

# **Staff Presentation on Extending the Emergency Urban Water Conservation Regulation**

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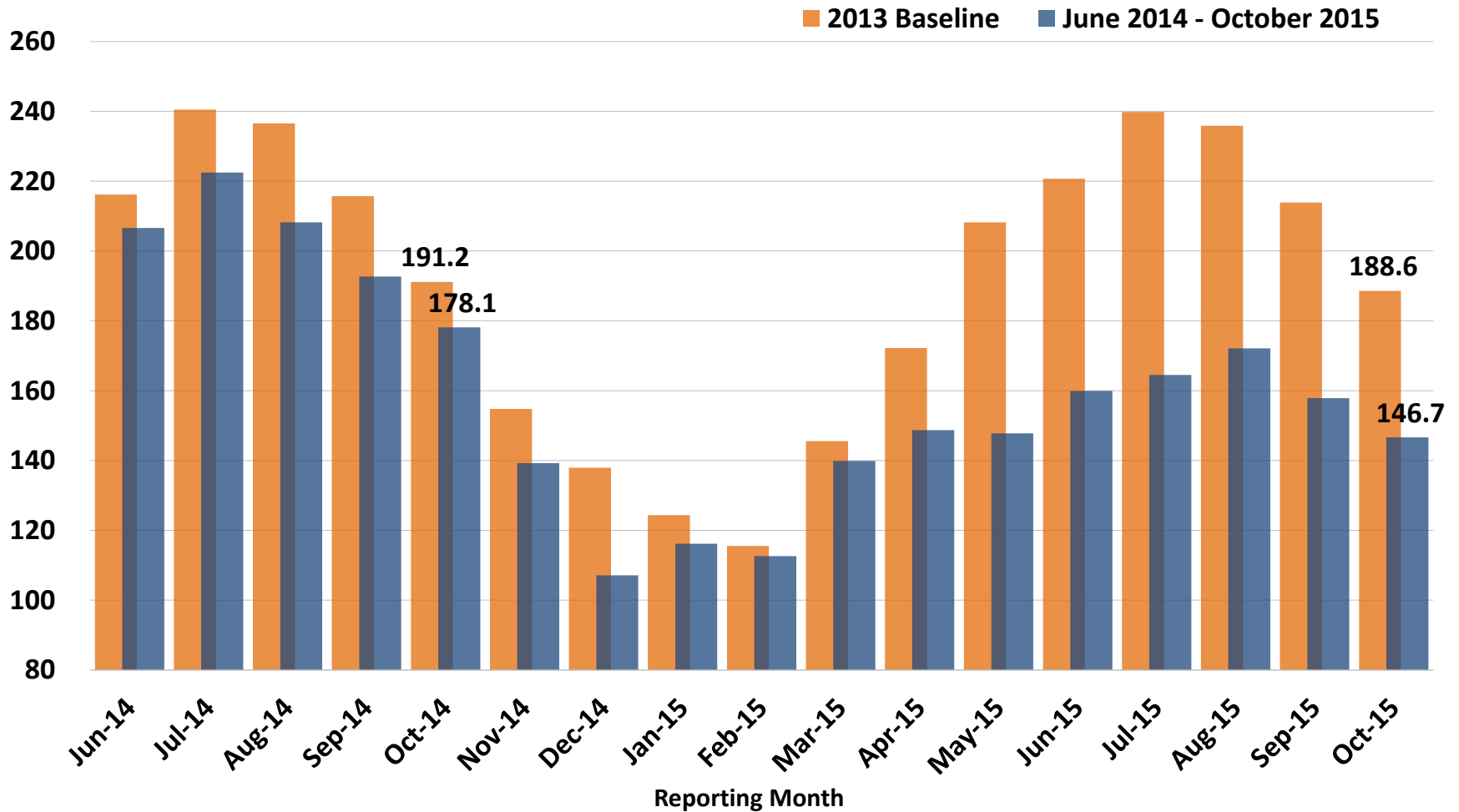


# Background

- Existing emergency regulation expires on February 13, 2016
- Statewide cumulative conservation is 27.1% through October 2015, exceeding the 25% target in the emergency regulation
- Approximately 70% of urban water suppliers are meeting or exceeding their conservation standard
- A progressive enforcement approach is being used for suppliers not meeting their conservation standard



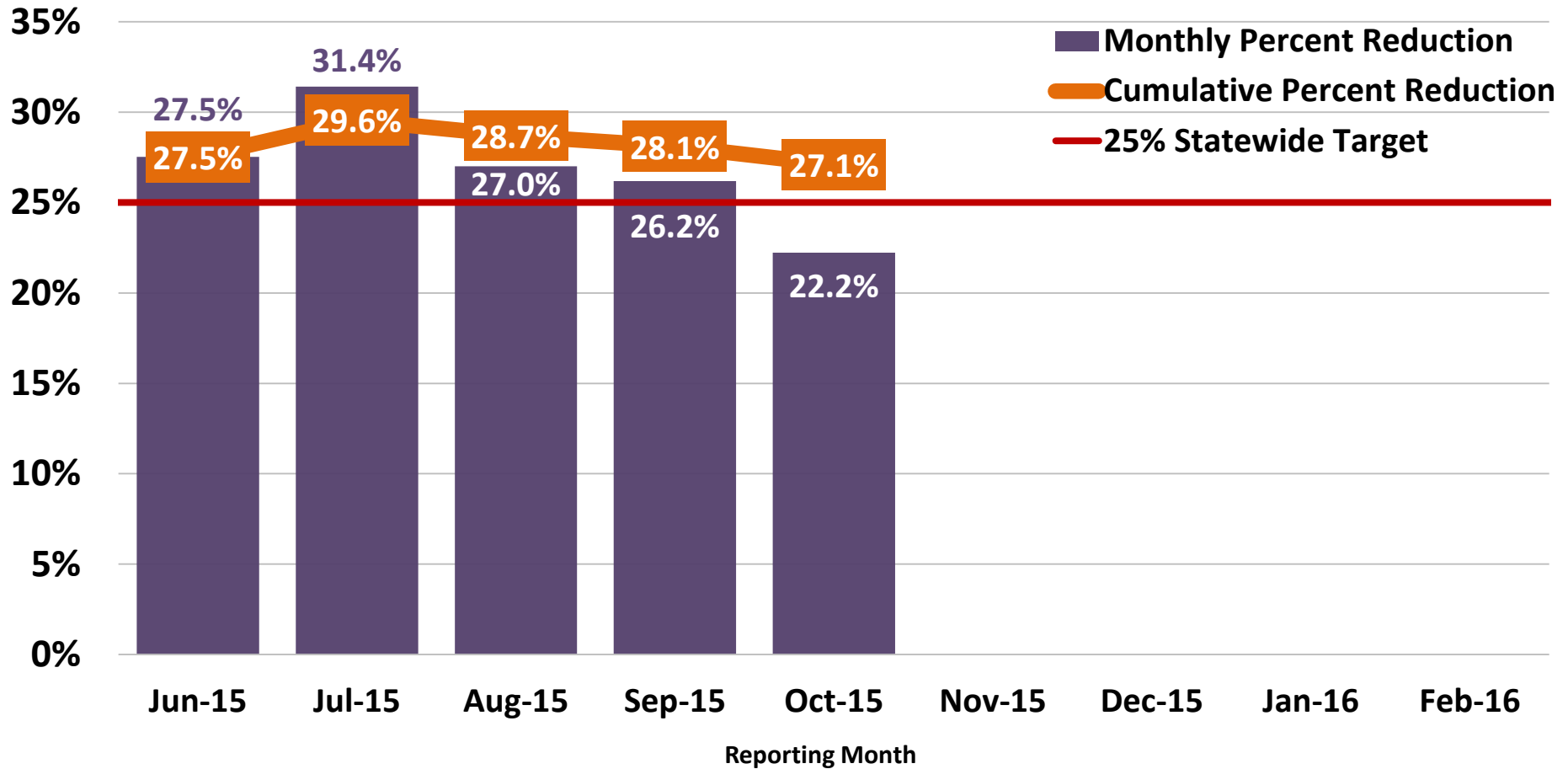
# Statewide Water Conservation Results Water Production June 2014 – October 2015 (Billion Gallons)



**October 2015 savings (41.9 billion gallons) is three times greater than October 2014 savings (13.0 billion gallons)**

# Statewide Water Conservation Results Water Production Percentage Reduction

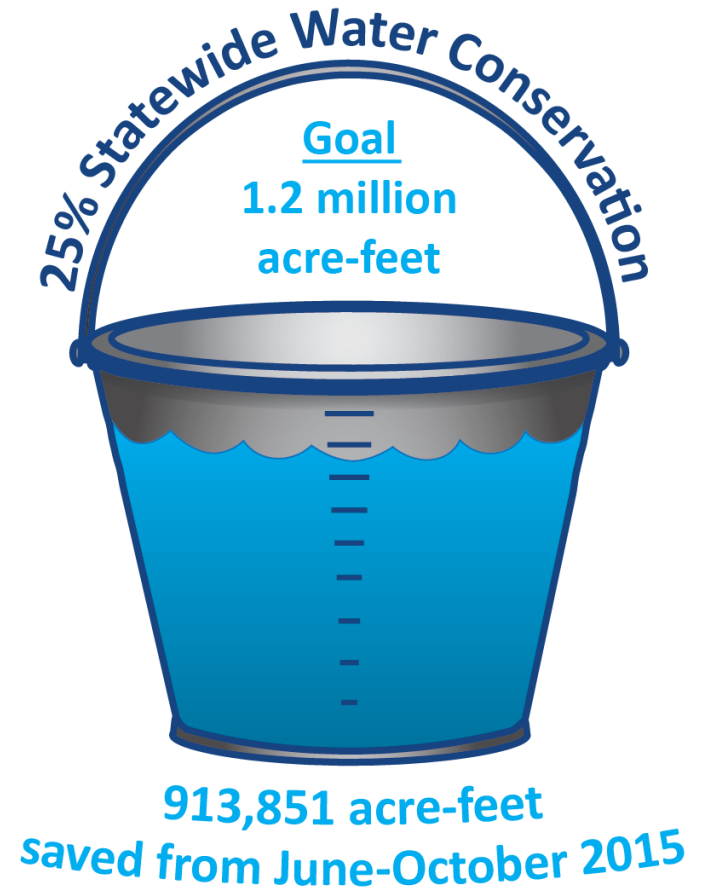
(Compared to 2013)



**October 2015 savings (41.9 billion gallons; 129,660 acre-feet) brings statewide cumulative savings to 27.1%**

# Cumulative Savings (June - October 2015)

- 913,851 acre-feet (297.8 billion gallons) of water saved
- This is 76% of savings goal
- Savings is enough to provide 4.6 million Californians with water for one year



# Emergency Regulation Extension

Executive Order B-36-15 issued November 13, 2015

- Extend the emergency regulation through October 31, 2016 if drought conditions persist
- Consider uses of potable and non-potable water
- Incorporate lessons learned



# Key Insights

- Drought is top public concern
- Saving trees is critical
- Local implementation has been most successful where it is perceived as fair
- Evaporative coolers present challenges in some communities
- Rate setting and financial management are challenging yet central to conservation success



# Stakeholder Input

Board resolution 2015-0032 directed staff to consider issues raised in comments for an extended emergency regulation

- Stakeholder workgroup formed to vet ideas for modifications and adjustments
- Three workgroup meetings were held
- Panelists will describe the proposals





# Issues for Consideration

- Timing of extension
  - Complete assessment of drought conditions unknown until April
- Statewide savings target
- Credits and Adjustments
- Enforcement



# Next Steps

- Review public comment provided at this workshop
- Release staff proposed regulatory framework for public review
- Determine timing for release of draft regulatory language and Board adoption hearing

