

2009 Drought Declaration

Drought Declaration: Process, Criteria, and Application for Secretarial Determination Regarding Drought Emergency Projects

On February 27, 2009, pursuant to his authority under [Government Code sections 8625 and 8571](#), the Governor issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency because California is experiencing its third consecutive critically dry year, and severe drought is ravaging the State's physical, social, and economic landscape. The Proclamation acknowledges that severe drought is having devastating consequences on California.

The Governor's Proclamation directs that the emergency exemptions in [Public Resources Code sections 21080\(b\)\(3\), 21080\(b\)\(4\) and 21172](#), and in [California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15269\(c\)](#), shall apply to all actions or efforts consistent with this Proclamation that are taken to mitigate or respond to this emergency. In addition, [Water Code section 13247](#) is suspended to allow expedited responses to this emergency that are consistent with this Proclamation.

The Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency shall determine which efforts fall within these exemptions and suspension, ensuring that these exemptions and suspension serve the purposes of this Proclamation while protecting the public and the environment.

- [California Natural Resources Agency Emergency Drought Proclamation](#)
- [Process, Criteria, and Application for Secretarial Determination Regarding Drought Emergency Projects \(PDF\)](#)
- [Application](#) (MS Word)

Applications for Secretarial Determination that have received the Secretary's Concurrence

- [California Department of Water Resources 1 \(PDF\)](#)
- [California Department of Water Resources 2 \(PDF\)](#)
- [San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority \(PDF\)](#)
- [San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority 2 \(PDF\)](#)

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[Governor Brown Ends State's Drought Status, Urges Californians to Continue to Conserve \(3/30/2011\)](#)

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