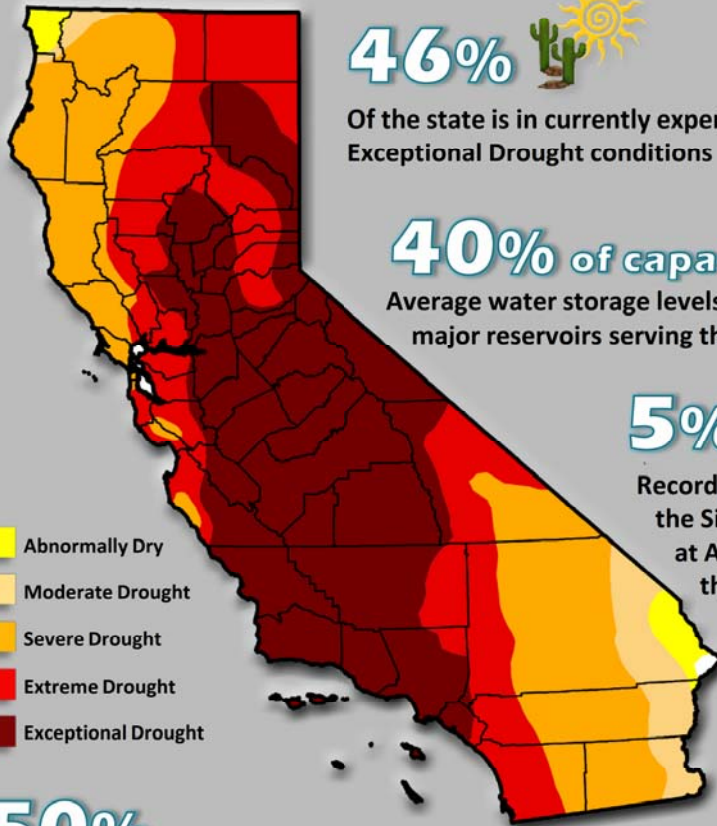


Following closely on the heels of California's **hottest year (2014) and driest year (2013) ever recorded, 2015** is breaking records of its own for exceptional drought conditions. While Orange County residents and businesses have already done a terrific job curbing water waste, in order to weather these extreme drought conditions we will all have to make smarter choices about the way we use and manage our most precious natural resource.



April 1, 2015

Governor Brown orders mandatory water use restrictions for the first time in California's history.



46% 

Of the state is in currently experiencing Exceptional Drought conditions

40% of capacity 

Average water storage levels for major reservoirs serving the state.

5% of average 

Record low snowpack was measured in the Sierra Nevada mountains this year at April's peak. Californians rely on this snowpack for a portion of their water supply.

50% of capacity 

Storage in the Colorado River after **15** consecutive years of drought.

50%

Amount of Orange County's water supply that must be imported from other areas.

★ Many areas of Orange County are nearly **100%** dependent on imported water supplies.

★ In an average year, nearly **1/2** of Orange County's imported water comes from the Colorado River, the other **1/2** comes from the State Water Project, which begins at Lake Oroville.



The drought is a serious reminder that we must continue to work together in order to ensure our water supplies remain reliable.



140 gallons

Average amount of water used every day by each Orange County resident.



More than **1/2** of that amount is used to water our landscapes.



50%

Percentage of an average home's total water use applied to outdoor landscapes.

140 gallons



Water savings each day by replacing **1,000** sq. ft. of grass with California Friendly plants

10,000 gallons



Water savings per household each year just by fixing common leaks.

30%



Water savings achieved by replacing sprinkler heads with rotating nozzles.

\$12 Billion

Investments by Southern California water providers in water reliability projects over the past **20** years.

Resulting in...

- ★ Increased regional storage
- ★ Infrastructure improvements
- ★ New local water supplies
- ★ Water use efficiency programs that are now sustaining the region.



Governor Brown has called for a **25%** reduction in statewide water use. Orange County residents and businesses can make a difference by making simple changes, like installing water efficient devices, repairing leaks, or replacing a portion of their lawn with drought tolerant landscape. For rebates and programs to help you reduce your daily water use, visit www.ocwatersmart.com to learn more.