

# WATER CONSERVATION

## STATUS OF DROUGHT RESPONSE AND PERFORMANCE



April 12, 2023

# PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES



1. Overview of Executive Order EO N-5-23
2. Status of State and Local Drought Response  
Regulatory Activities
3. Status of SCV Water Drought Conservation  
Performance
4. Overview and Discussion of Next Steps





# REGULATORY UPDATES & WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN

STATE & SCV WATER

# REGULATORY UPDATES – GOV. NEWSOM'S MARCH 24, 2023, DROUGHT UPDATE

## Los Angeles Times

Newsom rolls back California drought restrictions after remarkably wet winter



A Rancho Cucamonga housing tract was among those where outdoor watering was restricted to one day a week during last year's drought. (Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times)

BY HAYLEY SMITH, MACKENZIE MAYS  
MARCH 24, 2023 UPDATED 11:18 AM PT

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Gov. Newsom giving a speech in Yolo County on 3/24/2023 (Photo: gov.ca.gov)

### Gov. Gavin Newsom Announces Ending State Water Restrictions

Requestion water allocation rate climbs to 75% – the highest since 2017  
By Evan Symon, March 24, 2023 7:36 pm

## SACRAMENTO

# As California eases back on drought restrictions, what are the watering rules in Sacramento-area cities

by: [Jeremiah Martinez](#)  
Posted: Mar 24, 2023 / 01:42 PM PDT  
Updated: Apr 5, 2023 / 02:59 PM PDT

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## California Gov. Newsom rolls back some drought restrictions, keeps others, as recent storms ease dry spell

By Rachel Ramirez, CNN  
Updated 3:51 PM EDT, Fri March 24, 2023

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David Paul Morris/Bloomberg/Getty Images

## The Mercury News

### Gov. Newsom relaxed water restrictions in drenched California. Why didn't he end the drought emergency?

State Water Project also will increase water deliveries due to brimming reservoirs





# REGULATORY UPDATES – EXECUTIVE ORDER N-5-23

## EO N-5-23 Summary



1. Does not declare the drought is over
2. Removes Governor's voluntary conservation call of 15% compared to 2020's use
3. Local agencies must comply with the State Water Board's water conservation regulations:
  1. Prohibition of certain water waste activities
  2. Bans irrigation of Non-Functional Turf with potable water
4. Local agencies must comply with the State Water Board's water conservation regulations until repealed or following expiration:
  1. Implementation of Stage 2 Water Shortage Contingency Plan measures
5. Due to impacts on groundwater basins from multi-year drought conditions, agencies must not issue well permits without following certain steps



DROUGHT  
READY SCV

# REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

## 1. GOVERNOR/SWRCB EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- **March 24, 2023 – Drought Emergency Still in Effect, Rescinds Directive for SWRCB Stage 2 Measures Requirement & 15% Voluntary Conservation Call**
- **May 24, 2022 (Effective June 16, 2022 - SWRCB Adopts Emergency Reg 2022-0018, Requires Stage 2 Measures & Bans Non-functional Turf for CII, HOA, and Common Interest Developments)**
- **January 4, 2022 (SWRCB Adopts Water Waste Regulations)**
- **October 19, 2021 (Drought Emergency Extended to Include All Counties)**
- **September 21-22 (State Water Resources Control Board Monthly Reporting)**
- **July 9, 2021 (Extended to 50 Counties & 15% Voluntary Conservation v. 2020)**

## 2. SCV WATER – WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN/WATER CONSERVATION AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE ORDINANCE

- **4/26/2022 (SCV Water Enacts Stage 2 WSCP & Ordinance)**
- **11/16/2021 (SCV Water Enacts Stage 1 WSCP and Ordinance)**
- **Conservation Program Uptake Increasing**
- **Drought Communication & Engagement Enhancements**





# SCV WATER DEMAND PERFORMANCE

**NORMAL CONSERVATION & DROUGHT RESPONSE  
TARGETS**



# SCV WATER DEMAND PERFORMANCE

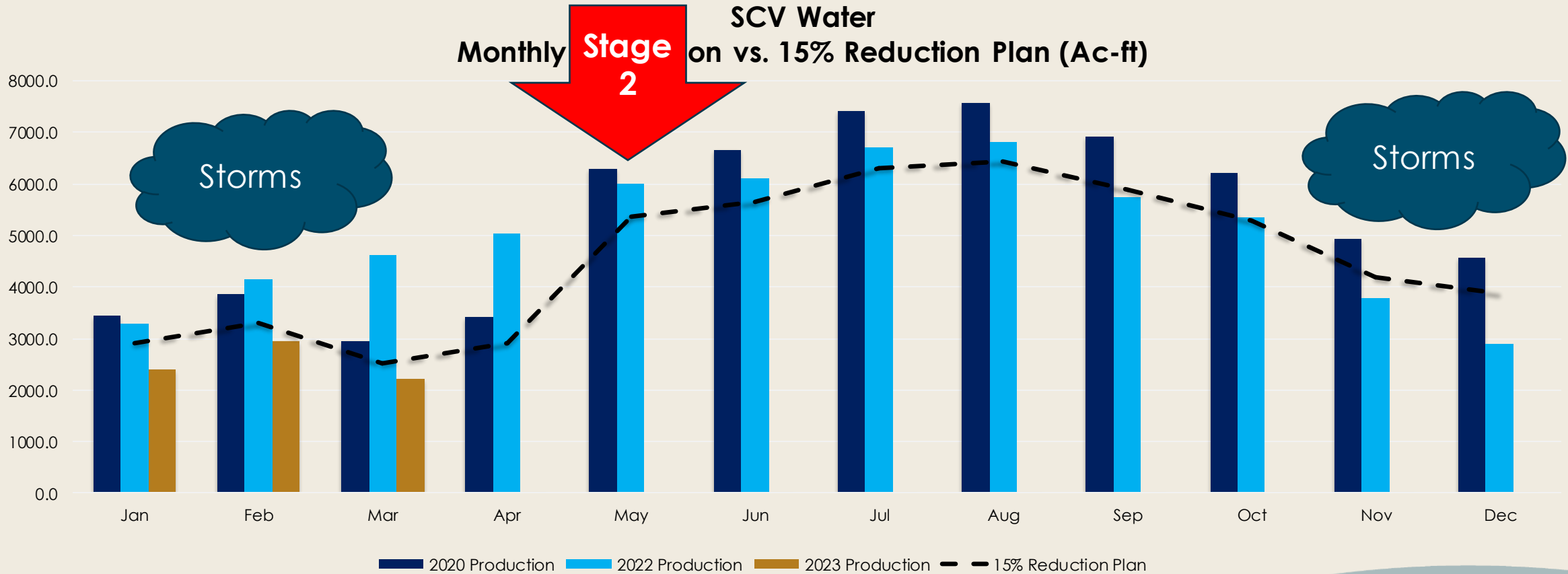
## DEMAND/CONSUMPTION PERFORMANCE

1. Drought Conservation Target (15% v. 2020)
2. Water Conservation Trends
3. Statewide and Regional Drought Performance (SWRCB Monthly Reports)



# DROUGHT CONSERVATION TARGET

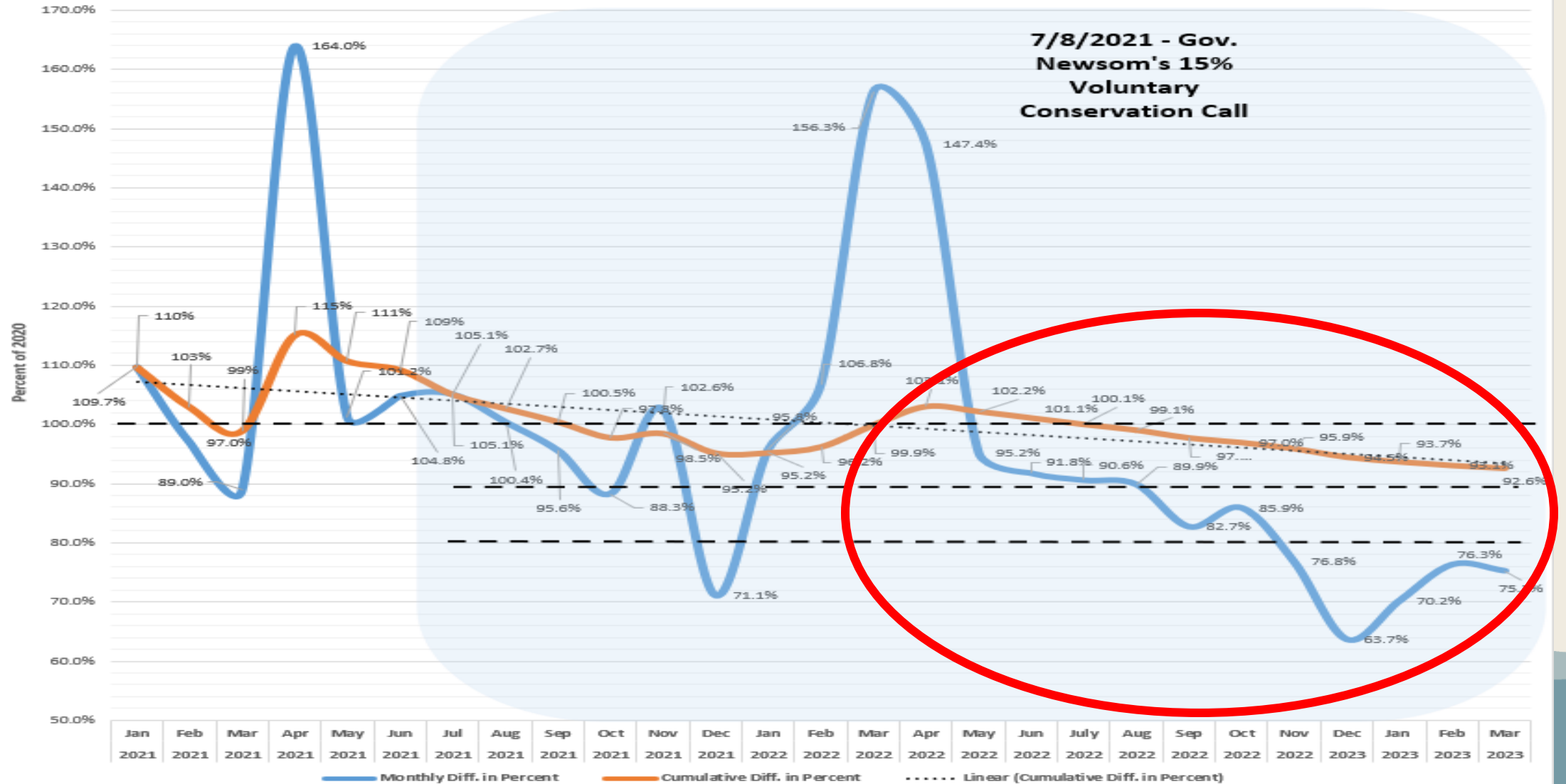
## VOLUNTARY DROUGHT CONSERVATION TARGET (15% V. 2020)



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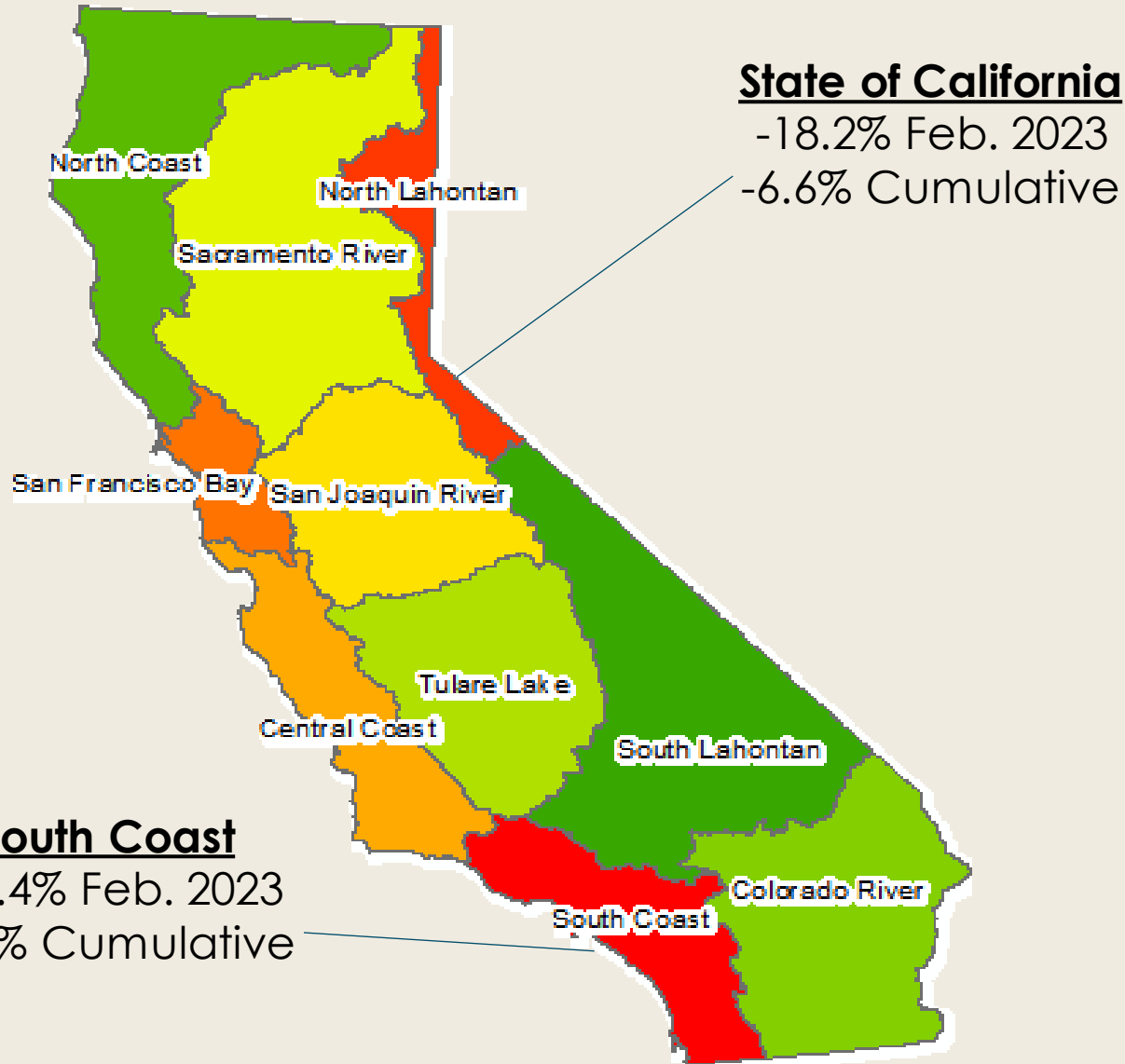
SCV Water  
Drought Conservation Performance  
(2021, 2022, and 2023 vs. 2020)

**7/8/2021 - Gov.  
Newsom's 15%  
Voluntary  
Conservation Call**





# DROUGHT CONSERVATION PERFORMANCE



Month	Diff. (%)	Cum. (%)
Aug.	-10.1%	-1.1%
Sep.	-17.2%	-2.2%
Oct.	-14.1%	-3.0%
Nov.	-23.2%	-4.1%
Dec.	-36.3%	-5.5%
Jan.	-29.9%	-6.3%
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>-23.7%</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>
Mar.	-24.7%	-7.4%

## Community Conservation

Since May 2022

9,858 AF

3.2 Billion Gallons



# ACTIONS & NEXT STEPS

ON THE RADAR



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- **APRIL/MAY**

- Monitor Regulatory Updates (SWRCB Action) & Provide Recommendations to SCV Water BOD
- Promote Smart Irrigation Practices
- Promote Lawn Replacement Program
- Additional Outreach and Engagement
- Evaluate Conservation Long-term Framework Methodologies

- **MAY/JUNE**

- Monitor SWRCB Action on Non-Functional Turf Ban & Water Waste Prohibitions
- Develop Request for Proposals for Sustainable Water Use Strategic Plan







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# Q&A

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