



Media Release

The State Water Board administers California's system of water rights and is authorized to prevent illegal diversions of water. Illegal diversions include taking water at times when there is insufficient water available under the priority of right held by the diverter.

Due to the severe drought in California, holders of [9,329 water rights](#) in five Northern California watersheds were notified between April and July of this year that insufficient water was available to meet their water right demand.

The State Water Board maintains a webpage to assist water right holders in several key watersheds to plan for possible limits on water supply availability. The webpage, titled "[Watershed Analysis](#)," details projected water supply, demand and availability for the watersheds most likely to face restrictions during the drought as demand outstrips available water supply.

Please visit our [website](#) to see what watersheds have received notices regarding water availability.

Information on the drought is available at the State Water Board's [drought website](#). To learn about all actions the state has taken to manage our water resources and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit [Drought.CA.Gov](#). Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at [SaveOurWater.com](#).

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