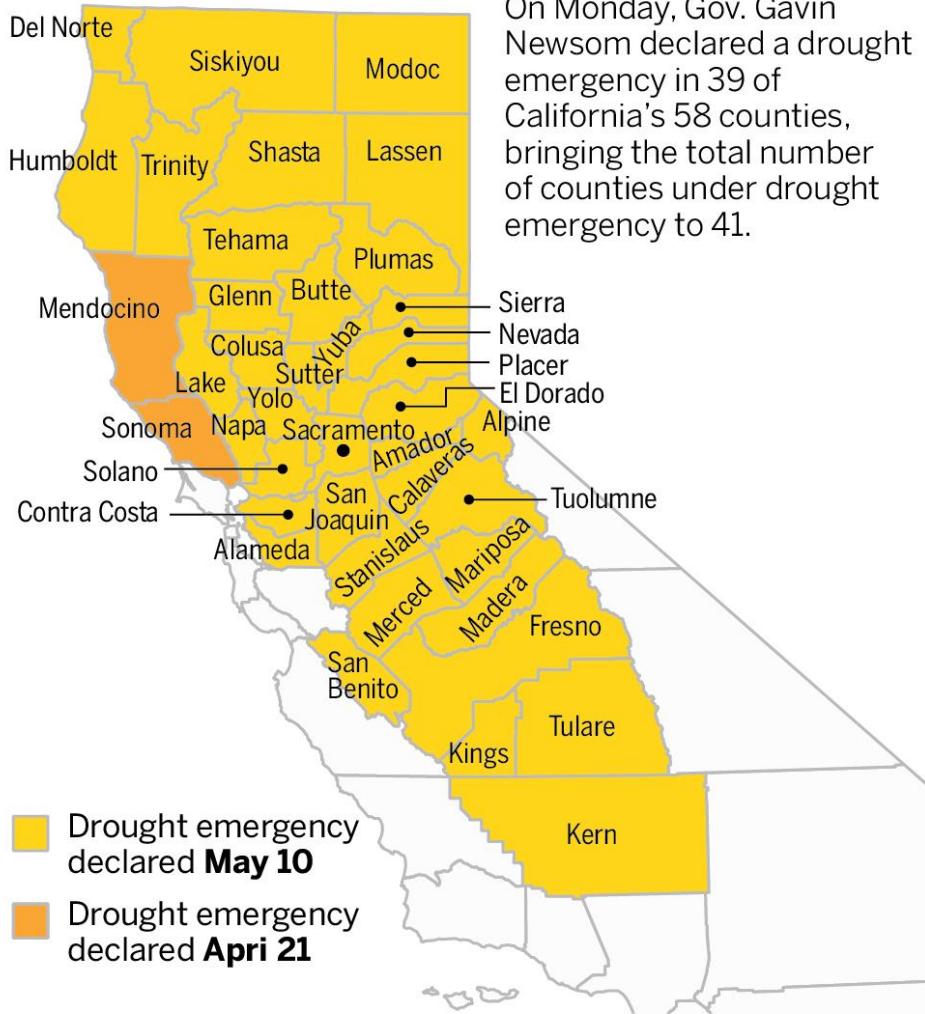


DROUGHT EMERGENCY

On Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in 39 of California's 58 counties, bringing the total number of counties under drought emergency to 41.



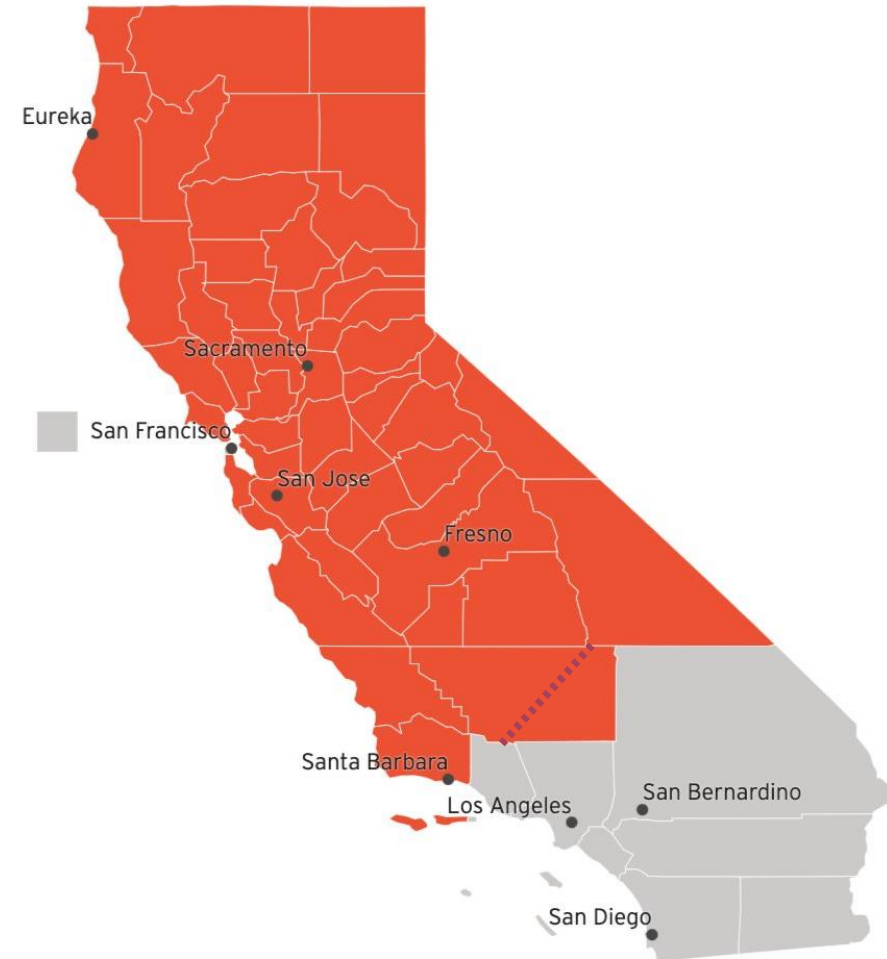
Source: California Governor's Office

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Counties with drought emergency declarations

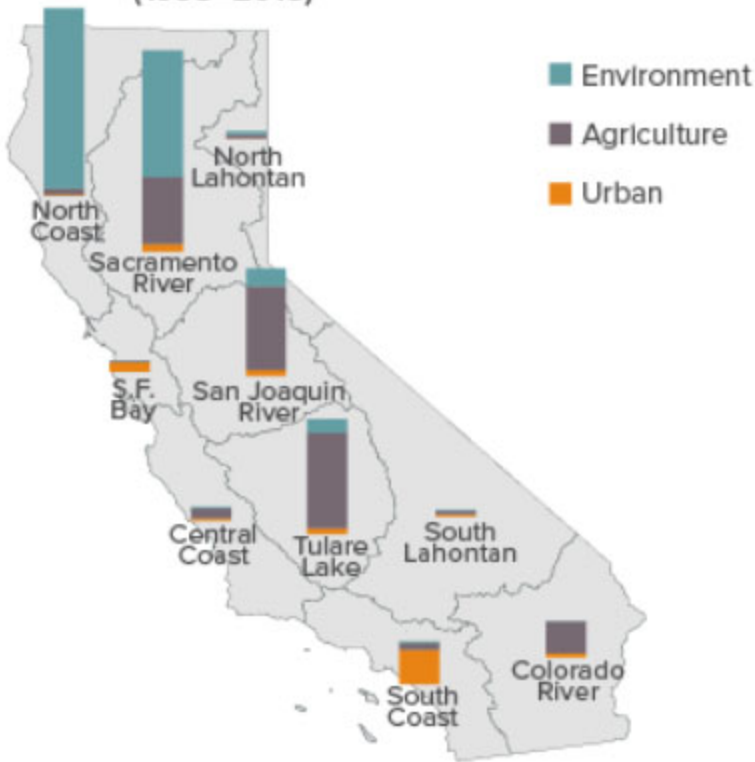
The governor has declared a **drought emergency** in 50 counties due to extreme dry conditions in most of the state.

Source: Governor's Office. Updated July 8, 2021

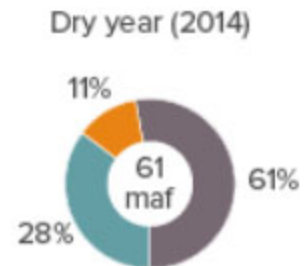
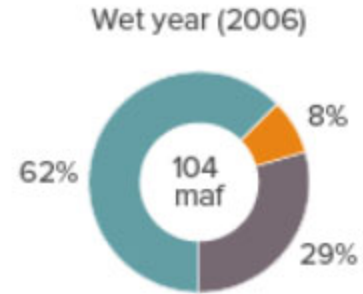


Water use varies dramatically across regions and between wet and dry years

Average annual applied water use (1998–2015)



Statewide applied water use, millions of acre-feet (maf)



SOURCE: Department of Water Resources, *California Water Plan Update 2018 (Public Review Draft)*.

NOTES: The figure shows applied water use. The statewide average for 1998–2015 was 77.2 maf. Environment (38.3 maf average) includes water for “wild and scenic” rivers, required Delta outflow, instream flows, and managed wetlands. Urban (7.9 maf) includes residential, commercial, and industrial uses; and large landscapes. Agriculture (31 maf) includes water for crop production. Net water use—i.e., the volume consumed by people or plants, embodied in manufactured goods, evaporated, or discharged to saline waters—is lower. The figure excludes water used to actively recharge groundwater basins (3% for urban and 1% for agriculture on average), conveyance losses (3% for urban and 8% for agriculture), and water used for energy production (less than 2% of urban use).