

Coordination with Local Municipalities on Drought Response

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Water Shortage Emergency Condition

- On June 9, 2021, the Valley Water Board unanimously passed Resolution 21-68 to declare a Water Shortage Emergency Condition.
- The resolution calls for:
 - ❖ Reducing water use among all water users in the County.
 - ❖ Requesting the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors proclaim a local emergency.
 - ❖ Supporting local adoption and enforcement of additional water waste restrictions by cities, retailers, and the County as needed to achieve the water use reduction target of 15 percent of 2019 water use (33 percent of 2013 water use).

County Proclamation of a Local Emergency

- On June 15, 2021, the County Director of Emergency services declared a Proclamation of Local Emergency related to extreme drought conditions in Santa Clara County.
- On June 22, 2021, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution ratifying the Proclamation.
- The proclamation:
 - ❖ Requests that the Governor include Santa Clara County within the State's drought emergency proclamation
 - ❖ Requests a federal declaration to provide assistance with losses and emergency repairs required in Santa Clara County, including its affected cities and special districts.

Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency 4

- On May 10, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency relating to the widespread drought conditions in California, but that proclamation did not initially include Santa Clara County
- On July 8, 2021, the Governor included Santa Clara County as part of the drought emergency proclamation and issued specific measures and goals to encourage water conservation via executive order
 - ❖ Californians have been asked to voluntarily reduce water usage by 15% from 2020 levels.

Drought Actions by Local Municipalities

Cities that have already taken drought action

City	Priority	Action	Date
<i>Morgan Hill</i> *R	High	City Council adopted resolution declaring Level 2 Water Shortage Condition	6/16/2021
<i>Los Altos</i>	High	City Council adopted Drought Preparedness and Water Conservation Resolution to encourage voluntary water conservation efforts throughout the city as a proactive step in response to the current drought conditions	7/13/2021
<i>Santa Clara</i> *R	Medium	City Council adopted Proclamation of Local Emergency for Extreme Drought Conditions	7/13/2021
<i>Saratoga</i>	High	City Council adopted staff recommendations to approve locations for conversion of grass to native landscaping to help achieve 15% reduction in water usage	7/21/2021
<i>Cupertino</i>	High	City Council implemented their 2015 water conservation measures and will bring forth drought awareness proclamation at future meeting	7/22/2021

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Cities with planned drought action

City	Priority	Action	Date
<i>Sunnyvale *R</i>	Medium	City Council will discuss the drought at upcoming City Council meeting	7/27/2021
<i>Gilroy *R</i>	High	City Council will discuss the drought at upcoming City Council meeting	8/2/2021
<i>Campbell</i>	High	City Council will discuss the drought at upcoming City Council meeting	8/3/2021
<i>Los Gatos</i>	High	City Council will discuss the drought at upcoming City Council meeting. Los Gatos is taking drought action in response to Valley Water's call for 15% water use reduction.	8/3/2021
<i>Monte Sereno</i>	High	Monte Sereno will discuss the drought at upcoming City Council meeting	8/3/2021

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In process of establishing next steps with these cities

City	Priority	Action	Date
<i>Los Altos Hills</i>	Medium	Staff action to be determined	TBD
<i>Milpitas</i> *R	Medium	Drought actions under consideration by staff; Council meeting date not confirmed	TBD
<i>San Jose</i> *R	Medium	Drought actions under consideration by staff; Council meeting date not confirmed	TBD
<i>Mountain View</i> *R	Low	Mountain View is not planning to declare a water shortage emergency this summer	TBD
<i>Palo Alto</i> *R	Low	Staff action to be determined	TBD

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Next Steps

- **Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting**
 - ❖ *July 28, 2021 (Virtual Event)*
- **Water Summit at Valley Water**
 - ❖ *September, Date TBD (Hybrid Virtual & In-Person Event)*