



Presentation for the



Low-Income Oversight Board

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Topics

- Drought Update
- CPUC Low-Income Programs
- Water Bond Highlights
- Up-coming CPUC actions





Drought Events Timeline

- **December 2013** – Drought Task Force established
- **January 17** – Drought State of Emergency declared by Governor Brown
 - 20% voluntary conservation
- **January 31** – No water deliveries from the State Water Project
 - Might increase if it rains
- **February 21** – Central Valley Project
 - No water deliveries for farmers
 - 50% cut for urban customers





Drought Events Timeline

- **April 18** – State Water Project deliveries increased from 0% to 5%
 - Delta salinity barrier project called off
- **April 25** – Governor Brown’s Proclamation
 - Continued State of Emergency
 - 20 Action Items
- **May 2014** – Save our Water Month
 - Water Conservation Campaign in full swing
 - Snowpack – 9% of normal as of May 16





Drought Events Timeline

- **July 15** – State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Regulation
 - Mandatory water use restrictions
 - Limits on outdoor watering
 - Up to \$500 daily fines
- **August 14** – CPUC Resolution No. 5000
 - Reaffirming the State Board's actions
 - Ordering IOUs to comply





Where we are today

- **Reservoir levels (August 14, 2014)**
 - Lake Shasta – 32%
 - Lake Oroville – 33%
 - San Luis – 20%No rain in the foreseeable future
- **August 13 – \$7.5 billion water bond**
 - For November Ballot – twice delayed
 - \$2.7 B for water storage
 - Safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities
 - Watershed restoration and increased river flows
 - No dollars for the Delta twin-tunnels





CPUC's Drought Mitigation Actions

February 27, 2014 – CPUC adopts Resolution W-4976

- Drought procedures for water conservation, rationing and service connection moratoria.
- Comply with Governor's call for 20% conservation

August 14, 2014 – CPUC adopts Resolution W-5000

- Comply with SWRCB mandatory water use restrictions

As a result, IOUs have in place now;

- Voluntary conservation measures
- Mandatory water use restrictions
- Mandatory rationing rules

CPUC monitoring vulnerable systems





Low Income Ratepayer Assistance

- All large (Class A) water utilities offer low-income bill assistance programs.
- Over 250,000 CPUC-regulated residential water customers participating in income water assistance programs.
- Huge increase in participation rates in 2013 following data exchange with energy utilities.
- Auto enrollment program with data exchange between the energy and water utilities; data exchange occurs in March and September



Low-income programs for water started in 2006.





Up-Coming CPUC Actions

- Uniform Rate Rulemaking Decision
 - Consolidation of rate-making districts
 - Balance utility investment
 - Keep rates affordable

- Recycled Water Decision
 - Provides guidance
 - Uniform rules and regulations

