

#### Water Surplus and Drought Management Update

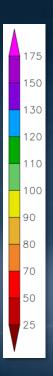
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee Item 6a June 7, 2021

#### Outline

- Hydrologic Conditions
- Governor's Drought Proclamation
- 2021 Supply and Demand Balance
- Dry-Year WSDM Actions Underway

#### Hydrologic Conditions





#### Percent of Normal Precipitation 10/1/2020 – 6/6/2021

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#### Below Normal Runoff Projected in the Upper Colorado River Basin



Powell Unregulated Inflow (1964 – 2020) & **Forecasted Runoff for 2021** 25 20 15 10 5

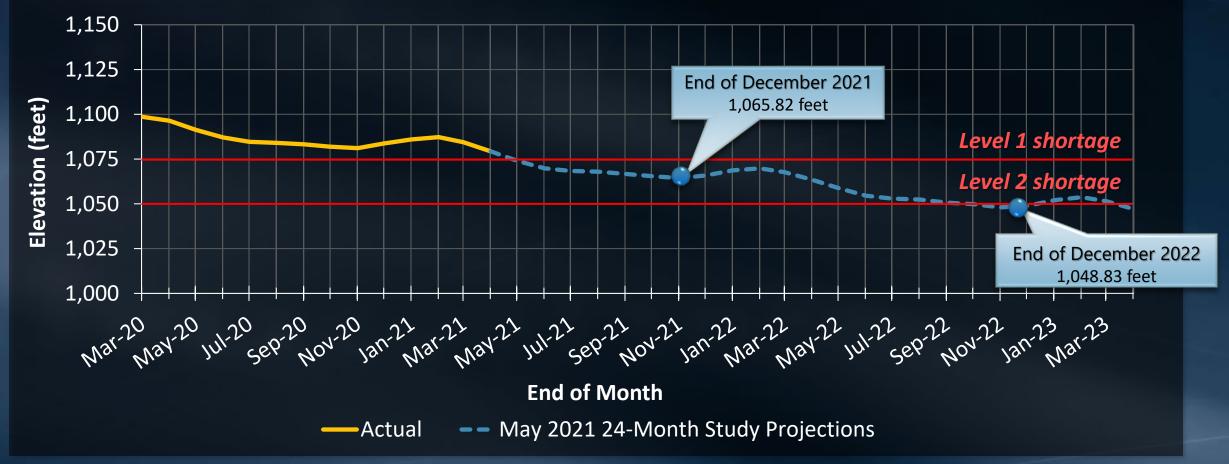
Forecast for 2021 (as of June 2021)

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#### USBR's 24-Month Study Continues to Project Declining Lake Mead Elevation



May 24-Month Study

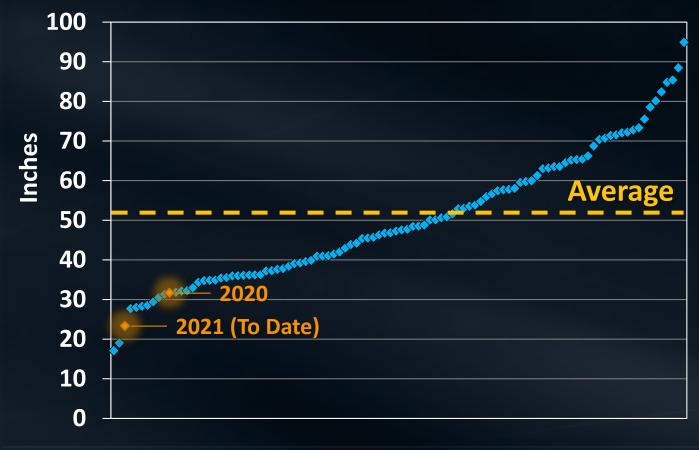


## **Below Normal Precipitation Statewide**

As of 6/6/2021



8 Station Index Precipitation WY 1920 - 2021



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# Below Normal Runoff Projected for the Sacramento River



Sacramento River Runoff (1906 – 2020) & **Forecasted Runoff for 2021** 40 **Million Acre-Feet** 35 30 25 20 15 10 Forecast for 2021 (as of May 2021) 5 0

#### Drought Emergency Declaration Now Covering 41 Counties in California

Initial 2 Counties from April

**Counties Added in May** 



Covers 30% of the State's Population

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#### State and Federal Agencies Take Action to Respond to Drought Conditions

- DWR and USBR received conditional approval for the Temporary Urgency Change Petition
- DWR filed an application for water quality certification for the 2021 Emergency Drought Salinity Barrier Project

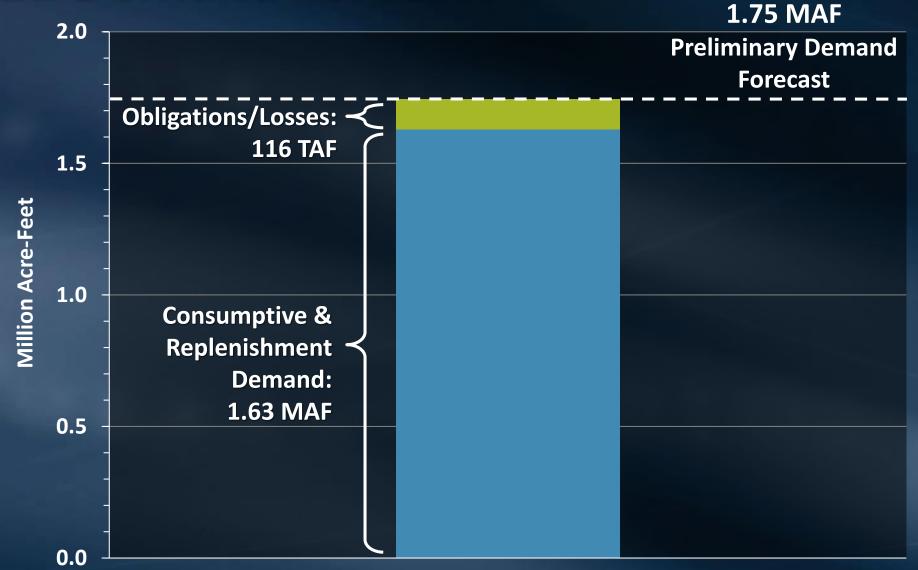


Emergency Drought Barrier Installation in 2015

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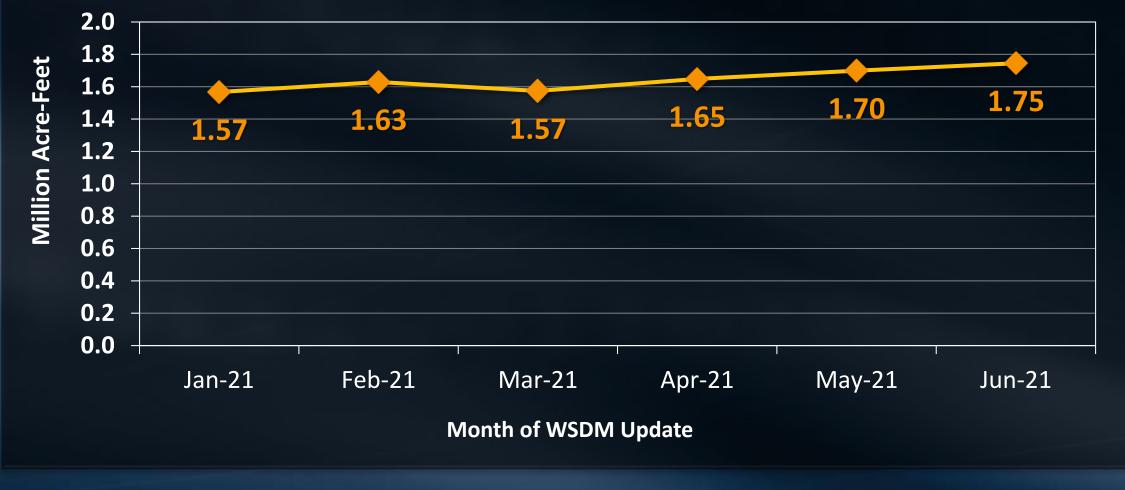
#### 2021 Supply/Demand Balance

#### **2021 Demand Forecast**

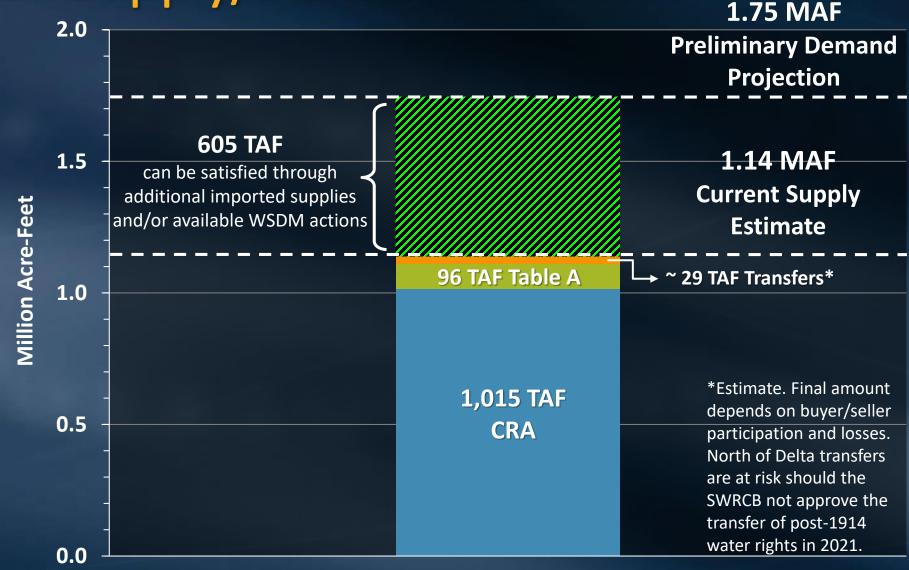


#### **Increasing Demand Forecast**

**2021 Demand Forecast** 



#### 2021 Supply/Demand Balances



#### **Dry-Year WSDM Actions**

#### **Dry-Year WSDM Actions Underway**



- Purchasing ~42 TAF of transfer supplies (~29 TAF after losses)
  - State Water Contractors Buyers Group
  - Yuba Accord supplies
- Withdrawing from dry-year storage
  - Flex Storage (Castaic and Lake Perris)
  - Conjunctive Use Programs
  - SWP Groundwater Banking Programs
  - ICS and DWCV Advanced Delivery Account
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### Ongoing Operational Actions and Member Agency Coordination to Preserve SWP Supplies



DVL to Lakeview

- DVL to Mills
- Greg Ave Pumping
- Shifting agency demands

#### Summary

- Below normal runoff projected for both imported supply watersheds
- SWP allocation remains at 5%
- Drought emergency now covers 41 counties in California
- USBR studies indicating possible first shortage declaration for 2022 for the Colorado River System
- Implementing WSDM actions to satisfy 2021 supply-demand gap and preserve SWP Carryover storage for 2022

