



Fact Sheet

May 2015 Statewide Conservation Progress

Water Conservation Efforts Improve

Monthly residential water savings statewide were 28.9 percent in May compared with May 2013. That is up from the 13.6 percent water savings in April compared with April 2013. Broken down by hydrologic region, the results show that all parts of the state showed improvements compared to April.

Water Savings by Hydrologic Region June 2014 to May 2015

Hydrologic Region	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Trend
Central Coast	9.5%	13.5%	15.2%	15.9%	14.4%	21.6%	29.2%	9.4%	9.0%	9.4%	19.1%	28.9%	
Colorado River	6.6%	3.1%	6.9%	6.9%	5.4%	6.7%	7.4%	12.2%	-0.9%	7.3%	12.8%	21.3%	
North Coast	3.9%	10.2%	13.2%	9.5%	21.9%	19.5%	15.9%	15.8%	7.1%	-4.3%	22.5%	28.6%	
North Lahontan	0.0%	1.4%	13.9%	5.3%	-0.9%	0.8%	12.7%	8.8%	11.9%	9.8%	16.8%	38.4%	
Sacramento River	11.7%	19.7%	22.1%	16.7%	18.8%	25.9%	21.6%	6.0%	14.1%	11.5%	23.5%	38.6%	
San Francisco Bay	10.3%	12.9%	15.1%	15.4%	14.9%	17.8%	20.9%	2.4%	8.1%	6.6%	19.9%	31.9%	
San Joaquin River	6.7%	12.4%	13.2%	10.1%	10.0%	20.8%	18.3%	12.2%	13.6%	11.4%	20.0%	35.0%	
South Coast	-0.2%	2.3%	8.5%	8.2%	1.8%	3.4%	23.8%	6.3%	-2.6%	0.6%	8.9%	25.7%	
South Lahontan	5.2%	3.9%	9.9%	7.7%	0.2%	0.5%	8.9%	10.6%	5.4%	10.0%	12.0%	21.8%	
Tulare Lake	5.7%	8.3%	13.6%	11.5%	6.5%	16.5%	26.4%	9.1%	9.7%	4.7%	17.1%	31.1%	
Statewide	4.2%	7.5%	11.9%	10.6%	6.8%	10.0%	22.4%	6.7%	2.6%	3.9%	13.6%	28.9%	












The table above shows the month-over-month water production percentage reduction by hydrologic region. Savings for May 2015 range from 21.3 percent to 38.6 percent. For May, nine of the ten hydrologic regions reported their highest monthly level of savings to date; the exception was the Central Coast Hydrologic Region, which missed their December 2014 savings record by 0.4 percent. The South Coast basin, which represents 56 percent of the state's population, jumped from 8.9 percent conservation in April to 25.7 percent in May. This provided a significant boost to the statewide average.

Per Capita Daily Water Use Continues to Decline

The North Coast region experienced the lowest average water use at 63.9 gallons per person per day. On the high end, the Colorado River region averaged 157.3 gallons per person per day. For May, eight of the ten hydrologic regions reported an average R-GPCD higher in May 2015 than April; the exceptions were the Colorado River and South Coast hydrologic regions. The South Coast Hydrologic Region reported an average R-GPCD of 9.1 fewer gallons used per person per day in May than its respective April 2015 R-GPCD.



R-GPCD by Hydrologic Region June 2014 to May 2015

Hydrologic Region	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Trend
Central Coast	99.7	94.8	90.7	88.6	83.4	65.9	54.3	60.5	62.1	65.1	71.5	72.5	
Colorado River	235.0	236.0	222.1	182.0	169.4	166.3	115.5	115.6	132.7	123.1	158.5	157.3	
North Coast	87.5	96.3	82.6	84.6	67.0	54.7	56.4	54.2	54.4	61.4	60.0	63.9	
North Lahontan	162.0	147.8	131.2	126.6	93.8	68.2	72.4	70.2	63.7	61.2	66.3	83.4	
Sacramento River	194.0	197.5	177.3	165.5	131.3	89.4	71.1	74.1	74.6	97.2	104.0	117.8	
San Francisco Bay	99.1	98.6	90.8	84.2	76.8	62.8	53.1	56.9	57.8	63.5	65.4	66.4	
San Joaquin River	196.7	196.7	173.9	157.6	130.3	90.5	71.7	68.4	72.2	93.6	105.7	113.6	
South Coast	121.7	119.9	112.7	111.9	103.4	87.9	64.6	73.3	79.5	83.3	90.2	81.1	
South Lahontan	191.2	193.3	182.3	160.1	134.2	107.8	72.1	74.0	79.2	94.5	113.9	119.3	
Tulare Lake	200.5	212.8	190.3	179.8	148.4	106.2	80.0	74.6	78.2	100.9	127.2	132.8	
Statewide	133.5	133.0	123.2	117.9	105.2	85.6	65.0	70.6	75.2	82.4	90.5	87.5	

The water use reports are a requirement of the drought emergency water conservation regulation adopted by the State Water Board in July 2014 and are provided to the State Water Board monthly by urban water suppliers. The complete report is posted [here](#).

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