



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DROUGHT – QUICK FACTS

Drought Stages:

- February 11, 2014 – City declares Stage One Drought Condition (alerts public of potential serious water shortage)
- May 20, 2014 – City declares Stage Two Drought Condition (conservation target set for 20%, mandatory water use regulations)
- May 5, 2015 – City declares Stage Three Drought Condition (conservation target increased to 25%, additional water use regulations)
- April 26, 2016 – City increases conservation target to 35%
- December 6, 2016 – City Council adopts turf grass (lawn) watering regulation, conservation target increased to 40%

City of Santa Barbara Water Supply:

- Cachuma Reservoir: [Storage](#) as of 12/6/16 - 14,897 Acre Feet (7.7% of capacity)
- Gibraltar Reservoir: [Storage](#) as of 12/6/16 – 0 Acre Feet (0% of capacity)
- Groundwater Wells: Eight groundwater wells extracting 2,000 acre feet per year. Downtown Groundwater Basin is currently at 40% of capacity and Foothill Basin at 30% of capacity as of 12/6/16. Both basins approaching historic lows and expected to be exhausted by 2019.
- Desalination Plant: Anticipated to distribute water in March 2017 supplying 3,125 acre feet per year (30% of City's demand).
- Imported Water: Since 2014 the City has imported 10,156 acre feet of water (State Water Project Deliveries and purchased water).
- Recycled Water: The City's recycled water is used at over 50 sites throughout the City, primarily for irrigation. The annual demand for recycled water can be as high as 1,100 acre feet.

Usage and Projections:

- City of Santa Barbara Water Demand: Approximately 10,000 acre feet per year. Pre-drought demand was approximately 14,000 acre feet per year.
- Usage by customer type: Single-Family Residential 44%, Multi-Unit Residential 26%, Commercial/Industrial 21%, Recycled Water 6%, Agriculture 2%, Irrigation Parks/Schools 1%
- 300 acre feet shortfall projected for summer 2017, aiming for an additional 500 acre feet for a contingency supply, 800 acre feet total.
- Lawn watering ban projected to save 500 to 1,200 acre feet per year
- Historical demand from new development 27 acre feet per year, approximately 0.3% of current demand.

For more information on water supplies, drought planning, regulations, and rebates please visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water or call (805) 564-5460.