

Summary of Water Conditions March 1, 2015

This water year has been better than last year, but not enough to end the drought. About one quarter of the rainy season is left and hopes for even an average runoff year are slim. The snowpack for this date is the lowest of record exceeding previous lows in 1977 and 1991 on March 1 and had actually decreased in February. Statewide precipitation thus far has been about 80 percent of average for the date. Precipitation in February was about 85 percent of average, mostly from a double barreled atmospheric river event during the first weekend of the month. The north fared better than the south. Reservoir storage increased quite a bit more than average during the month, again mostly in the northern third of the state. Reservoirs on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley are holding much less than last year. Runoff so far this season has been about 75 percent of average, ranging from 140 percent on the upper Trinity River to 20 percent on the Merced River.

Forecasts of median April through July and water year runoff are 35 and 50 percent respectively.

Snowpack water content is a dismal 15 percent for the date and only about 10 percent of the April 1 average, normally the time of maximum accumulation. Last year the pack stood at 20 percent on this date.

Precipitation from October through February is about 80 percent of average compared to a very poor 45 percent last year. The range is from almost normal in the coastal north to about 60 percent in the San Joaquin –Tulare basins.

Runoff to date has been about 75 percent of average, from 85 percent on the North Coast to 30 percent in Tulare Lake region. Last year we had only 20 percent statewide. Estimated runoff of the eight major rivers of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River region in February was 2.23 million acre-feet.

Reservoir storage is about 70 percent of average compared to 65 percent a year ago. In 1991 storage stood at 48 percent of the current average and in 1977 it was 52 percent.

SUMMARY OF WATER CONDITIONS IN PERCENT OF AVERAGE

| HYDROLOGIC REGION | PRECIPITATION OCTOBER 1 TO DATE | MARCH 1 SNOW WATER CONTENT | MARCH 1 RESERVOIR STORAGE | RUNOFF OCTOBER 1 TO DATE | APR-JULY RUNOFF FORECAST | WATER YEAR RUNOFF FORECAST |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NORTH COAST | 95 | 15 | 70 | 85 | 35 | 75 |
| SAN FRANCISCO BAY | 100 | -- | 90 | 75 | -- | -- |
| CENTRAL COAST | 80 | -- | 30 | 40 | -- | -- |
| SOUTH COAST | 65 | -- | 60 | 30 | -- | -- |
| SACRAMENTO RIVER | 85 | 10 | 85 | 75 | 45 | 60 |
| SAN JOAQUIN RIVER | 65 | 15 | 65 | 40 | 30 | 35 |
| TULARE LAKE | 60 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 25 | 30 |
| NORTH LAHONTAN | 70 | 20 | 15 | 60 | 30 | 40 |
| SOUTH LAHONTAN | 95 | 20 | 85 | 65 | 30 | 40 |
| COLORADO RIVER- DESERT | 50 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| STATEWIDE | 80 | 15 | 70 | 75 | 35 | 50 |

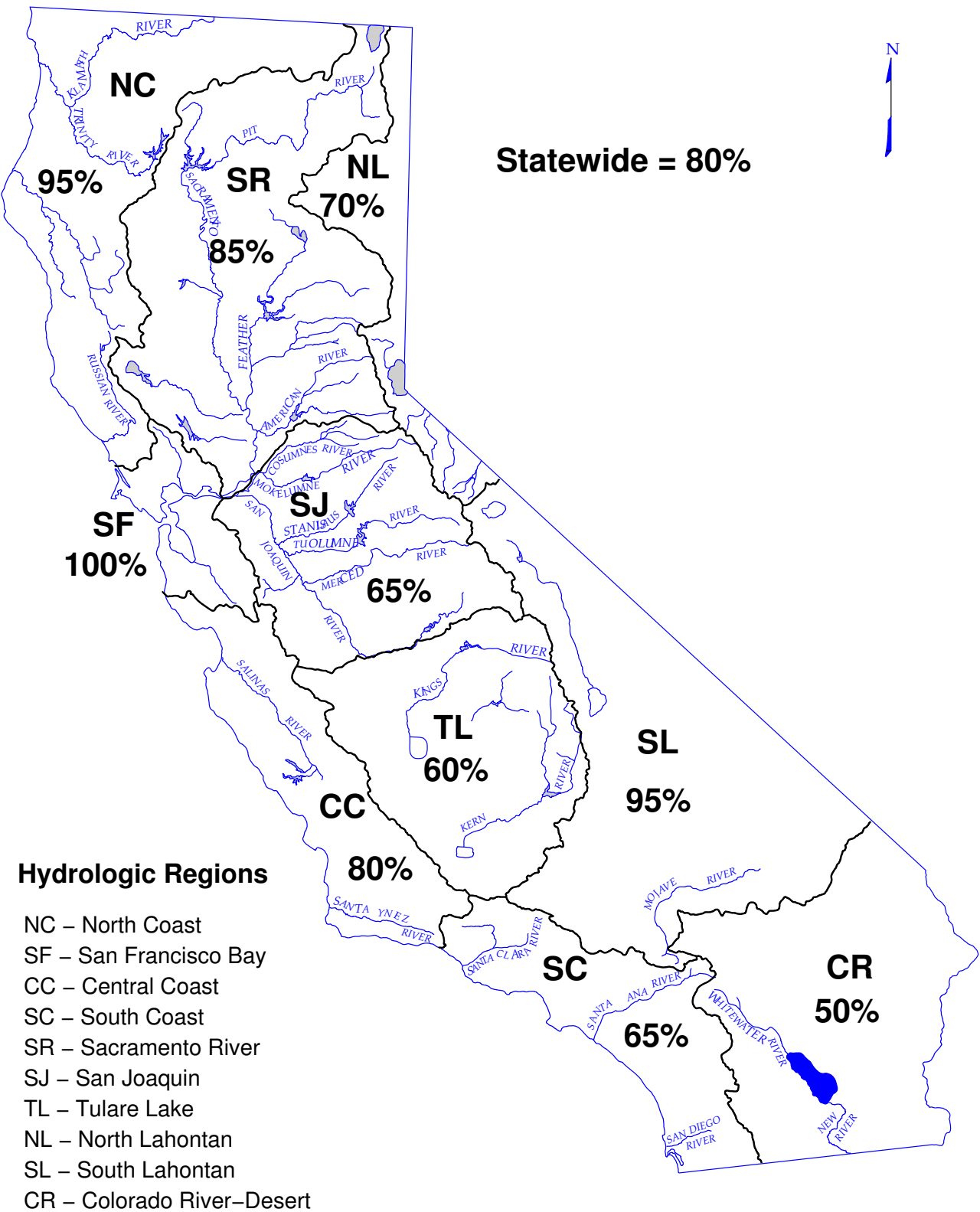
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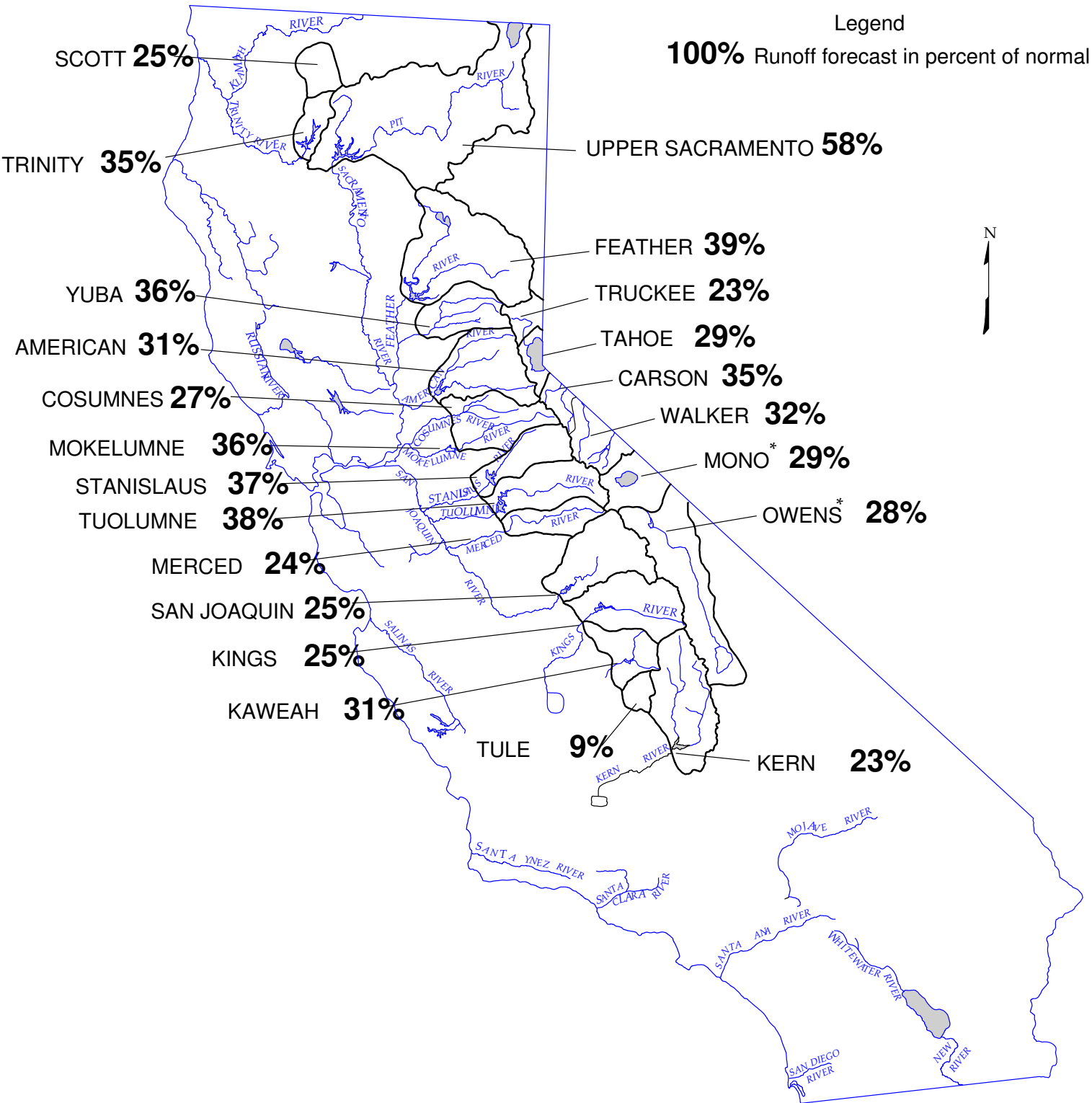
IN PERCENT OF AVERAGE TO DATE
October 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015



WATER YEAR IS OCTOBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

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FORECAST OF APRIL – JULY UNIMPAIRED SNOWMELT RUNOFF March 1, 2015



* FORECAST BY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**MARCH 1, 2015 FORECASTS
APRIL-JULY UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF**

| HYDROLOGIC REGION and Watershed | Unimpaired Runoff in 1,000 Acre-Feet (1) | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| | HISTORICAL | | | FORECAST | | |
| | 50 Yr Avg (2) | Max of Record | Min of Record | Apr-Jul Forecasts | Pct of Avg | 80 % Probability Range (1) |
| North Coast | | | | | | |
| Trinity River at Lewiston Lake | 651 | 1,593 | 80 | 230 | 35% | 80 - 540 |
| SACRAMENTO RIVER | | | | | | |
| Upper Sacramento River | | | | | | |
| Sacramento River at Delta above Shasta Lake | 302 | 751 | 39 | 120 | 40% | |
| McCloud River above Shasta Lake | 392 | 850 | 185 | 240 | 61% | |
| Pit River near Montgomery Creek + Squaw Creek | 1,046 | 2,098 | 480 | 640 | 61% | |
| Total Inflow to Shasta Lake | 1,806 | 3,525 | 726 | 1,050 | 58% | 670 - 1,850 |
| Sacramento River above Bend Bridge, near Red Bluff | 2,485 | 5,117 | 943 | 1,450 | 58% | 870 - 2,680 |
| Feather River | | | | | | |
| Feather River at Lake Almanor near Prattville (3) | 333 | 675 | 120 | 130 | 39% | |
| North Fork at Pulga (3) | 1,028 | 2,416 | 243 | 400 | 39% | |
| Middle Fork near Clio (4) | 86 | 518 | 4 | 30 | 35% | |
| South Fork at Ponderosa Dam (3) | 110 | 267 | 13 | 40 | 36% | |
| Feather River at Oroville | 1,758 | 4,676 | 392 | 680 | 39% | 350 - 1,720 |
| Yuba River | | | | | | |
| North Yuba below Goodyears Bar | 279 | 647 | 51 | 100 | 36% | |
| Inflow to Jackson Mdws and Bowman Reservoirs (3) | 112 | 236 | 25 | 45 | 40% | |
| South Yuba at Langs Crossing (3) | 233 | 481 | 57 | 90 | 39% | |
| Yuba River near Smartsville plus Deer Creek | 996 | 2,424 | 200 | 360 | 36% | 160 - 910 |
| American River | | | | | | |
| North Fork at North Fork Dam (3) | 262 | 716 | 43 | 70 | 27% | |
| Middle Fork near Auburn (3) | 522 | 1,406 | 100 | 150 | 29% | |
| Silver Creek Below Camino Diversion Dam (3) | 173 | 386 | 37 | 50 | 29% | |
| American River below Folsom Lake | 1,231 | 3,074 | 229 | 380 | 31% | 190 - 1,080 |
| SAN JOAQUIN RIVER | | | | | | |
| Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar | 128 | 446 | 8 | 35 | 27% | 6 - 125 |
| Mokelumne River | | | | | | |
| North Fork near West Point (5) | 437 | 829 | 104 | 160 | 37% | |
| Total Inflow to Pardee Reservoir | 468 | 1,076 | 102 | 170 | 36% | 80 - 380 |
| Stanislaus River | | | | | | |
| Middle Fork below Beardsley Dam (3) | 334 | 702 | 64 | 120 | 36% | |
| North Fork Inflow to McKays Point Dam (3) | 224 | 503 | 34 | 80 | 36% | |
| Stanislaus River below Goodwin Reservoir (9) | 699 | 1,710 | 116 | 260 | 37% | 95 - 590 |
| Tuolumne River | | | | | | |
| Cherry Creek & Eleanor Creek near Hetch Hetchy | 315 | 727 | 97 | 130 | 41% | |
| Tuolumne River near Hetch Hetchy | 604 | 1,392 | 153 | 260 | 43% | |
| Tuolumne River below La Grange Reservoir (9) | 1,221 | 2,682 | 301 | 460 | 38% | 250 - 950 |
| Merced River | | | | | | |
| Merced River at Pohono Bridge | 372 | 888 | 80 | 100 | 27% | |
| Merced River below Merced Falls (9) | 636 | 1,587 | 123 | 155 | 24% | 95 - 480 |
| San Joaquin River | | | | | | |
| San Joaquin River at Mammoth Pool (7) | 1,026 | 2,279 | 235 | 280 | 27% | |
| Big Creek below Huntington Lake (8) | 91 | 264 | 11 | 25 | 27% | |
| South Fork near Florence Lake (7) | 201 | 511 | 58 | 60 | 30% | |
| San Joaquin River inflow to Millerton Lake | 1,258 | 3,355 | 262 | 320 | 25% | 220 - 850 |
| TULARE LAKE | | | | | | |
| Kings River | | | | | | |
| North Fork Kings River near Cliff Camp (3) | 239 | 565 | 50 | 60 | 25% | |
| Kings River below Pine Flat Reservoir | 1,236 | 3,113 | 274 | 310 | 25% | 220 - 860 |
| Kaweah River below Terminus Reservoir | 290 | 814 | 62 | 90 | 31% | 52 - 200 |
| Tule River below Lake Success | 64 | 259 | 2 | 6 | 9% | 2 - 53 |
| Kern River | | | | | | |
| Kern River near Kernville | 384 | 1,203 | 83 | 100 | 26% | |
| Kern River inflow to Lake Isabella | 465 | 1,657 | 84 | 105 | 23% | 70 - 365 |

(1) See inside back cover for definition

(2) All 50 year averages are based on years 1961-2010 unless otherwise noted

(3) 50 year average based on years 1941-90

(4) 44 year average based on years 1936-79

(5) 36 year average based on years 1936-72

(6) 45 year average based on years 1936-81

(7) 50 year average based on years 1953-2002

(8) 50 year average based on years 1946-1995

MARCH 1, 2015 FORECASTS
WATER YEAR UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF

| HISTORICAL | | | Unimpaired Runoff in 1,000 Acre-Feet (1) | | | | | | | | | FORECAST | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 50 Yr Avg (2) | Max of Record | Min of Record | Oct Thru Jan | Feb * | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Water Year Forecasts | Pct of Avg | 80 % Probability Range (1) |
| 1376 | 2990 | 200 | 418 | 294 | 110 | 95 | 95 | 30 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1,055 | 77% | 830 - 1,520 |
| 876 | 1,965 | 165 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,200 | 2,353 | 557 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3,082 | 5,150 | 1,484 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5,979 | 10,796 | 2,479 | 1,621 | 720 | 560 | 350 | 300 | 215 | 185 | 170 | 159 | 4,280 | 72% | 3,565 - 5,760 |
| 8,727 | 17,180 | 3,294 | 2,652 | 1,068 | 800 | 510 | 405 | 300 | 235 | 200 | 200 | 6,370 | 73% | 5,230 - 8,370 |
| 780 | 1,269 | 366 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,417 | 4,400 | 666 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 219 | 637 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 291 | 562 | 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4,523 | 9,492 | 994 | 916 | 442 | 370 | 270 | 210 | 115 | 85 | 67 | 60 | 2,535 | 56% | 1,925 - 3,975 |
| 564 | 1,056 | 102 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 181 | 292 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 379 | 565 | 98 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,329 | 4,926 | 369 | 398 | 204 | 190 | 165 | 135 | 45 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 1,170 | 50% | 830 - 1,855 |
| 616 | 1,234 | 66 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,070 | 2,575 | 144 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 318 | 705 | 59 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,683 | 6,382 | 349 | 332 | 242 | 200 | 180 | 150 | 45 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1,155 | 43% | 830 - 2,080 |
| 385 | 1,253 | 20 | 22 | 38 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 33% | 70 - 295 |
| 626 | 1,009 | 197 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 763 | 1,848 | 129 | 43 | 65 | 51 | 70 | 80 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 330 | 43% | 210 - 610 |
| 471 | 929 | 88 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,167 | 2,952 | 155 | 64 | 92 | 81 | 105 | 110 | 40 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 500 | 43% | 280 - 900 |
| 461 | 1,147 | 123 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 770 | 1,661 | 258 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,943 | 4,631 | 383 | 106 | 114 | 130 | 160 | 205 | 80 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 815 | 42% | 540 - 1,390 |
| 461 | 1,020 | 92 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,007 | 2,787 | 150 | 22 | 25 | 53 | 55 | 75 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 255 | 25% | 170 - 650 |
| 1,337 | 2,964 | 308 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 112 | 298 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 248 | 653 | 71 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,831 | 4,642 | 362 | 47 | 43 | 79 | 95 | 140 | 65 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 505 | 28% | 370 - 1,100 |
| 284 | 607 | 58 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1,729 | 4,287 | 386 | 49 | 46 | 70 | 95 | 135 | 60 | 20 | 9 | 6 | 490 | 28% | 370 - 1,200 |
| 456 | 1,402 | 94 | 15 | 17 | 25 | 30 | 40 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 150 | 33% | 100 - 300 |
| 147 | 615 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 12% | 10 - 105 |
| 558 | 1,577 | 163 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 733 | 2,318 | 175 | 36 | 14 | 25 | 30 | 40 | 25 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 195 | 27% | 140 - 560 |

(9) Forecast point names based on USGS gage names. Stanislaus below Goodwin also known as inflow to New Melones, Tuolumne River below La Grange also known as inflow to Don Pedro, Merced River below Merced Falls also known as inflow to McClure.

(10) Coordinated Forecast by National Weather Service California-Nevada River Forecast Center and Department of Water Resources, State of California

* Unimpaired runoff in months prior to forecast date are based on measured flows

**MARCH 1, 2015 FORECASTS
APRIL-JULY UNIMPAIRED RUNOFF**

| HYDROLOGIC REGION and Watershed | Apr-Jul Unimpaired Runoff in 1,000 Acre-Feet (1) | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | HISTORICAL | | | FORECAST | |
| | 50 Yr Avg (2) | Max of Record | Min of Record | Apr-Jul Forecasts | Pct of Avg |
| NORTH COAST | | | | | |
| Scott River | | | | | |
| Scott River nr Ft Jones (3) | 173 | 398 | 22 | 44 | 25% |
| Klamath River | | | | | |
| Total inflow to Upper Klamath Lake (4) | 475 | 1,151 | 149 | 345 | 73% |
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| NORTH LAHONTAN | | | | | |
| Truckee River | | | | | |
| Lake Tahoe to Farad accretions | 256 | 713 | 52 | 60 | 23% |
| Lake Tahoe Rise (assuming gates closed, ft) | 1.4 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 29% |
| Carson River | | | | | |
| West Fork Carson River at Woodfords | 53 | 135 | 12 | 15 | 28% |
| East Fork Carson River near Gardnerville | 186 | 407 | 43 | 78 | 42% |
| Walker River | | | | | |
| West Walker River below Little Walker, near Coleville | 155 | 330 | 35 | 60 | 39% |
| East Walker River near Bridgeport | 63 | 209 | 7 | 9 | 14% |
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| SOUTH LAHONTAN | | | | | |
| Owens River | | | | | |
| Total tributary flow to Owens River (5) | 235 | 579 | 96 | 55 | 23% |
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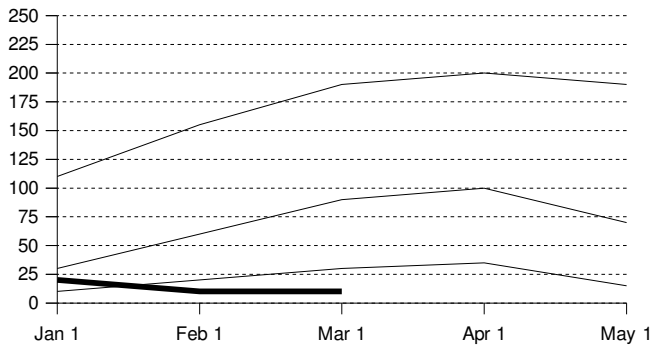
(3) Forecast by National Weather Service California-Nevada River Forecast Center. 30 yr average (1981-2010)

(4) Forecast by U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Weather Service California-Nevada River Forecast Center, April through September forecast, 30 year average based on years 1981-2010.

(5) Forecast by Department of Water and Power, City of Los Angeles, average based on years 1961-2010

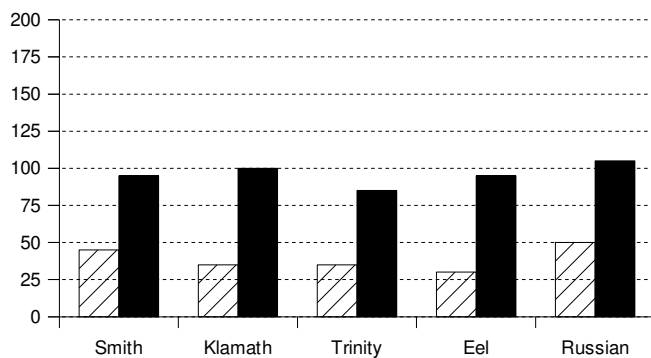
Snowpack Accumulation

Water Content in % of April 1 Average



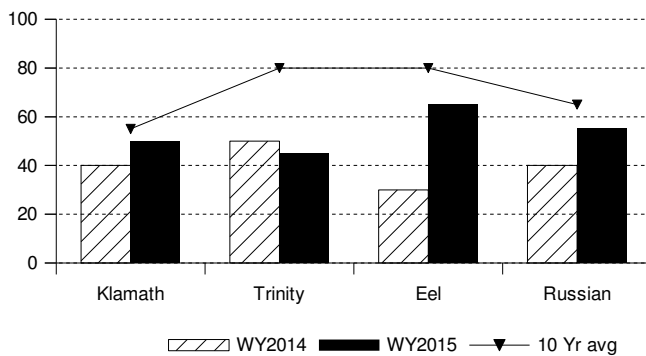
Precipitation

October 1 to date in % of Average



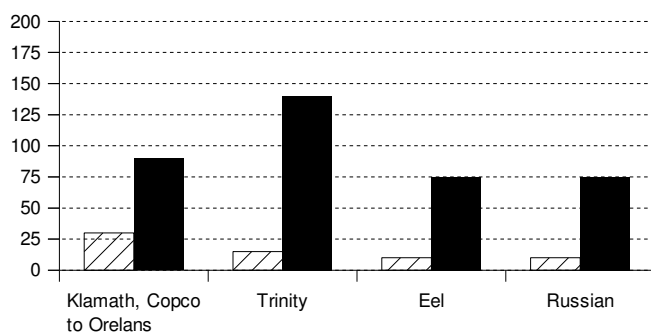
Reservoir Storage

Contents of major reservoirs in % of capacity



Runoff

October 1 to date in % of average



NORTH COAST REGION

SNOWPACK- First of the month measurements made at 11 snow courses indicate an area wide snow water equivalent of 4.4 inches. This is 15 percent of the March 1 average and 10 percent of the seasonal (April 1) average. Last year at this time the pack was holding 4.4 inches of water.

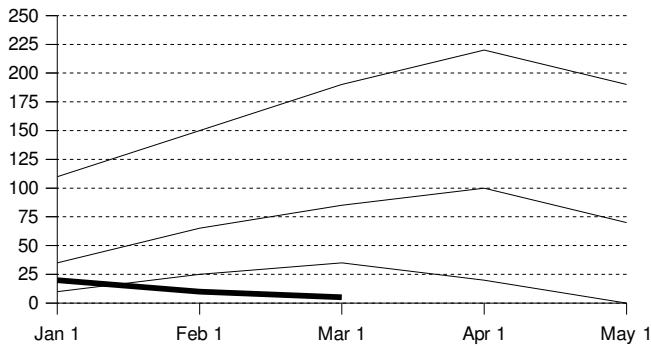
PRECIPITATION - Seasonal precipitation (October 1 through the end of last month) on this area was 95 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 130 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 40 percent of normal.

RESERVOIR STORAGE- First of the month storage in 6 reservoirs was 1.5 million acre-feet which is 70 percent of average. About 50 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 65 percent of average.

RUNOFF -Seasonal runoff of streams draining the area totaled 6.1 million acre-feet which is 85 percent of the average for this period. Last year, runoff for the same period was 15 percent of average.

SACRAMENTO RIVER REGION

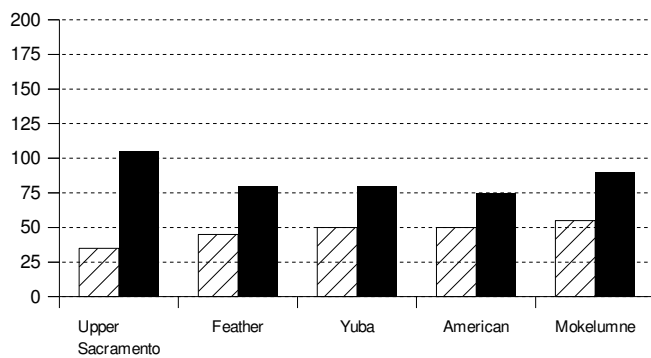
Snowpack Accumulation
Water Content in % of April 1 Average



SNOWPACK- First of the month measurements made at 68 snow courses indicate an area wide snow water equivalent of 3.2 inches. This is 10 percent of the March 1 average and 5 percent of the seasonal (April 1) average. Last year at this time the pack was holding 4.9 inches of water.

Precipitation

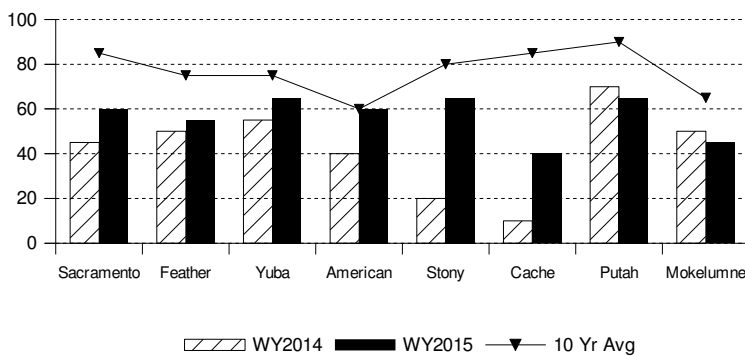
October 1 to date in % of Average



PRECIPITATION - Seasonal precipitation (October 1 through the end of last month) on this area was 85 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 95 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 45 percent of normal.

Reservoir Storage

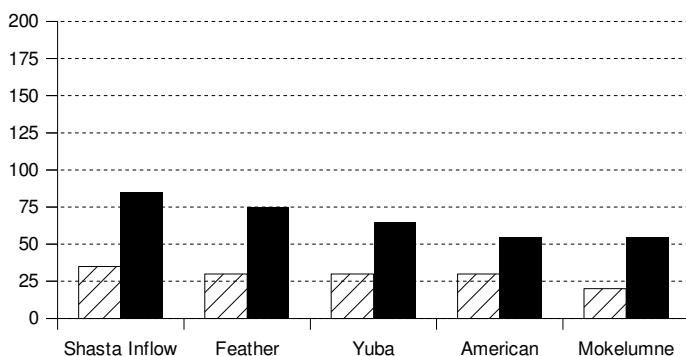
Contents of major reservoirs in % of capacity



RESERVOIR STORAGE- First of the month storage in 43 reservoirs was 9.4 million acre-feet which is 85 percent of average. About 60 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 65 percent of average.

Runoff

October 1 to date in % of average

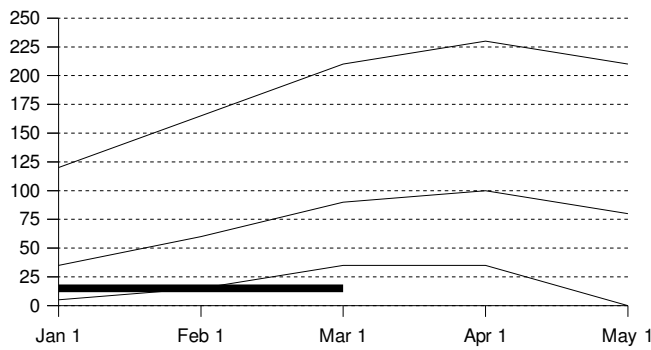


RUNOFF - Seasonal runoff of streams draining the area totaled 6.3 million acre-feet which is 75 percent of average for this period. Last year, runoff for the same period was 30 percent of average.

The **Sacramento Region 40-30-30 Water Supply Index** is forecast to be 4.7 assuming median meteorological conditions for the remainder of the year. This classifies the year as "critical" in the Sacramento Valley according to the State Water Resources Control Board.

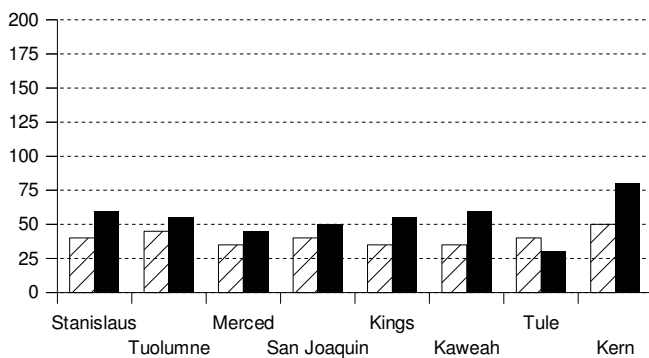
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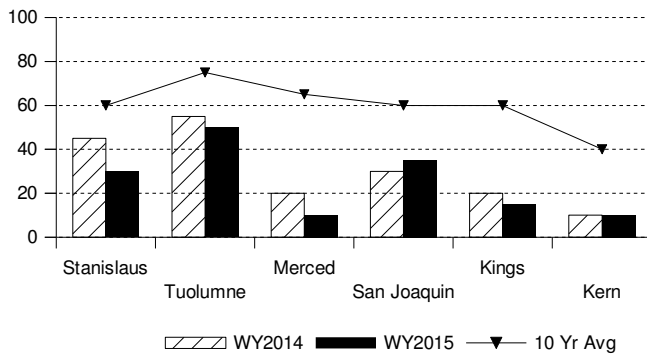
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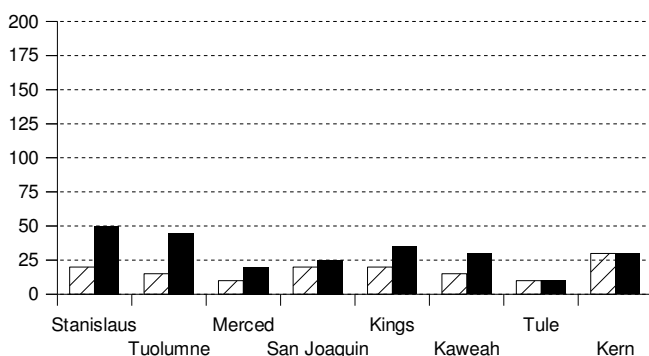
Reservoir Storage

Contents of major reservoirs in % of capacity



Runoff

October 1 to date in % of average



SAN JOAQUIN RIVER AND TULARE LAKE REGIONS

SNOWPACK- First of the month measurements made at 63 **San Joaquin Region** snow courses indicate an area wide snow water equivalent of 4.9 inches. This is 15 percent of the March 1 average and 15 percent of seasonal (April 1) average. Last year at this time the pack was holding 8.8 inches of water. At the same time 39 **Tulare Lake Region** snow courses indicated a basin-wide snow water equivalent of 4.1 inches which is 20 percent of the average for March 1 and 15 percent of the seasonal average. Last year at this time the basin was holding 5.3 inches of water.

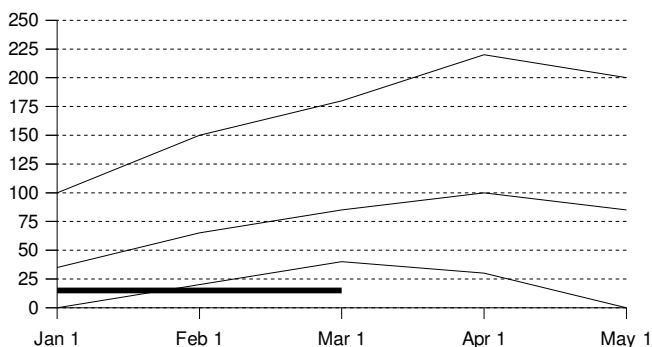
PRECIPITATION - Seasonal precipitation (October 1 through the end of last month) on the **San Joaquin Region** was 65 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 70 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 40 percent of normal. Seasonal precipitation on the **Tulare Lake Region** was 60 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 65 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 40 percent of normal.

RESERVOIR STORAGE- First of the month storage in 34 **San Joaquin Region** reservoirs was 4.6 million acre-feet which is 65 percent of average. About 40 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage at this time last year was 65 percent of average. First of the month storage in 6 **Tulare Lake Region** reservoirs was 334 thousand acre-feet which is 40 percent of average and about 15 percent of available capacity. Storage at this time last year was 45 percent of average.

RUNOFF- Seasonal runoff of streams draining the **San Joaquin Region** totaled 680 thousand acre-feet which is 40 percent of average for this period. Last year, runoff for the same period was 15 percent of average. Seasonal runoff of streams draining the **Tulare Lake Basin** totaled 183 thousand acre-feet which is 30 percent of average for this period. Last year runoff for this same period was 20 percent of average. The **San Joaquin Region 60-20-20 Water Supply Index** is forecast to be 0.9 assuming 75 percent meteorological conditions. This classifies the year as "critical" in the San Joaquin Region according to the State Water Resources Control Board.

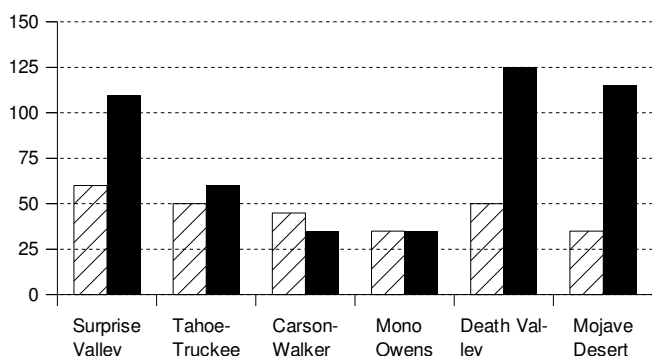
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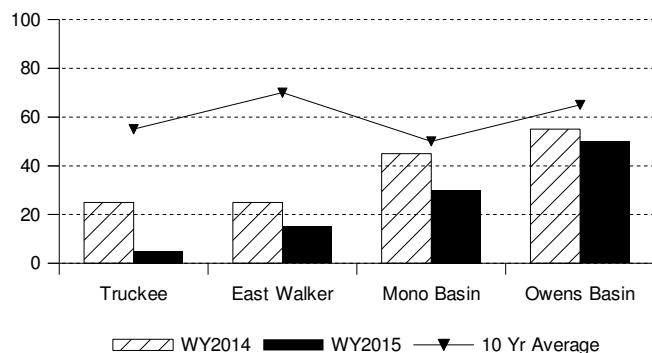
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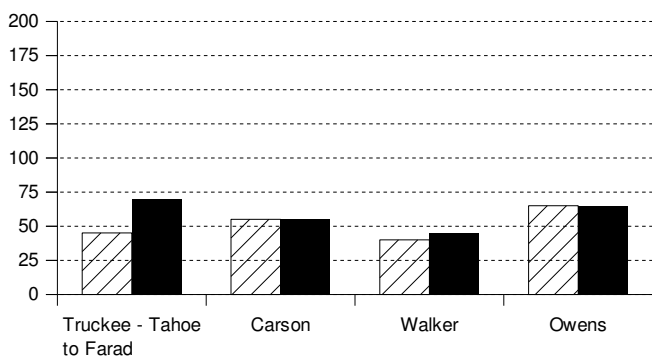
Reservoir Storage

Contents of major reservoirs in % of capacity



Runoff

October 1 to date in % of average



NORTH AND SOUTH LAHONTAN REGIONS

SNOWPACK- First of the month measurements made at 12 **North Lahontan snow** courses indicate an area wide snow water equivalent of 6.3 inches. This is 20 percent of the March 1 average and 15 percent of seasonal (April 1) average. Last year at this time the pack was holding 6.2 inches of water. At the same time 17 **South Lahontan Region** snow courses indicated a basin-wide snow water equivalent of 4.5 inches which is 20 percent of the average for March 1 and 20 percent of the seasonal average. Last year at this time the basin was holding 8.0 inches of water.

PRECIPITATION - Seasonal precipitation (October 1 through the end of last month) on the **North Lahontan** was 70 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 105 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 50 percent of normal. Seasonal precipitation on the **South Lahontan** was 95 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 70 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 40 percent of normal.

RESERVOIR STORAGE- First of the month storage in 5 **North Lahontan** reservoirs was 81 thousand acre-feet which is 15 percent of average. About 10 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 50 percent of average. Lake Tahoe was 0.2 feet below its natural rim on March 1. First of the month storage in 8 **South Lahontan** reservoirs was 228 thousand acre-feet which is 85 percent of average and about 60 percent of available capacity. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 90 percent of average.

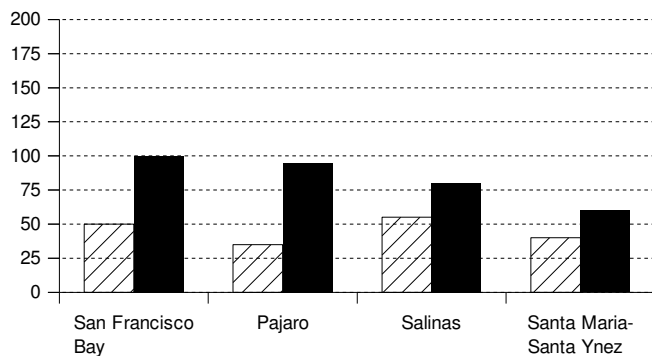
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RUNOFF- Seasonal runoff of streams draining the **North Lahontan Region** totaled 121 thousand acre-feet which is 60 percent of average for this period. Last year, runoff for the same period was 45 percent of average. Seasonal runoff of the Owens River in the **South Lahontan Region** totaled 35 thousand acre-feet which is 65 percent of average for this period. Last year runoff for this same period was at 65 percent of average.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONS

Precipitation

October 1 to date in % of Average

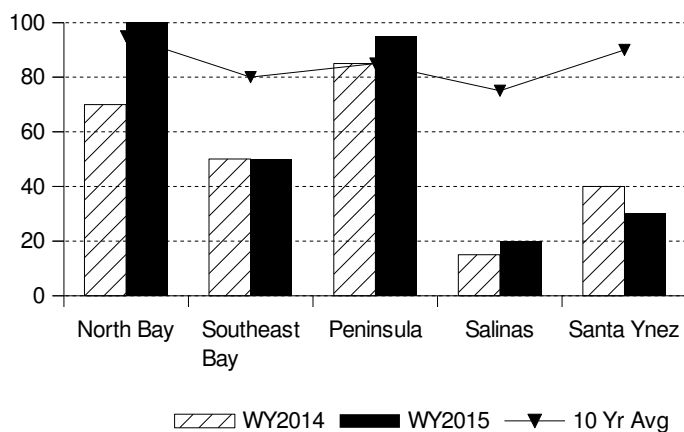


PRECIPITATION - Seasonal precipitation (October 1 through the end of last month) on the **San Francisco Bay Region** was 100 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 70 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 50 percent of normal.

Seasonal precipitation on the **Central Coast Region** was 80 percent of normal. Precipitation last month was about 45 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year stood at 45 percent of normal.

Reservoir Storage

Contents of major reservoirs in % of capacity



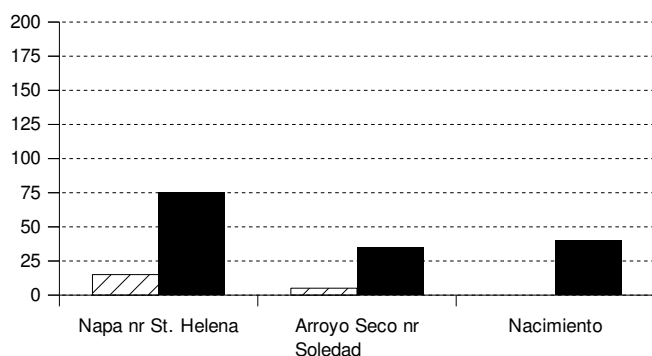
RESERVOIR STORAGE- First of the month storage in 17 **San Francisco Bay Region** reservoirs was 445 thousand acre-feet which is 90 percent of average.

About 65 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 80 percent of average.

First of the month storage in 6 **Central Coast Region** reservoirs was 204 thousand acre-feet which is 30 percent of average and about 20 percent of available capacity. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was 30 percent of average.

Runoff

October 1 to date in % of average



RUNOFF- Seasonal runoff of the Napa River in the **San Francisco Bay Region** totaled 40 thousand acre-feet which is 75 percent of average for this period. Last year, runoff for the same period was 15 percent of average. Seasonal runoff of streams draining the **Central Coast Region** totaled 81 thousand acre-feet which is 40 percent of average for this period. Last year runoff for this same period was less than 5 percent of average.

SOUTH COAST AND COLORADO RIVER REGIONS

PRECIPITATION - October through February (seasonal) precipitation on the **South Coast Region** was 65 percent of normal. February precipitation was 25 percent of the monthly average. Seasonal precipitation at this time last year was 40 percent of normal. Seasonal precipitation on the **Colorado River-Desert Region** was 50 percent of normal and last year's seasonal precipitation on the **Colorado River-Desert Region** was 45 percent of normal. Precipitation in February was 25 percent of average.

RESERVOIR STORAGE - March 1 storage in 29 major **South Coast Region** reservoirs was 886 thousand acre-feet or 60 percent of average. About 40 percent of available capacity was being used. Storage in these reservoirs at this time last year was about 80 percent of average. On March 1 combined storage in Lakes Powell, Mead, Mohave and Havasu was about 24.0 million acre-feet or about 60 percent of average. About 45 percent of available capacity was in use. Last year at this time, these reservoirs were storing about 24.3 million acre-feet.

RUNOFF - Seasonal runoff from selected **South Coast Region** streams totaled 8.9 thousand acre-feet which is 30 percent of average. Seasonal runoff from these streams last year was 15 percent of average.

COLORADO RIVER - The April -July inflow to Lake Powell is forecast to be 5.1 million acre-feet, which is 71 percent of average. The March 1 snowpack was 85 percent, highest in the Escalante basin at 110 percent of average and lowest on the Price/San Rafael at 75 percent.

**MAJOR WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS
RESERVOIR STORAGE**

(AVERAGES BASED ON 1951-2000 OR PERIOD RECORD)

| RESERVOIR | CAPACITY 1,000 AF | AVERAGE STORAGE 1,000 AF | 2014 1,000 AF | STORAGE AT END OF February | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | 2015 1,000 AF | PERCENT AVERAGE | PERCENT CAPACITY |
| <i>STATE WATER PROJECT</i> | | | | | | |
| Lake Oroville | 3,538 | 2,466 | 1,407 | 1,736 | 70% | 49% |
| San Luis Reservoir (SWP) | 1,062 | 935 | 307 | 936 | 100% | 88% |
| Lake Del Valle | 77 | 35 | 34 | 36 | 105% | 47% |
| Lake Silverwood | 78 | 66 | 72 | 70 | 106% | 90% |
| Pyramid Lake | 180 | 162 | 169 | 168 | 103% | 93% |
| Castaic Lake | 325 | 281 | 273 | 98 | 35% | 30% |
| Perris Lake | 131 | 110 | 74 | 45 | 41% | 34% |
| <i>CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT</i> | | | | | | |
| Trinity Lake | 2,448 | 1,816 | 1,187 | 1,147 | 63% | 47% |
| Lake Shasta | 4,552 | 3,326 | 1,773 | 2,613 | 79% | 57% |
| Whiskeytown Lake | 241 | 207 | 206 | 207 | 100% | 86% |
| Folsom Lake | 977 | 543 | 305 | 564 | 104% | 58% |
| New Melones Reservoir | 2,400 | 1,468 | 1,060 | 606 | 41% | 25% |
| Millerton Lake | 520 | 341 | 167 | 195 | 57% | 38% |
| San Luis Reservoir (CVP) | 971 | 803 | 369 | 357 | 44% | 37% |
| <i>COLORADO RIVER PROJECT</i> | | | | | | |
| Lake Mead | 26,159 | 19,788 | 12,456 | 10,769 | 54% | 41% |
| Lake Powell | 24,322 | 17,340 | 9,563 | 11,024 | 64% | 45% |
| Lake Mohave | 1,810 | 1,675 | 1,670 | 1,656 | 99% | 91% |
| Lake Havasu | 648 | 550 | 582 | 568 | 103% | 88% |
| <i>EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT</i> | | | | | | |
| Pardee Res | 210 | 180 | 160 | 178 | 99% | 85% |
| Camanche Reservoir | 417 | 252 | 202 | 127 | 50% | 30% |
| East Bay (4 res.) | 159 | 131 | 112 | 111 | 85% | 70% |
| <i>CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO</i> | | | | | | |
| Hetch-Hetchy Reservoir | 360 | 158 | 185 | 249 | 157% | 69% |
| Cherry Lake | 268 | 140 | 209 | 191 | 136% | 71% |
| Lake Eleanor | 29 | 10 | 17 | 21 | 206% | 73% |
| South Bay/Peninsula (4 res.) | 227 | 170 | 122 | 130 | 77% | 57% |
| <i>CITY OF LOS ANGELES (D.W.P.)</i> | | | | | | |
| Lake Crowley | 183 | 127 | 99 | 97 | 77% | 53% |
| Grant Lake | 48 | 27 | 30 | 16 | 57% | 33% |
| Other Aqueduct Storage (6 res.) | 83 | 75 | 61 | 61 | 81% | 73% |

TELEMETERED SNOW WATER EQUIVALENTS

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(AVERAGES BASED ON PERIOD RECORD)

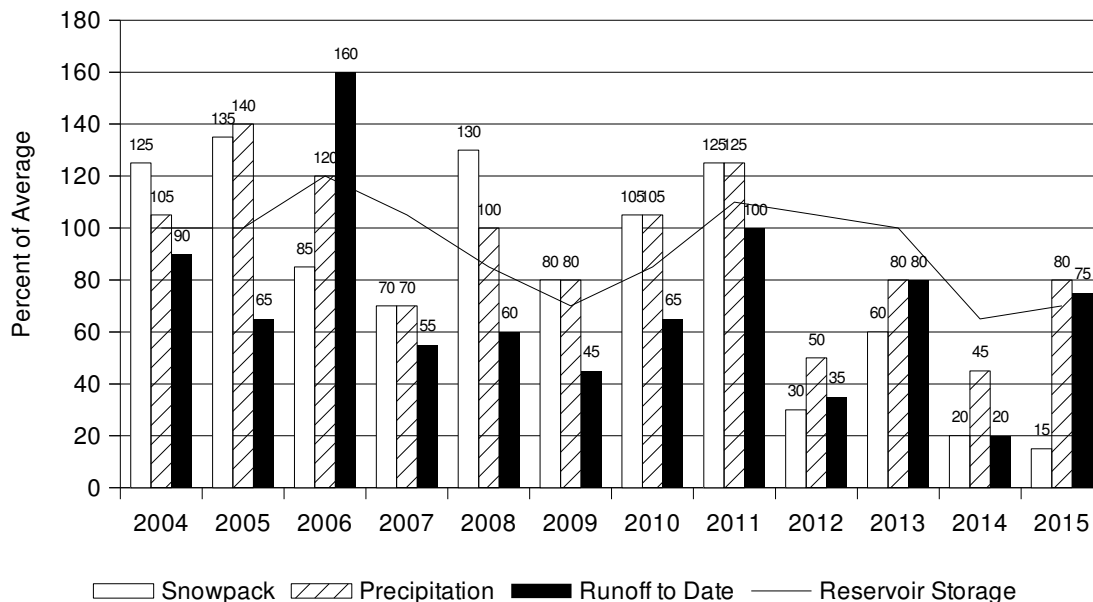
| BASIN NAME | STATION NAME | ELEV | INCHES OF WATER EQUIVALENT | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| | | | APRIL 1 AVERAGE | PERCENT OF AVERAGE | 24 HRS PREVIOUS | 1 WEEK PREVIOUS | |
| TRINITY RIVER | | | | | | | |
| | Peterson Flat | 7150' | 29.2 | 4.7 | 16.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| | Red Rock Mountain | 6700' | 39.6 | 6.7 | 17.0 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| | Bonanza King | 6450' | 40.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Shimmy Lake | 6400' | 40.3 | 11.4 | 28.3 | 13.2 | 13.9 |
| | Middle Boulder 3 | 6200' | 28.3 | 3.7 | 13.2 | 3.6 | 5.1 |
| | Highland Lakes | 6030' | 29.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Scott Mountain | 5900' | 16.0 | 2.2 | 13.5 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| | Mumbo Basin | 5650' | 22.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Big Flat | 5100' | 15.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Crowder Flat | 5100' | — | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| SACRAMENTO RIVER | | | | | | | |
| | Cedar Pass | 7100' | 18.1 | 3.6 | 19.9 | 3.5 | 2.2 |
| | Blacks Mountain | 7050' | 12.7 | — | — | — | — |
| | Sand Flat | 6750' | 42.4 | 16.0 | 37.8 | 16.0 | 16.3 |
| | Medicine Lake | 6700' | 32.6 | 10.0 | 30.6 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| | Adin Mountain | 6200' | 13.6 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| | Snow Mountain | 5950' | 27.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| | Slate Creek | 5700' | 29.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Stouts Meadow | 5400' | 36.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| FEATHER RIVER | | | | | | | |
| | Lower Lassen Peak | 8250' | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Kettle Rock | 7300' | 25.5 | 2.2 | 8.5 | 2.3 | 3.4 |
| | Grizzly Ridge | 6900' | 29.7 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| | Pilot Peak | 6800' | 52.6 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| | Gold Lake | 6750' | 36.5 | 11.3 | 30.9 | 10.8 | 10.1 |
| | Humbug | 6500' | 28.0 | 2.5 | 9.0 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| | Harkness Flat | 6200' | 28.5 | 1.6 | 5.7 | 1.3 | 2.9 |
| | Rattlesnake | 6100' | 14.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Bucks Lake | 5750' | 44.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Four Trees | 5150' | 20.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| EEL RIVER | | | | | | | |
| | Hull Mountain | 6461' | — | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Noel Spring | 5100' | — | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| YUBA & AMERICAN RIVERS | | | | | | | |
| | Schneiders | 8750' | 34.5 | 18.5 | 53.6 | 17.9 | 16.1 |
| | Lake Lois | 8600' | 39.5 | 12.6 | 31.9 | 13.2 | 20.3 |
| | Carson Pass | 8353' | — | 11.8 | — | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| | Caples Lake | 8000' | 30.9 | 6.2 | 20.2 | 6.0 | 7.2 |
| | Alpha | 7600' | 35.9 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| | Forni Ridge | 7600' | 37.0 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| | Meadow Lake | 7200' | 55.5 | 11.4 | 20.6 | 11.5 | 12.7 |
| | Silver Lake | 7100' | 22.7 | 0.7 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| | Central Sierra Snow Lab | 6900' | 33.6 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| | Van Vleck | 6700' | 35.9 | 3.7 | 10.3 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| | Huysink | 6600' | 42.6 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| | Robinson Cow Camp | 6480' | — | 1.4 | — | 0.9 | 2.0 |
| | Robbs Saddle | 5900' | 21.4 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| | Greek Store | 5600' | 21.0 | 1.2 | 5.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| | Blue Canyon | 5280' | 9.0 | 0.6 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| | Robbs Powerhouse | 5150' | 5.2 | 0.3 | 6.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| MOKELUMNE & STANISLAUS RIVERS | | | | | | | |
| | Deadman Creek | 9250' | 37.2 | 9.6 | 25.9 | 9.9 | 9.2 |
| | Highland Meadow | 8700' | 47.9 | 4.3 | 9.0 | 3.6 | 4.9 |
| | Gianelli Meadow | 8400' | 55.5 | 12.5 | 22.5 | 12.2 | 12.5 |
| | Lower Relief Valley | 8100' | 41.2 | 5.3 | 12.9 | 5.5 | 7.3 |
| | Blue Lakes | 8000' | 33.1 | 8.8 | 26.6 | 8.4 | 7.1 |
| | Stanislaus Meadow | 7750' | 47.5 | 7.2 | 15.2 | 7.0 | 7.7 |
| | Bloods Creek | 7200' | 35.5 | 4.6 | 12.8 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| | Black Springs | 6500' | 32.0 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| TUOLUMNE & MERCED RIVERS | | | | | | | |
| | Dana Meadows | 9800' | 27.7 | 8.3 | 30.0 | 8.0 | 7.6 |
| | Slide Canyon | 9200' | 41.1 | 16.2 | 39.5 | 16.2 | 15.8 |
| | Tuolumne Meadows | 8600' | 22.6 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| | Horse Meadow | 8400' | 48.6 | 9.1 | 18.7 | 9.3 | 11.4 |
| | Ostrander Lake | 8200' | 34.8 | 3.7 | 10.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| | Lake Tenaya | 8150' | 33.1 | — | — | — | — |
| | White Wolf | 7900' | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Paradise Meadow | 7650' | 41.3 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| | Gin Flat | 7050' | 34.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Lower Kibbie Ridge | 6700' | 27.4 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 |

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|---------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SAN JOAQUIN RIVER | | | | | | |
| Volcanic Knob | 10050' | 30.1 | 7.5 | 25.0 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Agnew Pass | 9450' | 32.3 | 7.5 | 23.3 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| Kaiser Point | 9200' | 37.8 | 7.8 | 20.6 | 7.8 | 1.2 |
| Green Mountain | 7900' | 30.8 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 0.8 | — |
| Devil's Postpile | 7569' | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tamarack Summit | 7550' | 30.5 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Chilkoot Meadow | 7150' | 38.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Huntington Lake | 7000' | 20.1 | 3.6 | 17.9 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Graveyard Meadow | 6900' | 18.8 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Poison Ridge | 6900' | 28.9 | 2.2 | 7.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| KINGS RIVER | | | | | | |
| Bishop Pass | 11200' | 34.0 | 4.7 | 13.7 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| Charlotte Lake | 10400' | 27.5 | — | — | — | — |
| State Lakes | 10300' | 29.0 | — | — | — | — |
| Blackcap Basin | 10300' | 34.3 | 23.1 | 67.4 | 22.7 | 21.0 |
| Mitchell Meadow | 9900' | 32.9 | 11.2 | 34.0 | 11.2 | 10.0 |
| Upper Burnt Corral | 9700' | 34.6 | 11.1 | 32.0 | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| West Woodchuck Meadow | 9100' | 32.8 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Big Meadows | 7600' | 25.9 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| KAWEAH & TULE RIVERS | | | | | | |
| Farewell Gap | 9500' | 34.5 | — | — | — | — |
| Quaking Aspen | 7200' | 21.0 | 1.3 | 6.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Giant Forest | 6650' | 10.0 | — | — | — | — |
| KERN RIVER | | | | | | |
| Upper Tyndall Creek | 11400' | 27.7 | 4.6 | 16.5 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Crabtree Meadow | 10700' | 19.8 | — | — | — | — |
| Chagoopa Plateau | 10300' | 21.8 | 5.4 | 24.6 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| Pascoes | 9150' | 24.9 | 6.0 | 24.2 | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| Wet Meadows | 8950' | 30.3 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Tunnel Guard Station | 8900' | 15.6 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Casa Vieja Meadows | 8300' | 20.9 | 1.9 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Beach Meadows | 7650' | 11.0 | — | — | — | — |
| SURPRISE VALLEY AREA | | | | | | |
| Dismal Swamp | 7050' | 29.2 | 14.0 | 47.9 | 14.1 | 13.2 |
| TRUCKEE RIVER | | | | | | |
| Big Meadows | 8700' | 25.7 | 7.3 | 28.4 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| Independence Lake | 8450' | 41.4 | 18.7 | 45.2 | 18.4 | 17.7 |
| Squaw Valley | 8200' | 46.5 | 17.5 | 37.6 | 17.9 | 16.2 |
| Independence Camp | 7000' | 21.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Independence Creek | 6500' | 12.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Truckee 2 | 6400' | 14.3 | 1.8 | 12.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| LAKE TAHOE BASIN | | | | | | |
| Mount Rose Ski Area | 8900' | 38.5 | 17.1 | 44.4 | 16.3 | 15.6 |
| Heavenly Valley | 8800' | 28.1 | 6.8 | 24.2 | 6.8 | 6.3 |
| Hagans Meadow | 8000' | 16.5 | 0.9 | 5.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Marlette Lake | 8000' | 21.1 | — | — | — | — |
| Echo Peak 5 | 7800' | 39.5 | 10.7 | 27.1 | 9.7 | 9.0 |
| Rubicon Peak 2 | 7500' | 29.1 | — | — | — | — |
| Tahoe City Cross | 6750' | 16.0 | 1.1 | 6.9 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Ward Creek 3 | 6750' | 39.4 | — | — | — | — |
| Fallen Leaf Lake | 6250' | 7.0 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| CARSON RIVER | | | | | | |
| Ebbetts Pass | 8700' | 38.8 | 15.6 | 40.2 | 14.7 | 13.6 |
| Horse Meadow | 8557' | — | 5.2 | — | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| Monitor Pass | 8350' | — | 4.2 | — | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Burnside Lake | 8129' | — | 8.5 | — | 8.4 | 7.8 |
| Forestdale Creek | 8017' | — | 11.7 | — | 11.0 | 10.6 |
| Poison Flat | 7900' | 16.2 | 4.0 | 24.7 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| Spratt Creek | 6150' | 4.5 | 1.1 | 24.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| WALKER RIVER | | | | | | |
| Leavitt Lake | 9600' | — | 26.1 | — | 26.1 | 25.4 |
| Summit Meadow | 9313' | — | 7.7 | — | 7.3 | 7.2 |
| Virginia Lakes | 9300' | 20.3 | 4.2 | 20.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 |
| Lobdell Lake | 9200' | 17.3 | 5.5 | 31.8 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| Sonora Pass Bridge | 8750' | 26.0 | 8.5 | 32.7 | 8.1 | 5.7 |
| Leavitt Meadows | 7200' | 8.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| OWENS RIVER/MONO LAKE | | | | | | |
| Gem Pass | 10750' | 31.7 | 12.0 | 37.8 | 11.8 | — |
| Sawmill | 10200' | 19.4 | 4.2 | 21.8 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| Cottonwood Lakes | 10150' | 11.6 | 7.2 | 62.1 | 7.6 | 4.8 |
| Big Pine Creek | 9800' | 17.9 | 3.1 | 17.6 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| Rock Creek Lakes | 9700' | 14.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| South Lake | 9600' | 16.0 | 4.9 | 30.5 | 4.2 | 3.3 |
| Mammoth Pass | 9300' | 42.4 | 6.4 | 15.2 | 6.3 | 6.2 |

NORMAL SNOWPACK ACCUMULATION EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF APRIL 1ST AVERAGE

| AREA | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY |
|----------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|
| Central Valley North | 45% | 15 70% | 90% | 100% | 75% |
| Central Valley South | 45% | 65% | 85% | 100% | 80% |
| North Coast | 40% | 60% | 85% | 100% | 80% |

March 1 Statewide Conditions



SNOWLINES

The 83rd Western Snow Conference (WSC) annual meeting will be held in Grass Valley, California April 20-23. The short course on Monday, April 20 will cover LIDAR and snow science. This meeting will be hosted by the South Continental Region. Don't miss out on an opportunity to attend this meeting of the premier organization devoted to the study of snow and runoff practically in your own backyard. Further information is at <http://www.westernsnowconference.org/> or contact Frank Gehrke 916-574-2635.

Depicted on this month's cover are the remains of the Duncan Peak sensor following a severe wind event in December 2013. Photo courtesy UC Merced.