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Groundwater and Drought Resilience in



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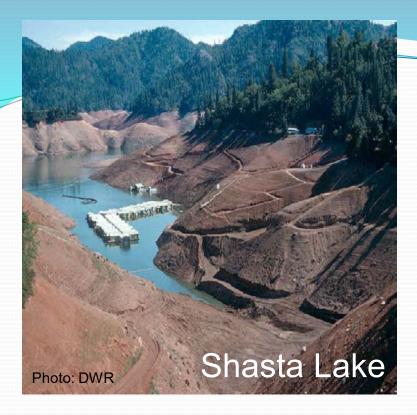
Groundwater and Drought Resilience

Water shortages and drought are Californian's biggest environmental concern PPIC 2021

Ruth Langridge University of California, **Bass Lake**

Santa Cruz

Photo: Vince Arrant, DWR



The water level at Lake Shasta dropped precipitously.

Los Angeles Times

FORECAST: WORST DROUGHT EVER

SF Chronicle



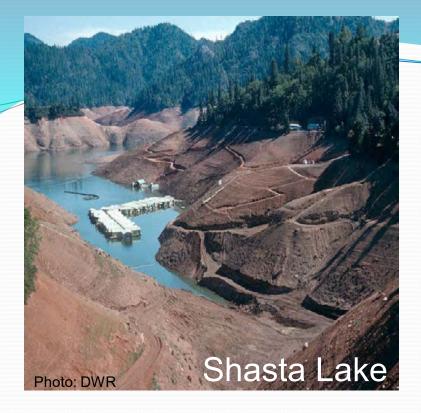
California's drought is the most severe in at least 1,200 years The Guardian





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Drought worsens in Southern California...fro m "extreme" to "exceptional" drought conditions, U.S. Drought Monitor Report



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California Department of Water Resources

Same Old Story?

U.S. Drought Monitor California August 17, 2021 Released Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021) Velid 8 a.m. EDT

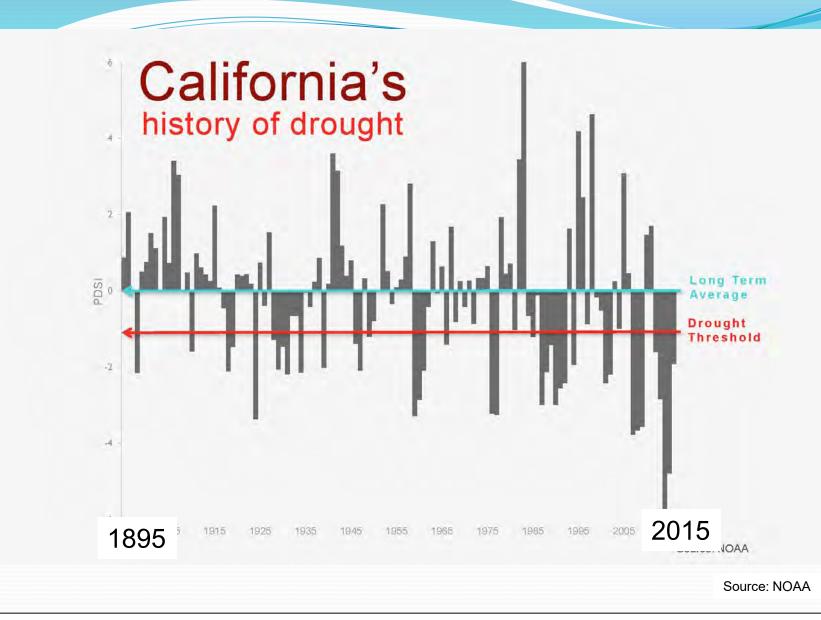
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Have we reduced our vulnerability to drought?



"And it never failed that during the dry years the people forgot about the rich years, and during the wet years they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way."

John Steinbeck, East of Eden



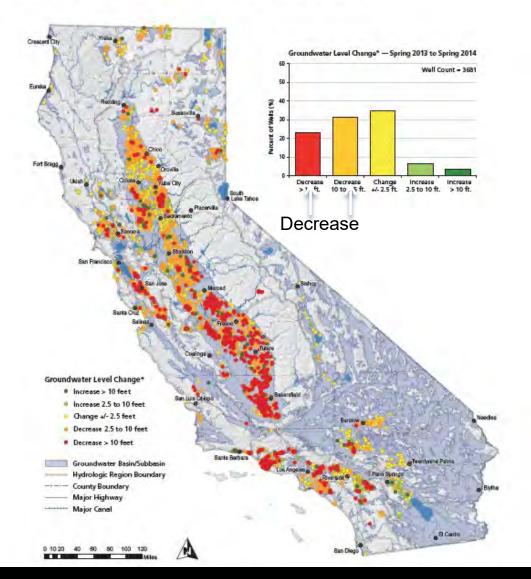
Why Groundwater and Drought?

Water in the aquifers continues to be the most effective strategic weapon against drought

ACE – Lessons Learned From the California Drought (1987-1992)

"Is it possible that much of the destruction and despair caused by floods and droughts comes down to the failure to keep water in the ground?" Ron Robie

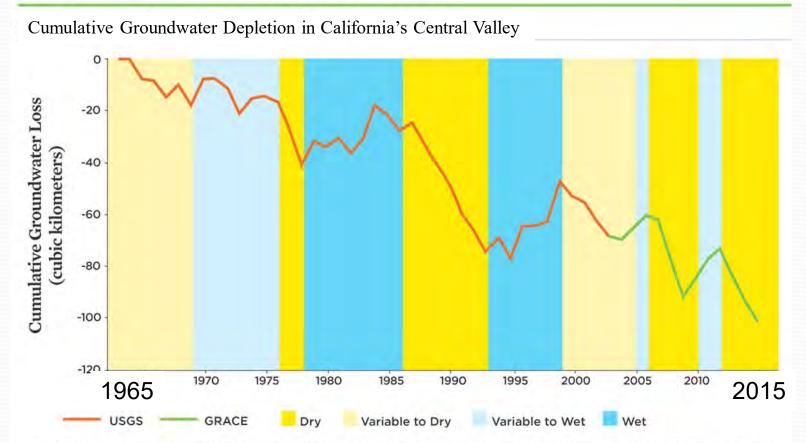
Figure 5: Change in Groundwater Levels in Wells - Spring 2013 to Spring 2014



During each recent drought, groundwater levels declined in many basins

Changes in Groundwater Levels 2013-2014

But groundwater levels did not fully recover during wet periods



Cumulative groundwater losses in California's Central Valley aquifer since 1962. The red line shows data from groundwater model simulations calibrated by the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) from 1962 to 2003. The green line shows Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellite-based estimates of groundwater storage losses. Background colors represent different water years.

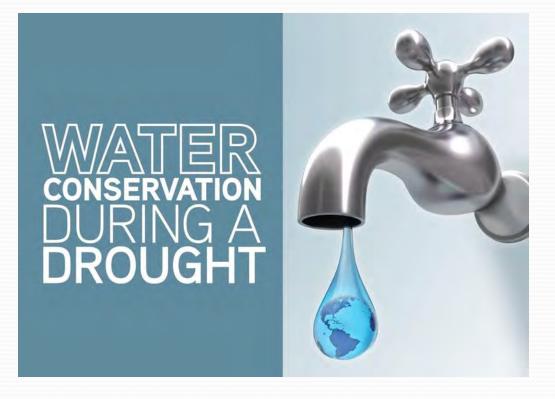
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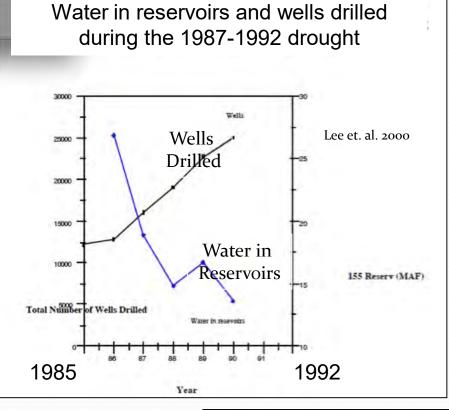
Result was cumulative groundwater depletion

California's **Typical** Past Response to Droughts and Water Shortages

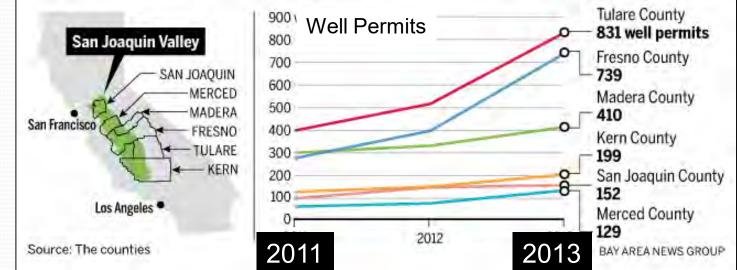
Water Conservation



Mostly voluntary Some mandates during recent droughts, but rescinded post-drought

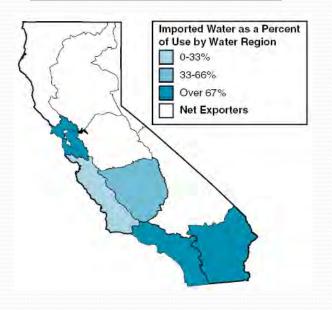


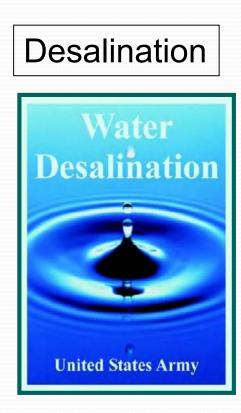
Pump More Groundwater



Develop Other Supply Side Strategies

Imported Water







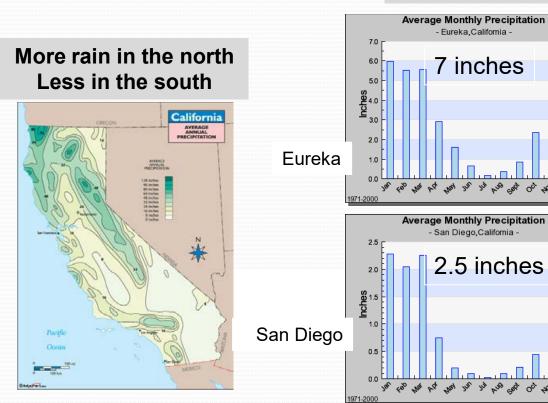


Imported Water

California Climate and Water

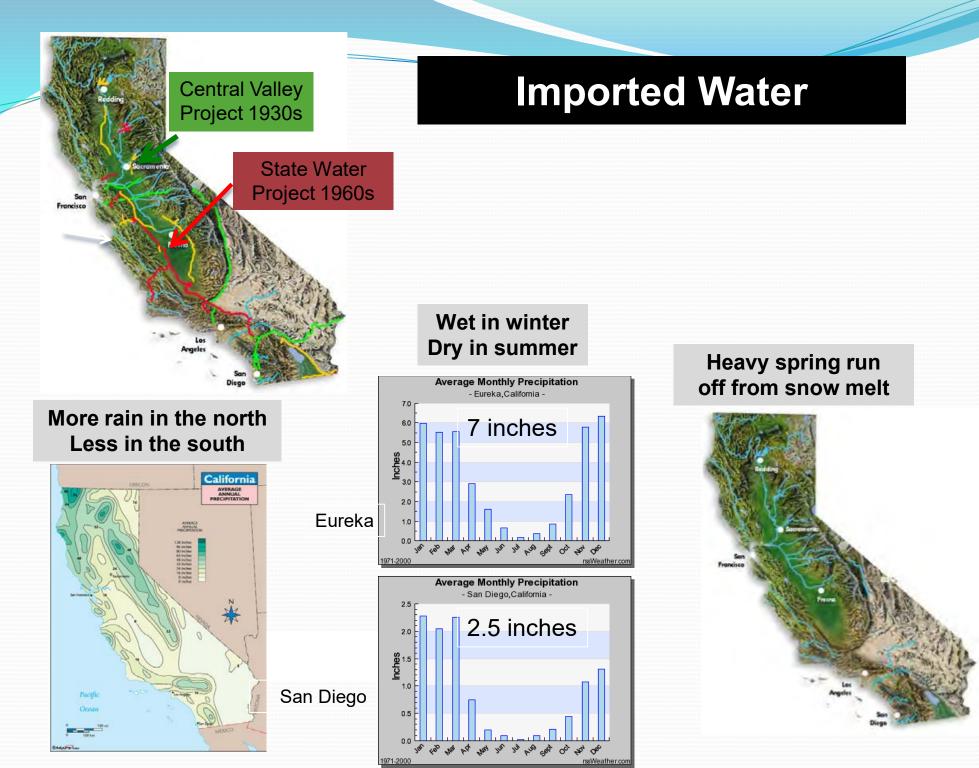
Wet in winter Dry in summer

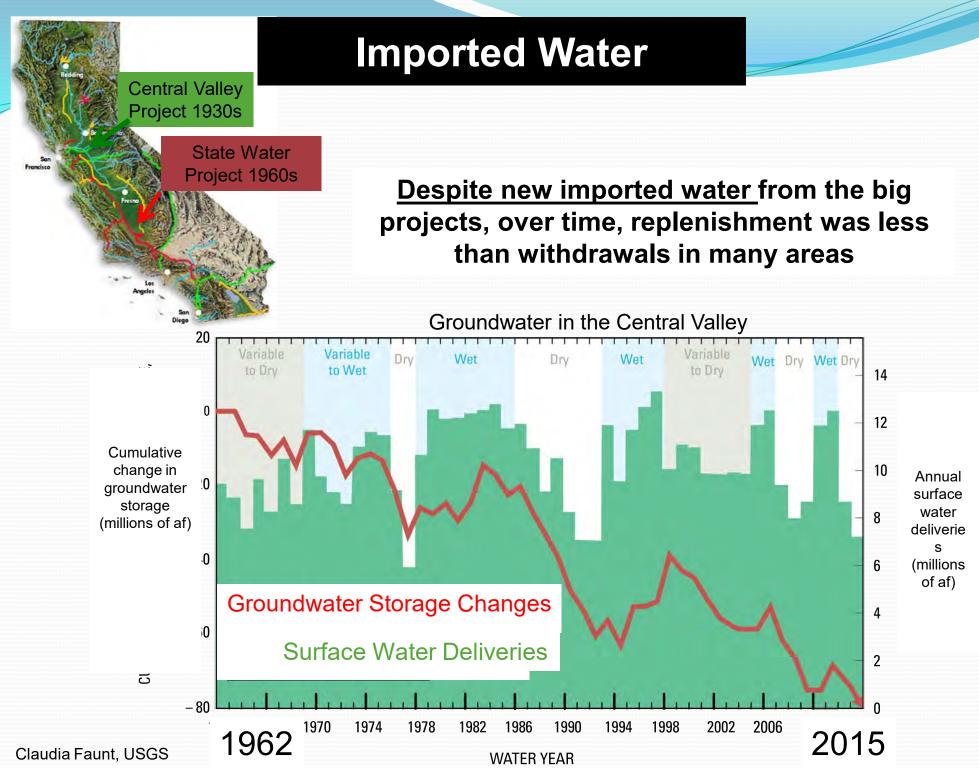
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Heavy spring run off from snow melt







Recycled Water

Table 2: Recycled Water Use in California (Pezzetti and Balgobin 2015)

Year	Recycled Water Use
1970	~175,000 AF (216 M)
1987	~ 267,000 AF (392 M)
2009	~ 669,000 AF (825 M)
2015	~714,000 AF (881 M)

State will support local and regional agencies to recycle or reuse at least 2.5 million AF a year in the next decade. WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO DRAFT, JANUARY 2020

Desalinated Water

Proposed water desalination plants

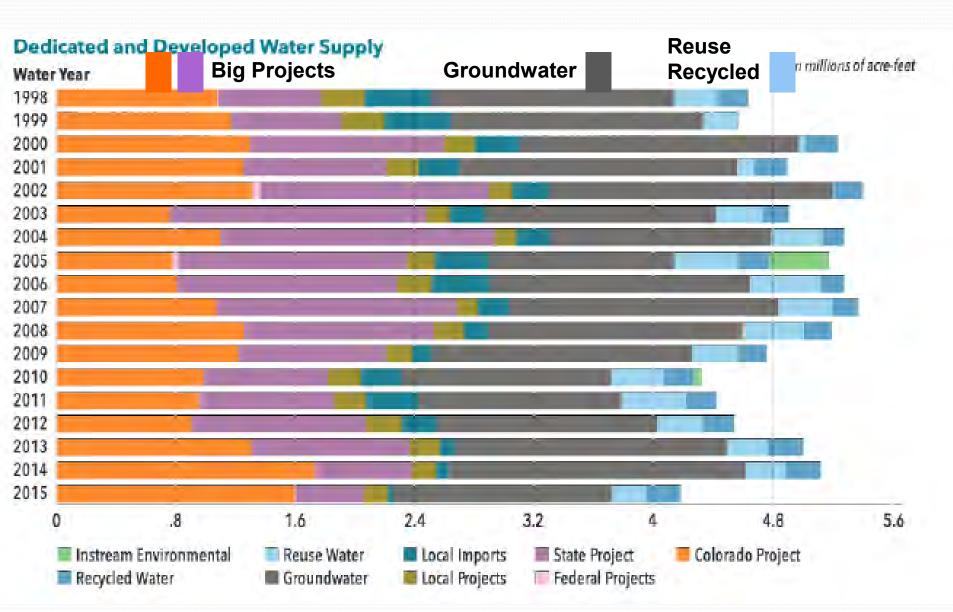


Pros – New needed water supply source Potentially a drought proof source

Cons - Decimates ocean life, expensive, big energy user, and requires disposal of brine.

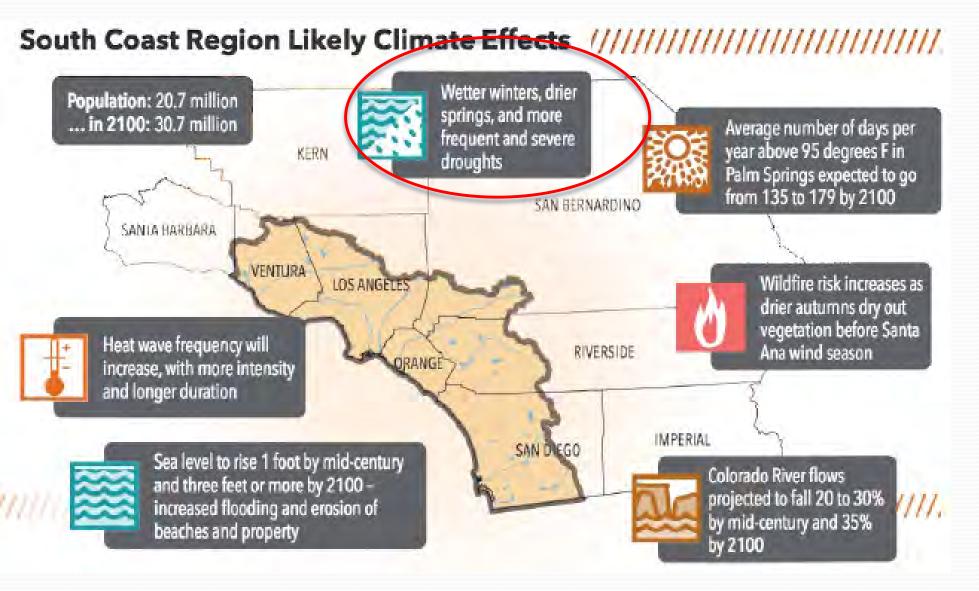


California's South Coast Region

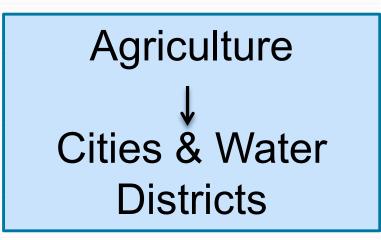


Climate Change

WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO



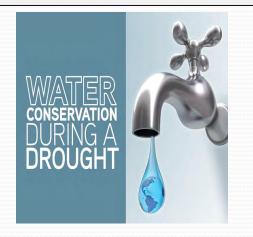
Water Banking and Transfers



Most transfers are intra-basin among farmers, water agencies, cities & individuals

Where are we today? 2021

Most basins remain focused on conservation



And on supply side strategies

Imported water Groundwater withdrawals Recycled water

New in 2018 – Water Shortage Contingency Plan & Drought Risk Assessment required every 5 years by urban suppliers

New in 2019 - Water agencies have to calculate a water efficiency standard for their entire service area annually

2020 WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO

RECYCLED WATER - Support recycle or reuse Goal is at least 2.5 million acre-feet a year in the next decade

> **DESALINATION -** *Enable use of desalination where cost-effective and environmentally appropriate*

STORMWATER CAPTURE - Increase stormwater capture

SURFACE WATER STORAGE - Expand where it can benefit water supply and the environment

INTERBASIN WATER TRANSFERS - Simplify

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Has Groundwater Management Improved?



2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

GSAs must adopt plans to manage groundwater "without causing undesirable results"

-Chronic lowering of groundwater levels -Significant and unreasonable: Reduction in storage Saltwater intrusion Degraded water quality Subsidence Reduced flows in surface streams



Accumulated overdraft is not required to be addressed under SGMA

ACCUMULATED OVERDRAFT

Declining storage over time due to withdrawals greater than replenishment

CONTROLLED OVERDRAFT

Intentionally withdrawing more than the safe yield – sometimes to create storage space for imported water



Are there requirements, incentives and practices to more pro-actively mitigate drought risk during the periods between droughts?





Linking Land Use and Water Supplies

Land Use Policies

Earth's Climate Future: Extremes of Flood AND Drought

Capture Floodwaters To Reduce Flooding <u>AND</u> Combat Drought

Water in Aquifers Continues to be The Most Effective Strategy Against Drought

Establish Local Drought Reserves

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Monterey County General Plan

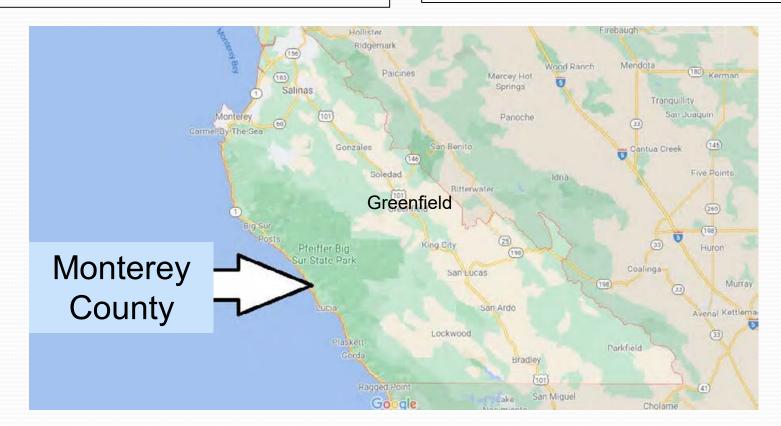
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New development for which a ... permit is required ...shall be prohibited without proof...(of) a long-term, sustainable water supply...in quality and quantity to serve the development

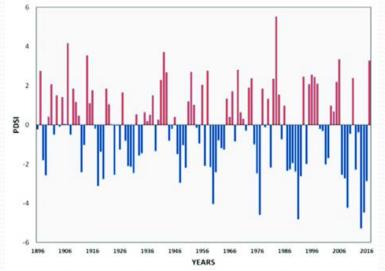
City of Greenfield General Plan

Prior to project approval, new development shall demonstrate that adequate water quantity and quality can be provided.

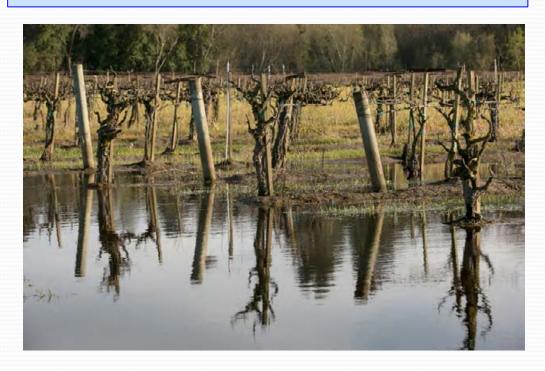


Climate change will exacerbate swings between droughts & floods

Promising Strategies



Palmer Drought Severity Index for California for December, January, and February (1896 to 2016) Modified graph based on NOAA info (Pathak et al. 2018 Agronomy 8 (3):25) Capturing Floodwaters Can Reduce Flooding <u>AND</u> Be Used to Replenish Groundwater



Chardonnay grapevines in the Russian River Valley flood on March 12, 2018, near Sebastopol, California. Credit: George Rose/Getty Images

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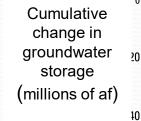
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Groundwater Storage Changes

1978

Surface Water Deliveries

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Promising Strategies

Annual surface water deliveries (millions of af)



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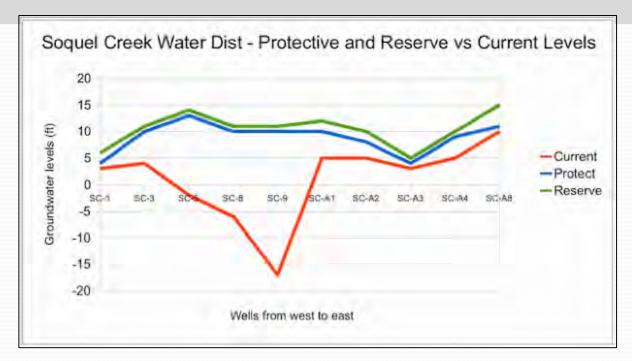
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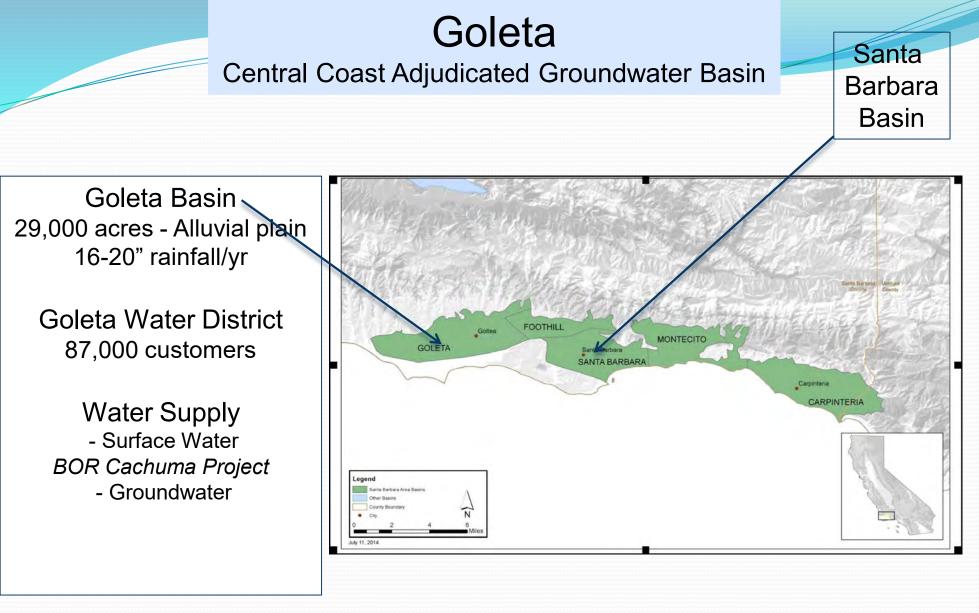
How does our approach differ from the large groundwater banks? Reserves are *Sited and Used* Locally Goal - Establish groundwater levels that would avoid unrecoverable declines during a drought



Achieving drought protection requires: Estimate storage capacity of a basin

Determine groundwater levels to bring basin into hydrologic balance and to sustain a reserve

Determine criteria to access a drought reserve supply



DROUGHT BUFFER

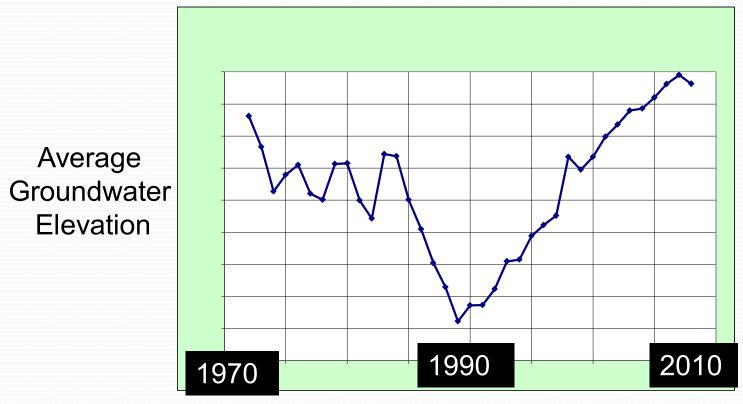
First recover the basin to 1972 levels Then establish an additional drought buffer Buffer can only be used for customers when a regional drought results in reduced deliveries from Lake Cachuma

After recovery and establishment of drought buffer, and all water delivery obligations are met, GWD can provide new service connections up to 1% of total potable water supply

But when new service is connected, annual storage commitment to the drought buffer must permanently increase "so that safe water supplies in times of drought shall not be endangered by any new or additional demands" Results

1990s - Basin pumping declines

2008 - Water levels were near highest recorded in the basin



Average June groundwater elevations of 14 wells,

with missing data filled in by cross-correlation with nearby wells (Bachman 2010)

2012-2015 DROUGHT



GWD received no Lake Cachuma entitlement

Basin groundwater served as the primary supply source for GWD customers during this period

Lake Cachuma

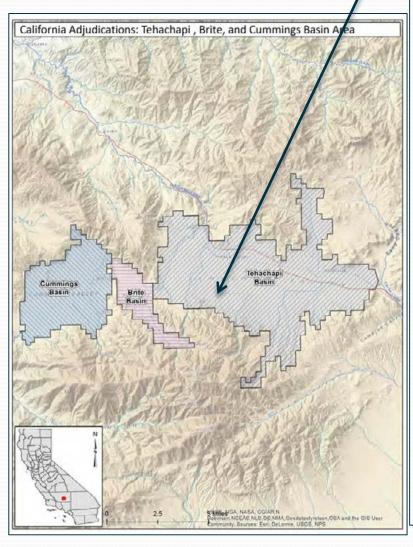




Some Lake Cachuma water still available & some carryover SWP water

Not using groundwater to enable basin to recover from 2012-2016 drought

Tehachapi Foothill Adjudicated Basin



Drought Planning

Imported water comes with a recharge component

M & I *required* to bank a 5 year supply over 10 years as a local drought reserve

Conservation helped to provide for the injection of some imported water into bank

Ag not required, but are limited in amount of water provided by agency, which is expensive

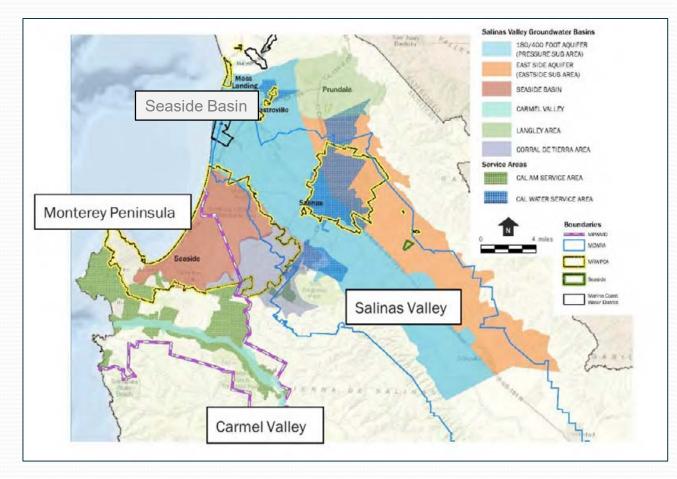
During drought water users can tap into banked water

Monterey Peninsula Water Management Agency – Special Act District Seaside Basin – Adjudicated Groundwater Basin Salinas Valley Growers

NO state or federal project water

MPWMD traditional supply sources: Groundwater – Seaside Basin ~25% Surface water – Carmel River ~70%

Seaside recharge is rainfall, percolation & excess Carmel River winter flows pumped into a distribution system & injected into Seaside



MPWMD's Pro-active Drought Reserves

Pure Water Monterey A Groundwater Replenishment Project

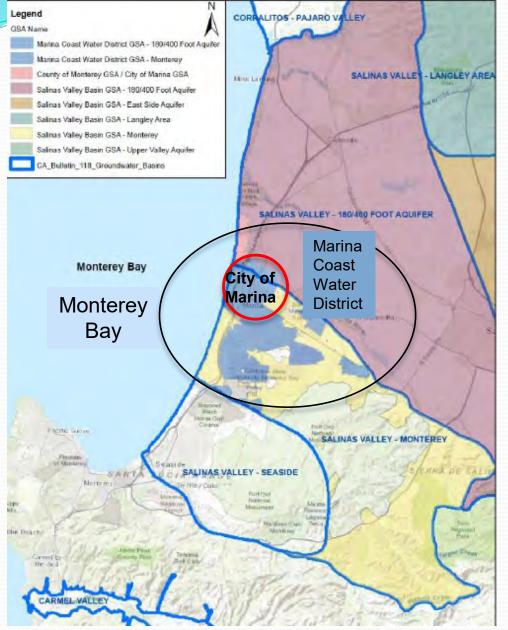
-Negotiation w Salinas Valley growers -Water from overflow ponds to be purified

-3,500 AFY recharged into Seaside basin -In exchange - recycled water provided for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's agricultural irrigation system



~ Plus 1,000 AF provided to SV growers in a dry year from a local drought reserve

Sustaining a Drought Reserve



City of Marina General Plan

A 15% *reserve* will be maintained between demand and supply.

When demand exceeds 85% of the available supply, no new development will be allowed until supplemental water sources are identified.

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Aquifer Recharge	MAR using spreading basins & injection wells	Increased use of Flood MAR for recharge & irrigation
Large Groundwater Banks	Used to store imported water – then withdrawn & transported for use at a different site.	Continued use both seasonally & during drought for large agencies.
Local Groundwater Reserves	Goleta WD & Tehachapi-Cummings County WD establish locally sited reserves for emergency use only during drought	Increased use of local groundwater drought reserves. Approaches vary. Ex- under SGMA, development caps are set below sustainable yield to create a drought reserve Others establish a drought storage commitment

Questions?



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Urban Drought Governance

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Unpacking the Response to the Cape Town Drought: Lessons for Strengthening



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Overview

- Context (2:47 min video)
 - Drought timeline and response
- Lessons learned
- Building an adaptive city



ONE CITY'S RESPONSE TO A RECORD-BREAKING DROUGHT

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THE CAPE TOWN DROUGHT RESPONSE LEARNING INITIATIVE

https://www.africancentreforcities.net/unpackingcape-town-drought-lessons-learned/

UNPACKING THE CAPE TOWN DROUGHT:LESSONS LEARNED

WATER CRISIS

by Gina Ziervogel

Febraury 2019 Report for Cities Support Programme Undertaken by African Centre for Cities

The Drought Response Film Library

https://www.drought-response-learninginitiative.org/film-library/

Cape Town Water Context

• 4 million citizens

- high levels of inequality
- industry and tourism
- agriculture in surrounding area

Water source

- Winter rainfall
- primarily from 6 dams outside the city's boundary
- Western Cape Water Supply System
 - managed with National
 Water Dept



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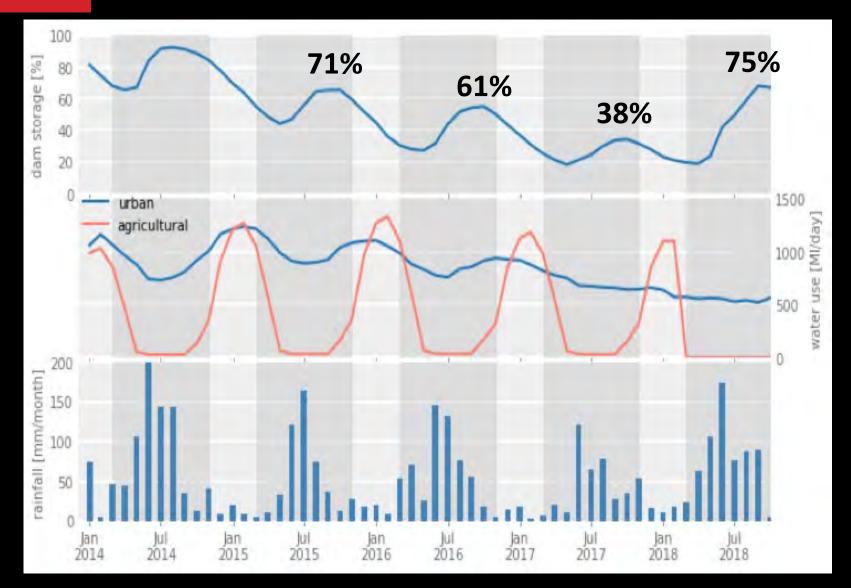
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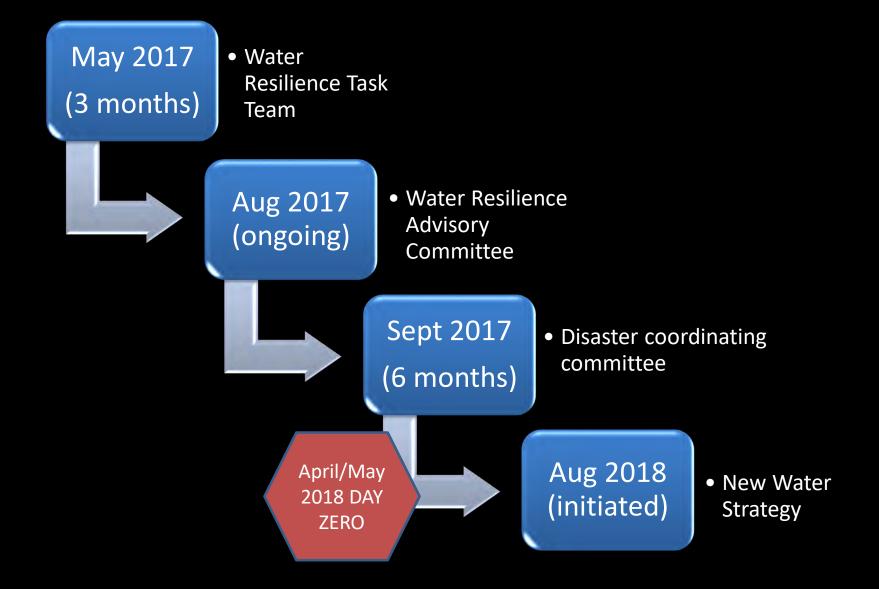


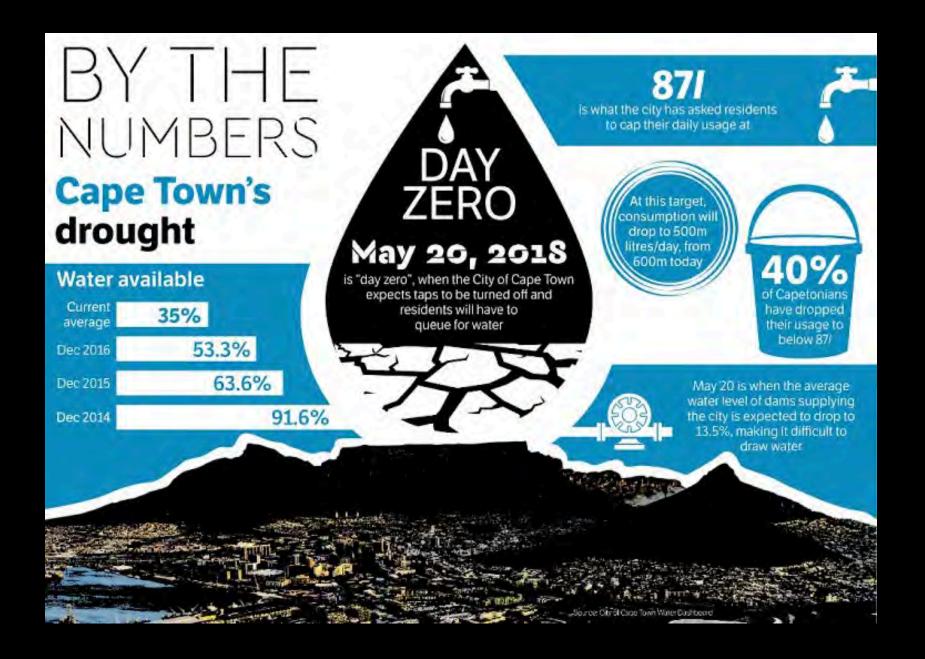
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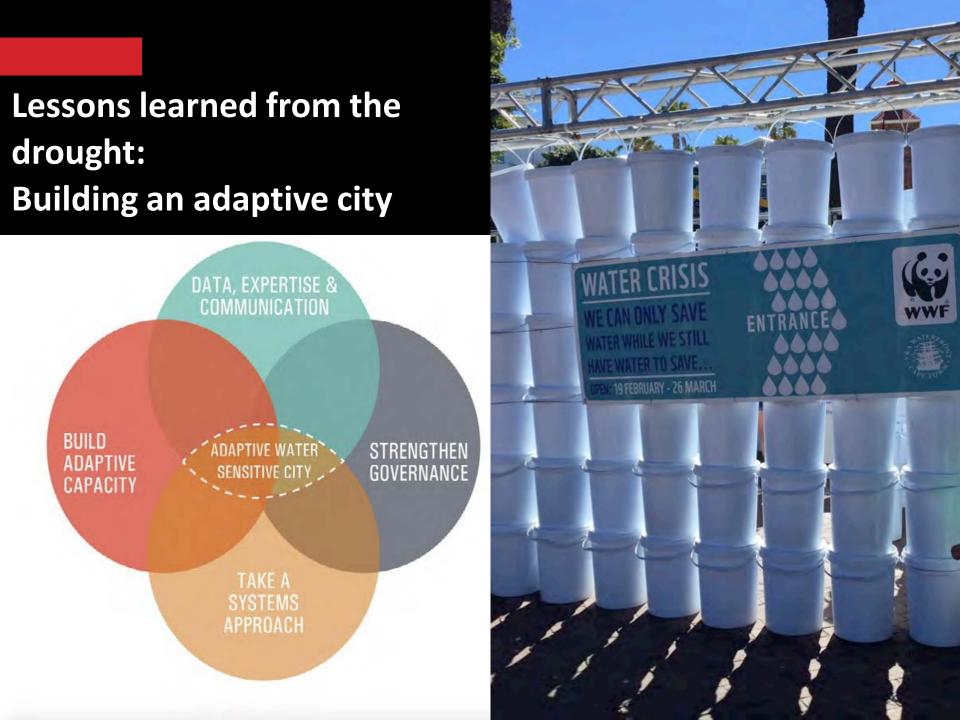


Dam levels, urban and agricultural use and rainfall in the Western Cape from 2014 to 2018 (Source: cip.csag.uct.ac.za/monitoring/bigsix.html)

Governance of the CT drought







Area 1: Strengthen governance Lesson 1: Build systems and relationships of mutual accountability for effective water management between spheres of government

- Dept of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
 - Slow response to requests
 - Restrictions
 - Groundwater mandate National
 - Alien vegetation and clearing
- Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS)
 - Up-to-date data was lacking
 - Enforcement of restrictions limited





NOVEMBER 2018

Water and Sanitation Area 1: Strengthen governance Lesson 2: Strengthen horizontal (transversal) management between and within municipal departments and entities

- Disaster management
 - Identified drought early on
- Mayor prioritised drought response before the 2017 rains
 - Moved responsibility to Directorate of Mayor
 - Moved back to Water and Sanitation
 Dept in 2018
- Water strategy: 2018 onwards
 - Input from across City departments and external actors



Area 1: Strengthen governance Lesson 3: Invest in partnerships beyond the City government

- Key individuals
 - National and provincial govt
 - Disaster management
- Intermediaries
 - WWF
 - Section 80 committee



- Engagement with business and civil society
 - Initially business didn't know how to engage with City
 - Importance of involving civil society

Engagement commitments in Cape Town's Water Strategy

- The City's commitments in the context of a whole-of-society approach:
 - The City will adopt a collaborative approach in implementing this strategy (Pg.i)
- Engaging citizens and civil society:
 - The City will endeavour to create an enabling environment in order to be responsive to citizen-led water initiatives. The City will continue to work with social partners and collaborative intermediary organisations. (Pg 30)
- Effective partnering:
 - A partnering approach enables joint problem-identification, co-design and co-implementation of solutions, joint monitoring and evaluation, and shared learning and adaptation. (Pg 30)

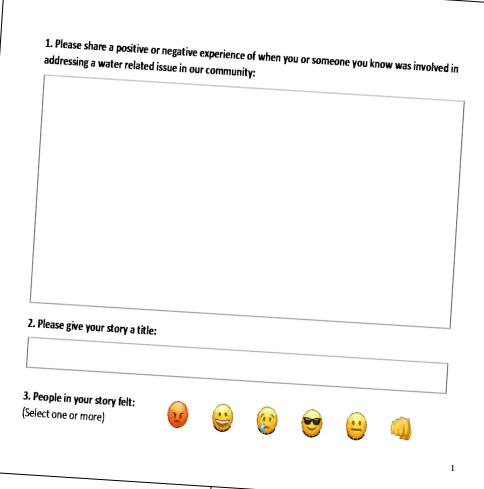
Community Resilience in Cape Town (CoReCT): SenseMaker[™] methodology

• Toolkit to study lived experiences

- Not only what the problems are, but what it means to live with them on a daily basis
- Collecting "stories" and allowing respondents to attach meaning
- Challenging to feed communitylevel data in to City

10. The outcome of your story was that people's access to water got... (Place a mark somewhere on the line as you feel is appropriate)

Better





http://www.acdi.uct.ac.za/ community-resiliencecape-town-corect

Sensemaker

- Feedback to community
- Challenges with how to integrate bottom-up data in city

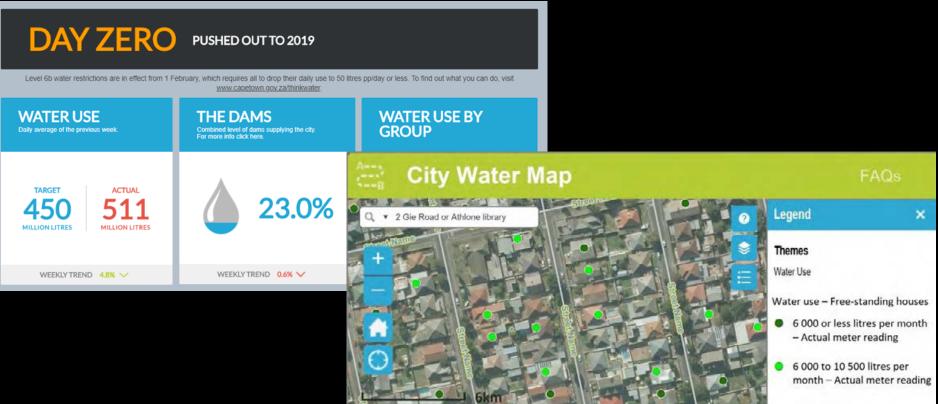


Area 2: Data, expertise and communication

Lesson 4: Understand the local water system

Lesson 5: Share information about the water situation to build public trust

Lesson 6: External input is important



Area 3: Take a systems approach

Lesson 7: Actively manage and integrate diverse part of the water system water

Lesson 8: Create a robust networked system of water supply

Lesson 9: Recognise the limitations of the current financial model for water



Area 4: Build adaptive capacity

Lesson 10: Develop a water sensitive city vision

Lesson 11: Integrate climate change into water planning

Lesson 12: Strengthen leadership and the capacity to enable flexible, adaptive decision-making

#CapeWaterGate: 'Day Zero' is a political attack on the people, says water crisis coalition

By Leila Dougan + 29 January 2018

Source: Daily Maverick 29 Jan 2018

Zille hauled to court over water failure

Gran saved but 3 grandchildren die in Khayelitsha fire

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What the Cape Town drought taught us

Four focus areas for local governments



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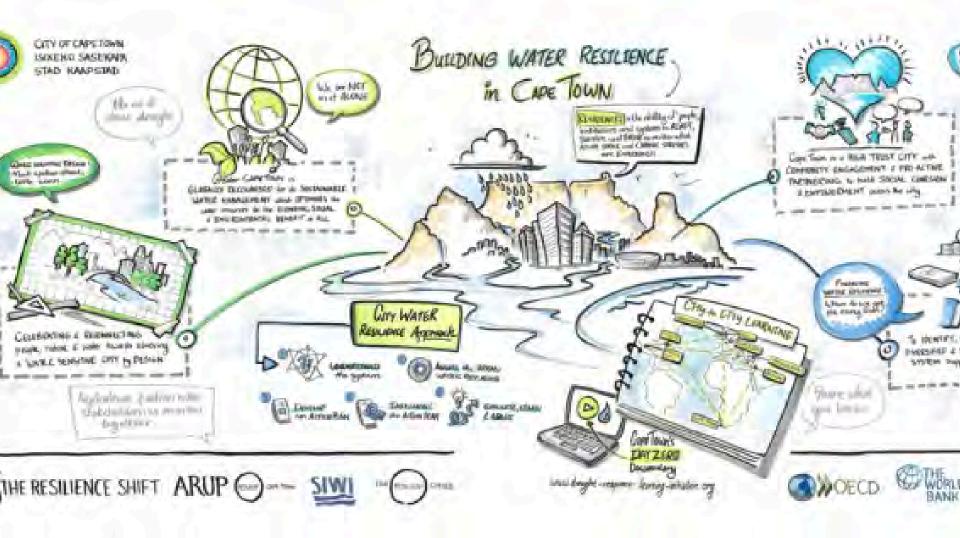
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"We need to move from building resilient infrastructure to building a resilient system"

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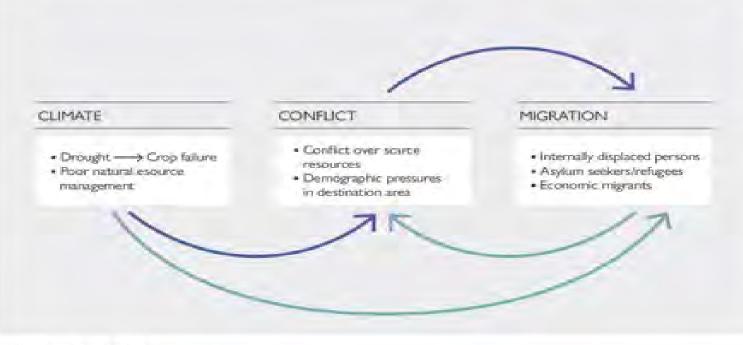
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Background

- Research through the Center for Mediterranean Integration in partnership with IWMI and CEWAS
- Focus on Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria (political situation in Libya not allowing research)
- Funding by UK government: climate, migration, water nexus
- Linked with debates about the 'climate and conflict' relationship

What we want to avoid...

Climate change and poor management of natural resources exacerbate conflict and instability due to competition over scarce resources. As a consequence, climate-induced conflict triggers migration and displacement. This conceptual framework also shows that climate change can cause migration, which can contribute to conflict.



- 1. Overly simplistic and deterministic
- 2. Conflicts with the evidence
- Does not provide sound policy guidance for governments or other organizations

Source: Abol et al. 2019.

Towards a new framework

1. Drivers: climate / non-climate

2. Intermediating factors

- 3. Possible impacts
- 4. Significance of migration outcomes
- 5. Understanding feedback loops

Climate Change Impacts in Tunisia

Threats of desertification and drought means significant repercussions for food and water security

Desertification threatens around 52% of the land area of Tunisia suitable for agriculture, forestry and pasture farming

Depleted cereal fallows

Special attention needs to be given to natural solutions such as protecting soil from erosion and planting trees in desert areas

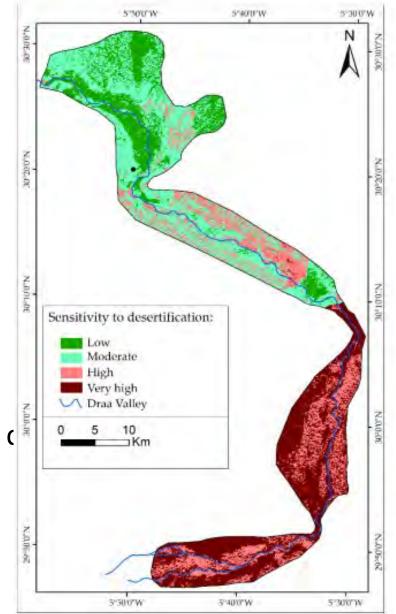
Algeria

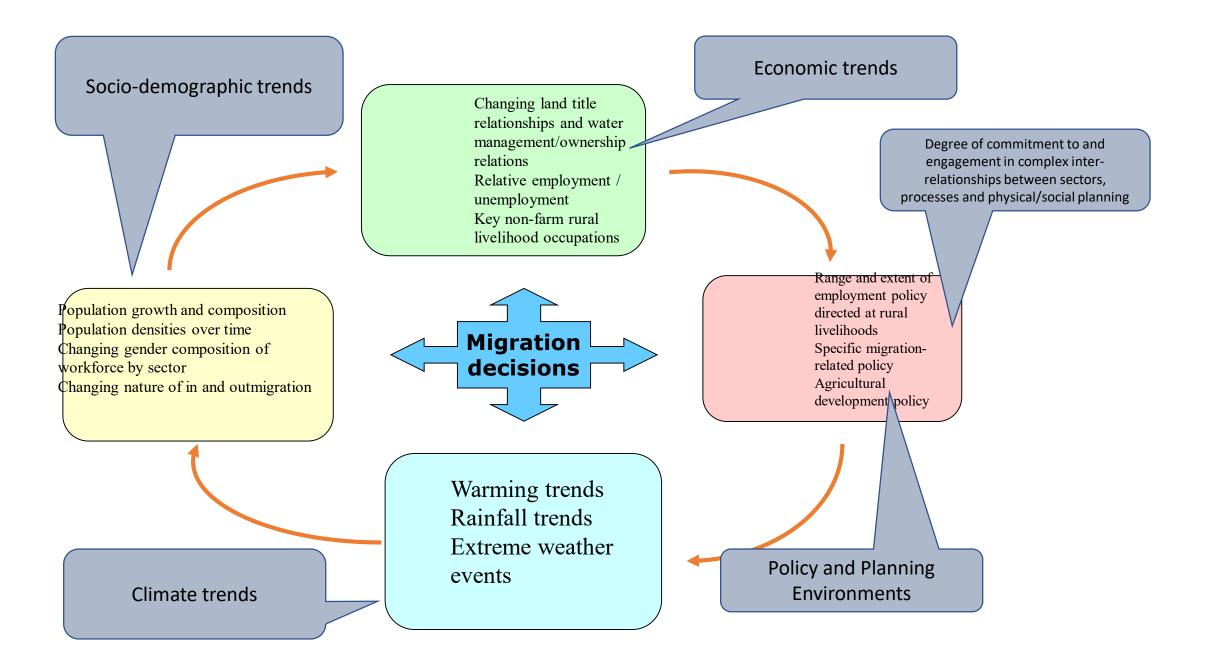
- Agricultural land and water is already under pressure from both human activity, and desertification, erosion, and vegetation loss.[[]
- Climate change is expected to speed up this process, weakening soil and biodiversity in farmland.
- Every part aspect of agricultural systems will be effected:
- Hirak adds complexity to decisions about resource use

Climate Change Impacts in Morocco

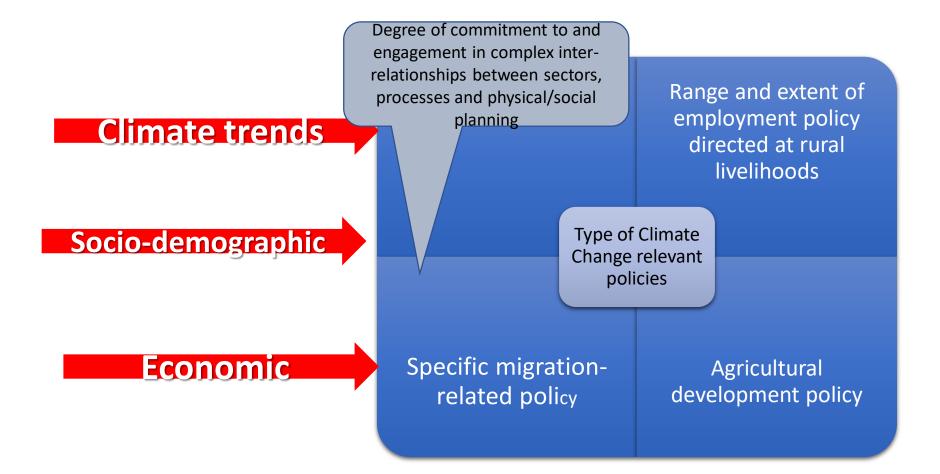
-Morocco is highly susceptible to long periods of drought
-creates volatility in agricultural production
-Morocco provides a good example of drought
monitoring and assessmen
-However, still inadequate in sharing drought information
-Decreased land areas suitable for agriculture and reduced c

Morocco Green Plan





The impact of climate Change on Migration and related policies



Maghreb policy goals:

overarching goal: policies and funding to prepare North African countries for climate change by assisting sustainable development and building resiliency.

- Targeted people-centered, community-led, customized solutions and delivery mechanisms for climate actions:
- Strengthened ability of the poorest and vulnerable to recover quickly and more effectively from climate (and other) shocks.
- Information systems for early warning and decision support: Strengthened and enhanced climate information systems for early warning and decision support reaching the poorest and most vulnerable.

Maghreb policy goals

- Institutional and policy response: Improved institutional, risk financing and macro-fiscal policy to prepare and respond to climate shocks (and pandemics).
- Greater participation of local communities in climate and water decision making processes.

There is a need to distinguish carefully a typology of migration types

use a simple framework to describe this typology which helps to differentiate seasonal from international, internal to external migration;
Migration decision making needs to be understood as informed by a range of sociological and economic factors, as well as ecological and resource-based signals;

•Wider policy on migration by governments is a key factor in how, why and where people move to (and from);

•The whole migration environment needs to be understood within a wider shift in political economy(ies) within North Africa and the relationship of the wider region to the EU, in particular, but also, increasingly, the relationship of Maghreb countries to their southern neighbors.

A framework for navigating patterns of migration and climate change in Morocco

Possible impacts

Potential climate drivers

What are the direct impacts of climate change on weather patterns and ag?

What are the indirect impacts of climate change on policy processes, e.g. climate proofing strategies, ag policy

What are the indirect impacts of climate on social, economic, political factors?

Potential Non-climate drivers

What are the social and demographic changes taking place?

What are the major economic forces shaping decisions?

What are the (nonclimate) politicaleconomic factors at play? What intermediating factors including climate-focus of ag and water policy; institutional coherence and coordination; focus on migration policy; focus on disaster risk reduction are important in shaping impacts?

Intermediating factors

What intermediating factors including social class, religion and cultural dimensions, gender, and other issues of difference impact structural changes central to society and the economy?

Feedback

Impact on specific migration changes, which include individual/household decisions, movement patterns, livelihoods, incomes, and returns, whether physical or financial, to home areas or elsewhere.

In short, who goes where, when, for how long and with what objective in mind?

Impact on non-migration decision making but with migration consequences (e.g. on agricultural investment, non-farm rural livelihoods, social or political action, climate resilience)

Feedback

Significance of migration outcomes

Agricultural outcomes

(Crop choice, productivity, market value, labor inputs, other ag input investments, etc.)

Environmental outcomes

(Land investment, grazing decision making, groundwater pumping, other ag landscape changes, etc)

Economic outcomes

(remittance flows, change in labor availability in ag, change in other employment market, etc)

Socio-political outcomes

(gender roles, policy changes, knowledge changes, rural-urban links, international diaspora, etc)

Up next – 3:30-5pm PT







The Effects of Temperatures on Behavior

Adaptation at Home: Consumption, Building Codes, and Insurance

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