



Water Infrastructure Needs

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Who We Are

- SCWC is a non-profit, nonpartisan public education partnership with a membership of about 200 spanning Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Kern and Imperial counties.
- County governments are a cornerstone of our membership because of the integral role they place in infrastructure for community development.





Current State Priorities



Urban conservation

Intensify environmental and regulatory mandates

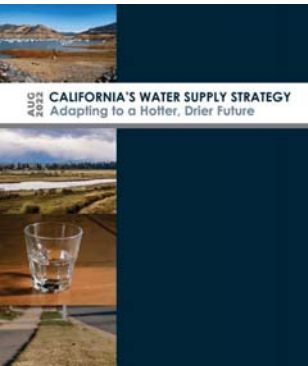
Shift water supply burdens to local agencies

Demand affordability despite increasing costs

According to a recent PPIC poll, “drought remains the dominant environmental issue for Californians.” Just as important, a majority of Californians, nearly 70 percent “don’t feel that government is doing enough to combat the drought.”



Governor Newsom’s New Water Supply Plan



- Supportive sentiment
- Great step forward
- Applaud leadership, recognition of urgency and need
- But we need continued work and follow-through



Agriculture Hit Hard

- 0% allocation on Central Valley Project and 5% on State Water Project in 2022
- \$1.7 billion revenue loss
- 14,600 jobs lost
- 395,000 acres left dry and unplanted
- Food security



Urban Losses

- State Water Project cutback from 5M acre-feet to 250,000 AF
- SoCal loss of 1.9M AF
- Colorado River cuts coming
- Recycled water effectively committed
- State needs roughly 20M AF of new supply – where do we get it?





Solutions

1

More surface and groundwater storage

2

Improved inter-regional and local conveyance

3

Creative regulatory solutions such as the voluntary agreements

4

New supply including investments in local water infrastructure, such as groundwater recharge, desalination, and recycling



Major Initiatives

- Conveyance
- Stormwater
- Recycled Water
- Water Quality Regulations
- Water and Energy Efficiency
- Water Affordability





Thank you