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Water (R)evolution Summit: Water Resilience in LA County

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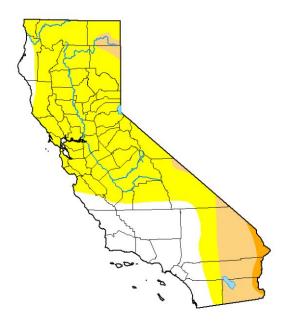


What do we mean by sustainability and resilience?



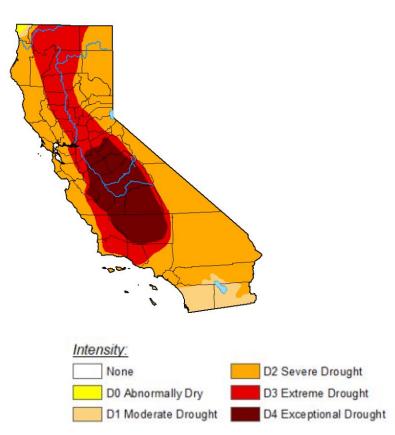
Resilient and healthy community environments Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience Equitable and sustainable land use and development A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all Thriving ecosystems, habitats and biodiversity Accessible parks, public lands, and public spaces A fossil fuel-free LA County A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system Sustainable production and consumption of resources A sustainable and just food system Inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance A commitment to realize OurCounty sustainability goals





Source: U.S. Drought Monitor

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

As drought crisis deepens, government will release less water from Colorado River reservoir

Last Year's Drought Cost Ag Industry More Than \$1 Billion, Thousands of Jobs, New Analysis Shows



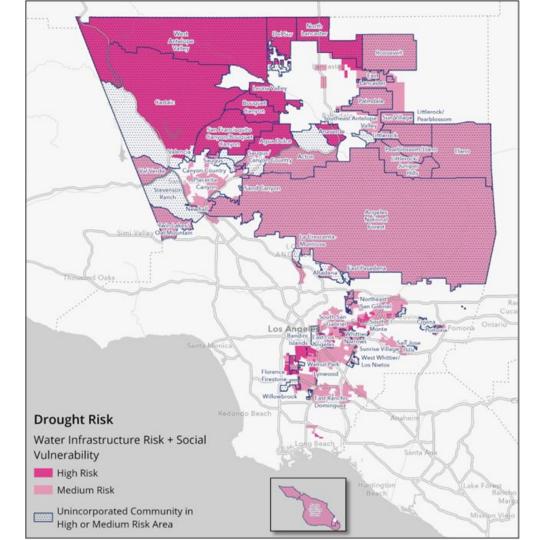
The two largest reservoirs in California are already at 'critically low levels' and the dry season is just starting

CAPITAL WEATHER GANG

California is supposed to enter a wet season. More drought is forecast.

After its three driest years on record, concern is high over what another year of drought could mean

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Drought vulnerability in LA County water systems

Climate hazards in LA County



Extreme heat is projected to increase in frequency and severity, impacting much of the County

Wildfire events are projected to be considerably larger, more frequent, and more destructive by mid-century

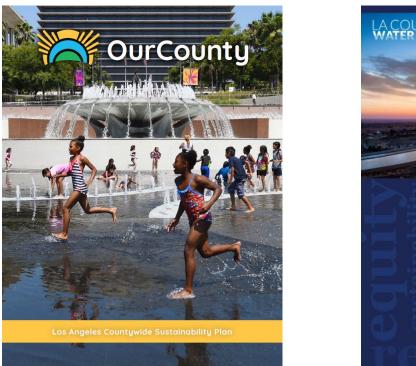
Droughts are happening more often and are lasting longer

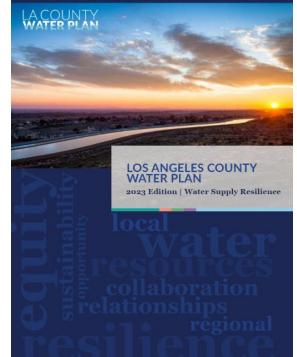
Inland flooding will likely increase in the future with drier springs and summers and wetter winters throughout the state

Coastal flooding events may become more frequent and severe, even with small increases in sea level rise

LA County Water Resilience Goals



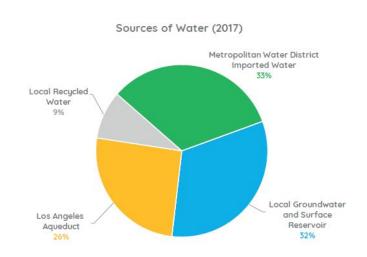




OurCounty Target: Source 80% of water locally by 2045

Water Plan Target: Increase local supply sources by 580,000 AF/year





Source: Metropolitan Water District

How can we meet our local water targets?

- Increased stormwater capture
 - Measure W funds have increased supply enough to serve about 118,000 households annually
- Groundwater cleanup
 - San Fernando Valley clean up will double City of LA's local water supply
- Water conservation
 - New State laws mandating conservation measures
- Increased water recycling



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