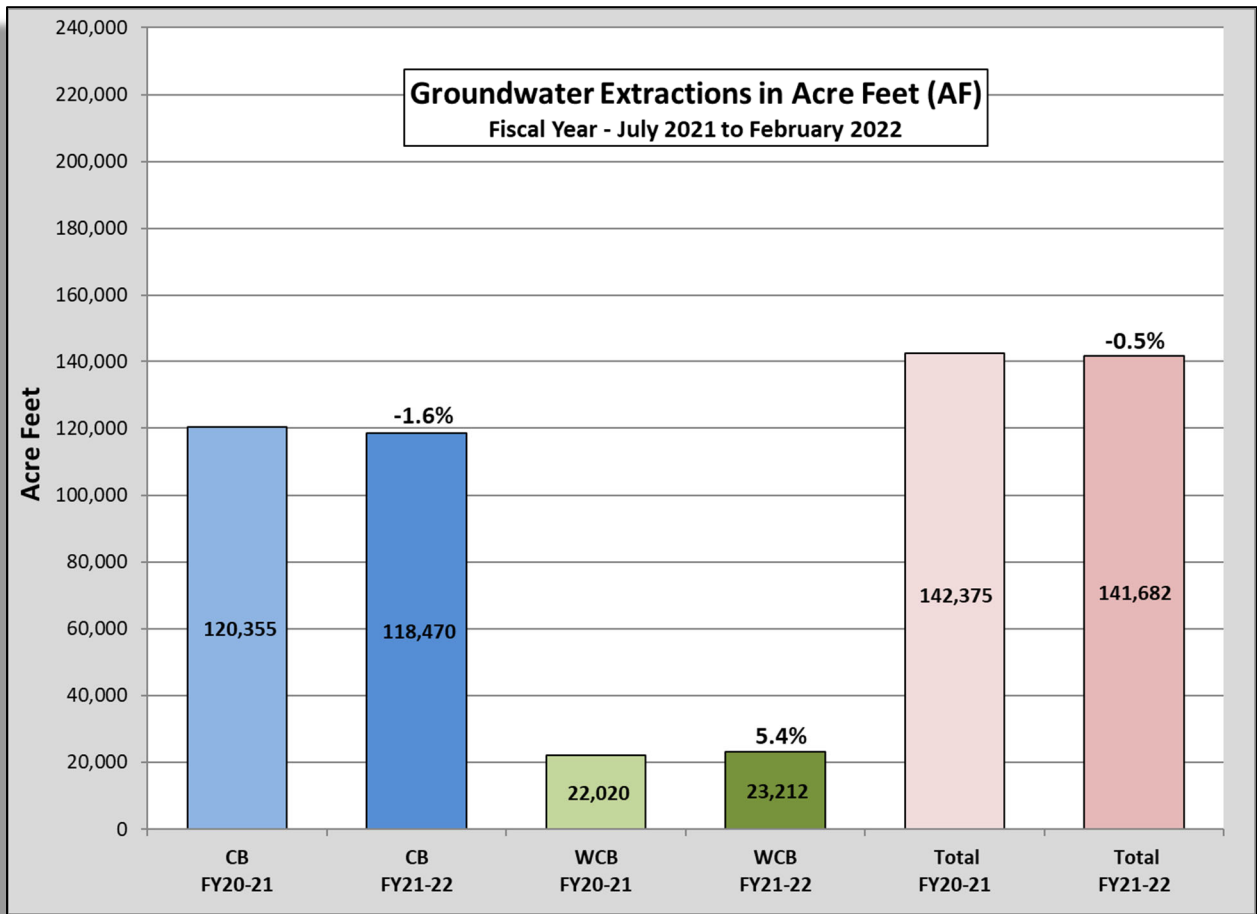


Preliminary numbers for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year show that the West Coast Barrier has used 7,538 acre feet of the total 16,000 acre feet planned for injection, 47% of total for the Fiscal Year. The Dominguez Gap Barrier used 5,427 acre feet of the total 8,000 acre feet planned for injection, 68% of the total for the Fiscal Year. The Alamitos Barrier, on the WRD side, used 3,040 acre feet of the total 4,500 acre feet planned for injection, 68% of the total for the Fiscal Year.



Total Pumping (Fiscal Year July 2021 – February 2022)

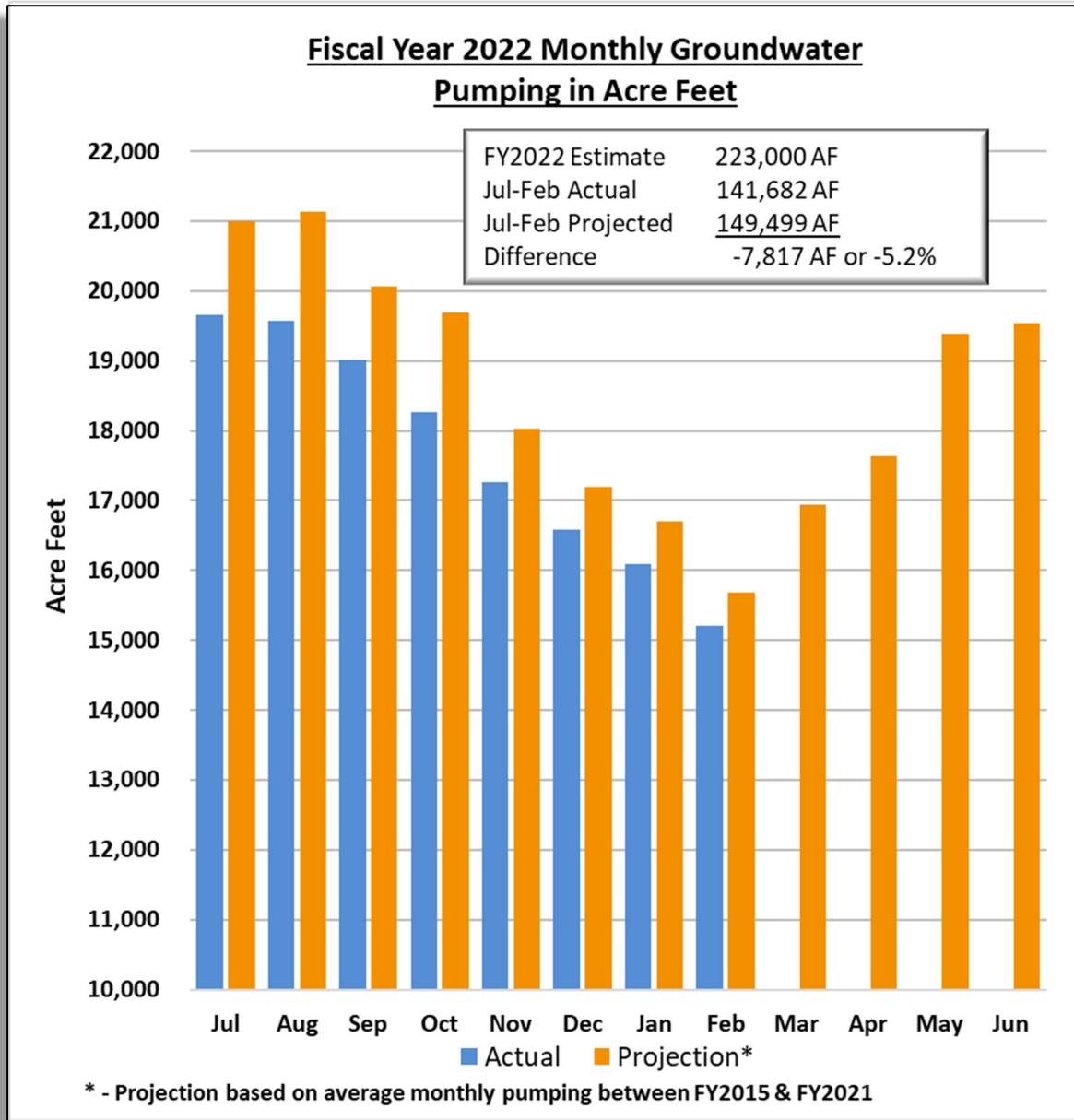
Preliminary numbers for groundwater production in the District for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 2022 - February 2022) indicate total pumping in the Central Basin was down 1,884 acre feet from the same time of the previous fiscal year (-1.6%) and the West Coast Basin total pumping was 1,191 acre feet higher than the previous fiscal year (+5.4%). The total pumping is 141,682 acre feet compared to 142,375 acre feet during the same time the previous year for a decrease of 693 acre feet, or -0.5%. The current pumping data do not include four (4) Central Basin pumpers and two (2) West Coast Basin pumper who have not yet reported for an estimated 190 additional acre feet.



Interesting...

2.78 million trillion gallons of the world's freshwater is groundwater. That's about 30%!

Preliminary numbers indicate 141,682 acre feet have been pumped this fiscal year and is 5.2% below the projected goal of 149,499 acre feet (or -7,817 acre feet). Monthly actual production versus the 7-year average monthly production projections (FY 2015 through 2021) are included in the chart below.



*“One day of rain far surpasses a whole year of drought. - Malawian Proverb*



For the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (July 2021 - February 2022), staff has tracked the production trends of the top five (5) producing pumpers and the bottom five (5) producing pumpers in each basin. These pumpers are identified in the following tables and are based on the change in volume (in acre feet) compared to the same time period for the previous Fiscal Year.

| <b>Production Trends - Central Basin</b> |                   |                   |            |          |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| <b>Top 5 Producing by Volume (AF)</b>    | Jul 2020-Feb 2021 | Jul 2021-Feb 2022 | Difference | % Change |
| Los Angeles, City - CB                   | 811.85            | 2,540.59          | 1728.74    | 68.04    |
| San Gabriel Valley Water Co.             | 38.70             | 1,717.75          | 1679.05    | 97.75    |
| Santa Fe Springs, City                   | 1,099.11          | 1,402.06          | 302.95     | 21.61    |
| Vernon, City                             | 4,136.26          | 4,349.67          | 213.41     | 4.91     |
| Downey, City                             | 9,420.91          | 9,599.87          | 178.96     | 1.86     |
| <b>Bottom 5 Producing by Volume (AF)</b> | Jul 2020-Feb 2021 | Jul 2021-Feb 2022 | Difference | % Change |
| Golden State Water Co. - CB              | 14,050.58         | 12,115.74         | -1934.84   | -15.97   |
| Signal Hill, City                        | 1,223.10          | 580.60            | -642.50    | -110.66  |
| Bell Gardens, City                       | 680.20            | 202.17            | -478.03    | -236.45  |
| Paramount, City                          | 2,214.55          | 1,839.18          | -375.37    | -20.41   |
| Cal. Water Service Co. (East LA)         | 7,142.02          | 6,778.91          | -363.11    | -5.36    |

| <b>Production Trends – West Coast Basin</b> |                   |                   |            |           |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Top 5 Producing by Volume (AF)</b>       | Jul 2020-Feb 2021 | Jul 2021-Feb 2022 | Difference | % Change  |
| Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co., LLC        | 5,177.83          | 6,348.28          | 1170.45    | 18.44     |
| Phillips 66 Co. - Alpha 7093                | 3,403.35          | 4,191.53          | 788.18     | 18.80     |
| Golden State Water Co. - WB                 | 2,932.66          | 3,332.99          | 400.33     | 12.01     |
| Cal. Water Service Co. Alpha 7050           | 632.70            | 987.78            | 355.08     | 35.95     |
| Eco Services Operations                     | 147.28            | 248.37            | 101.09     | 40.70     |
| <b>Bottom 5 Producing by Volume (AF)</b>    | Jul 2020-Feb 2021 | Jul 2021-Feb 2022 | Difference | % Change  |
| Inglewood, City                             | 2,018.84          | 1,399.67          | -619.17    | -44.24    |
| Cal. Water Service Co. Dominguez - WB       | 1,729.50          | 1,258.35          | -471.15    | -37.44    |
| Cal. Water Service Co./Hawthorne Lease      | 342.46            | 15.21             | -327.25    | -2,151.55 |
| Rolling Hills Country Club                  | 222.00            | 152.00            | -70.00     | -46.05    |
| L.A. County Department of Parks & Rec - WB  | 259.11            | 201.77            | -57.34     | -28.42    |

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