# Water Supply Conditions and Regional Drought Response



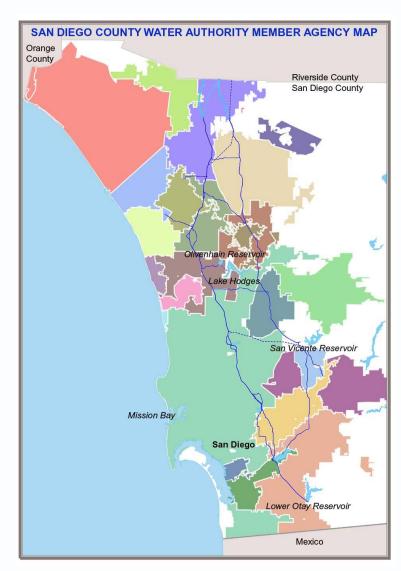




City of Chula Vista July 8, 2014

### San Diego County Water Authority

- Wholesale water agency created by State Legislature in 1944
  - 24 member agencies
  - 35-member board of directors
  - Serves 3.1 million people and region's \$191 billion economy
- Mission is to provide safe and reliable water supply to member agencies
- Service area
  - 950,000 acres
  - 97% of county's population



## Governor Brown Executive Order Strengthens Drought Actions

"The driest months are still to come in California and extreme drought conditions will get worse...I call on every city, every community, every Californian to conserve water in every way possible"

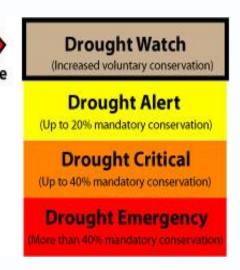
Governor Brown 4/25/14



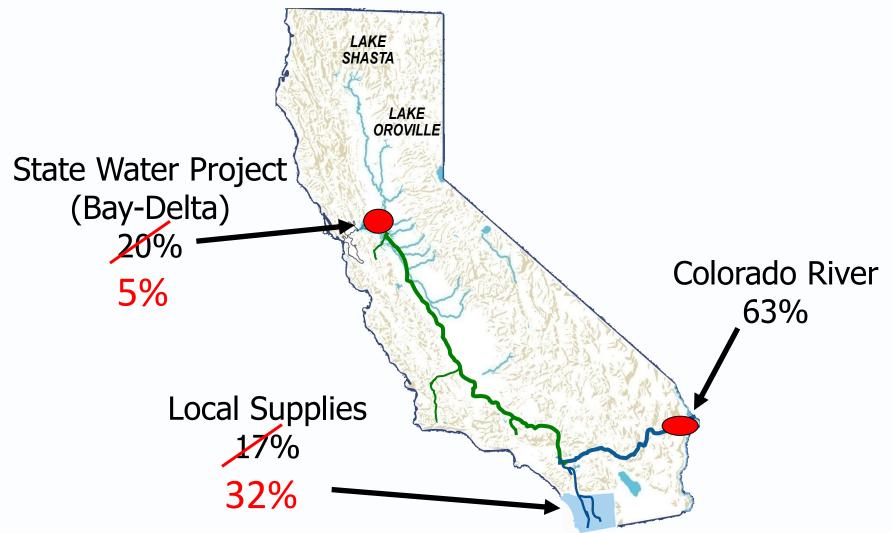


## February 13, 2014 San Diego County Water Authority Board Actions on Drought Response

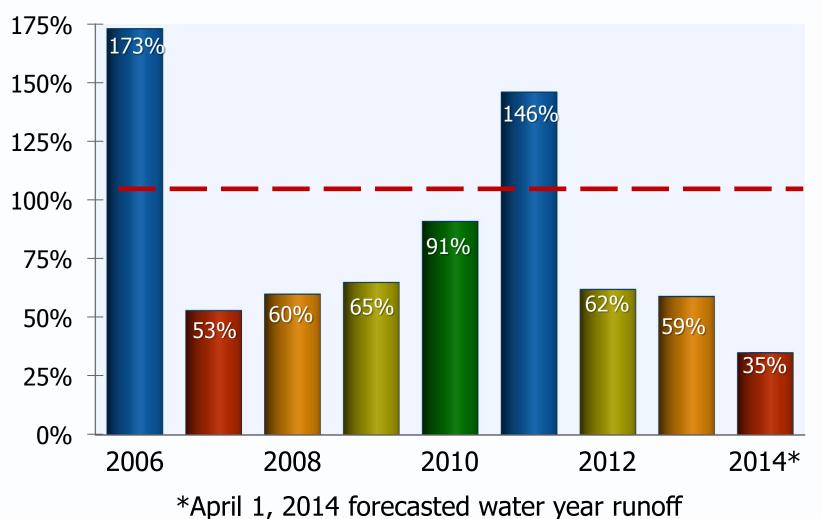
- Activate the Water Authority's Water Shortage and Drought Response Plan, Voluntary Stage
- Declare a Regional Drought Response Level 1, Drought Watch condition
  - Eliminate wasteful water practices
  - Check with local water agency for specific measures
- Actions taken to reduce usage will help manage storage reserves and respond to Governor's drought declaration calling for conservation statewide



## Sources of San Diego County's Water Supply (2009-2013, 5-year average)



## Average Water Year Statewide Runoff Percent of Average (Water Year: Oct 1 – Sept 30)



## San Diego Region Better Able to Manage Shortages due to Drought

- Ratepayers investments and water conservation efforts have reduced the region's vulnerability to drought
  - Diversification
    - Colorado River Transfers: 180,000
       AF in 2013
  - Water Conservation
    - Water use down 24% since 2007
  - Regional Storage
    - Adequate storage reserves in So.
       Cal. to help manage conditions
- No cutbacks expected for San Diego region in 2014



Transfers: Lining the Coachella Canal



Metropolitan Water District Diamond Valley Lake

### **Regional Projects add Diversity & Reliability**

- Carlsbad Desalination Project
  - New, local, drought-proof water supply – 50 mgd
  - Public-private partnership between Water Authority and Poseidon Resources
  - Expected online in fall 2015
- San Vicente Dam Raise
  - Will increase local reservoir capacity by 152,000 AF
  - To be completed Summer 2014





### **Otay Water District**



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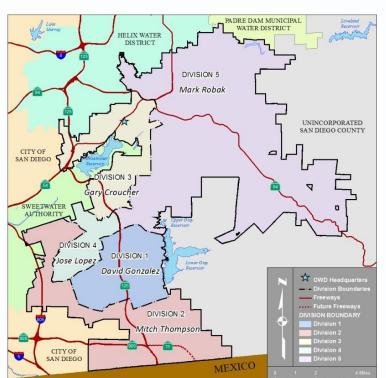


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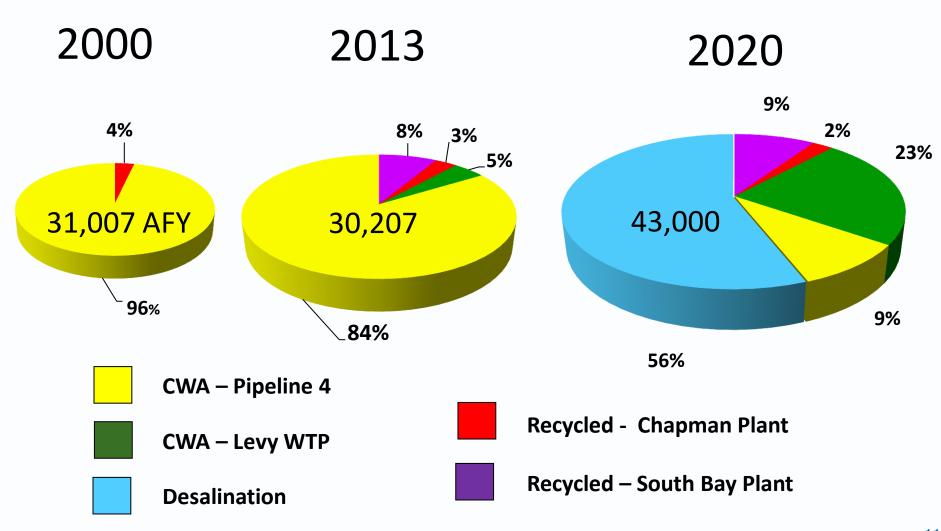


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Division 5

- Otay Water District was established in 1956 as a California Special District
- Governed by elected five member Board of Directors, serving five divisions
- Otay is one of 24 member agencies that make up the San Diego County Water Authority
- Serving a 125.5 square mile service area with 213,000 customers in Spring Valley, Rancho San Diego, Jamul, La Presa, eastern Chula Vista and Otay Mesa



### **Otay Water Supply Diversification**



## Otay Water District's Asset Management Program

- District has very large infrastructure
- Over \$500 million in-ground assets
- Approximately 250,000 tracked assets
- Otay's infrastructure is in very good condition



# Asset Management Program Key Components

#### **Strategic Plan Focuses on Asset Management**

- Specific objectives and measurements reported and published
- Budget based on Strategic Plan priorities

#### **Preventative Maintenance Programs**

- Approximately 70% of all field work is preventative maintenance
- Extensive programs in meter and valve maintenance
  - More than 49,000 meters, 21,000 valves, 6,000 hydrants
  - Targeting asset maintenance based on:
    - Age
    - Criticality (highest value work)



## **Leak Detection Program**

- Listened for leak noise on more than
  - 6,700 meters, 3,100 valves, 77 miles (potable)
  - 371 meters, 442 valves, 31 miles (recycled)
- Identified
  - 6 service lateral leaks (not noticeable from surface)
  - 30 leaks in meter boxes
  - 22 leaks on customer properties
- The Leak Detection Program Will Save
  - 85.5 acre feet of water per year (or 2.7 million gallons)
  - \$124,402 in potentially lost revenue (for \$28,000 invested)



## Rosarito Project Background

- 100 MGD desalination plant in Rosarito, Baja California Mexico
- Adjacent to the existing power plant
- Use of existing ocean intake and cooling ocean water from the power plant
- 25 mile pipeline to the border
- Majority of the water for Tijuana and Rosarito Beach, with the excess production water for Otay Water District
- Water quality to meet Mexican and CDPH's standards
- Proposed facilities on the U.S. side include monitoring stations, UV Treatment, and an existing storage tank (37 MGD)



#### Rosarito Project Update (NSC Agua)

- Land NSC Agua has closed escrow on the land adjacent to the power plant
- Environmental reports submitted to SEMARNAT, completed the piloting of the pre-treatment process, and started planning the pipeline alignment
- CFE Agreements Lease to take cooling water for the desalination plant, and for CFE property for the intake and outfall structures

#### Pipeline From Rosarito to U.S. Border Border Crossing to OWD Century 2000 Transportation Cooridor Current Aqueduct CESPT Off-Take Routing Concept Near El Florido Approximate High Point Elevation Rosarito to El Florido ~ 17 Miles El Florido to U.S. Border ~ 8 Miles PROPOSED AQUEDUCT **ROUTING TO TIJUANA &** Total ~ 25 Miles INTERNATIONAL BORDER

FIGURE 8

### Rosarito Project Progress Report

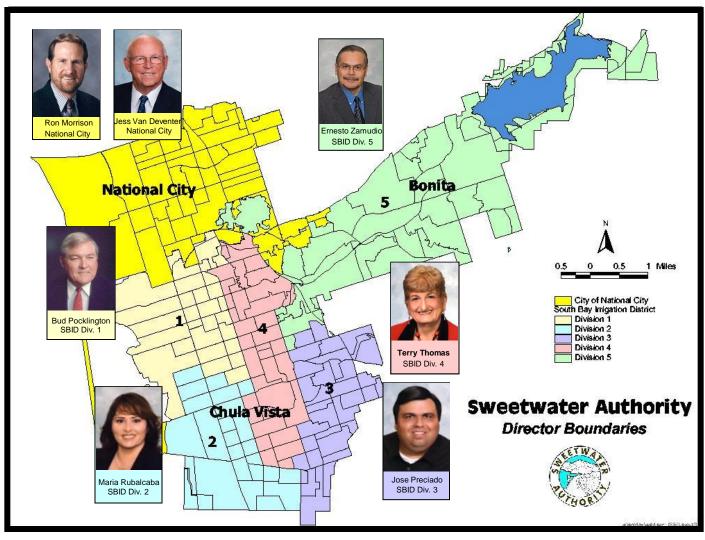
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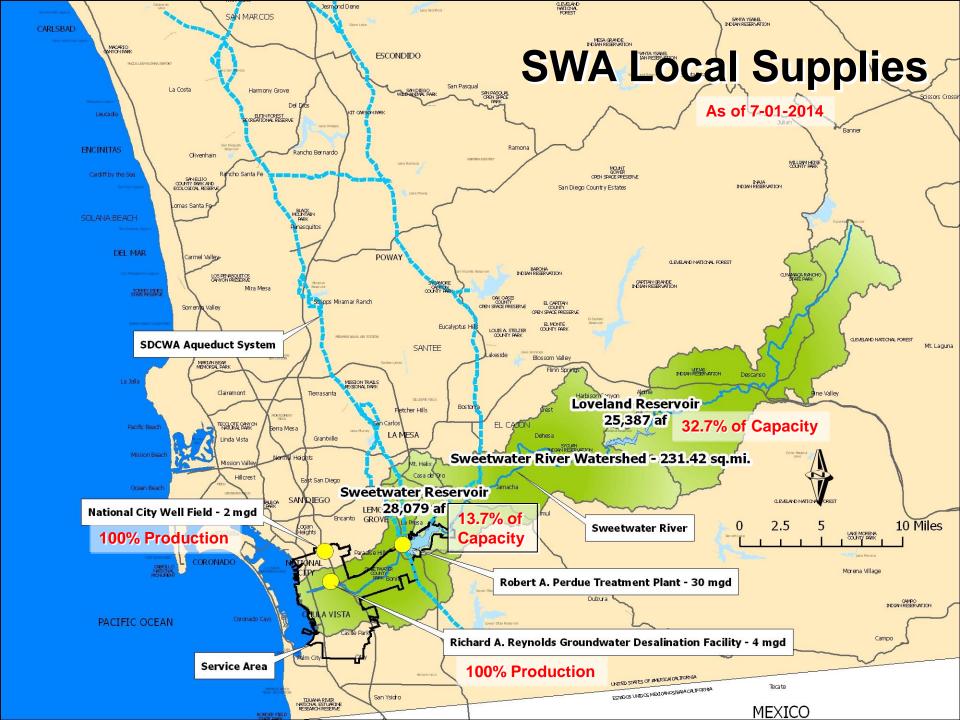
- Engineering underway, feasibility and economic reviews for the project performed
- State EIR (CEQA), Federal (NEPA), and Presidential Permit published in the Federal Register. Meeting with CDPH on approval process and additional pilot testing if needed.

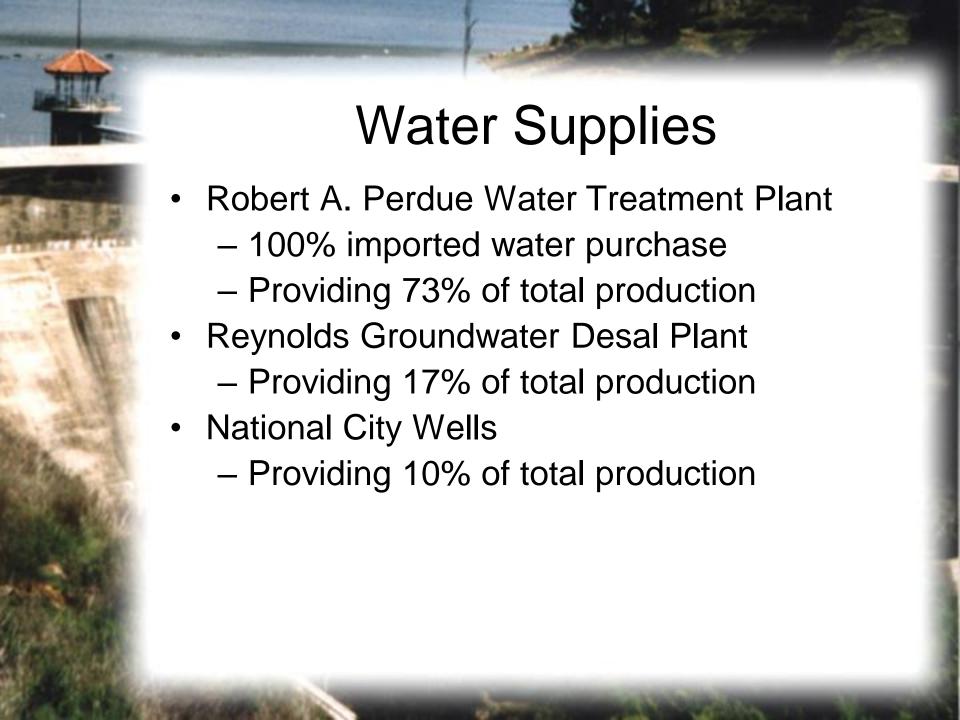




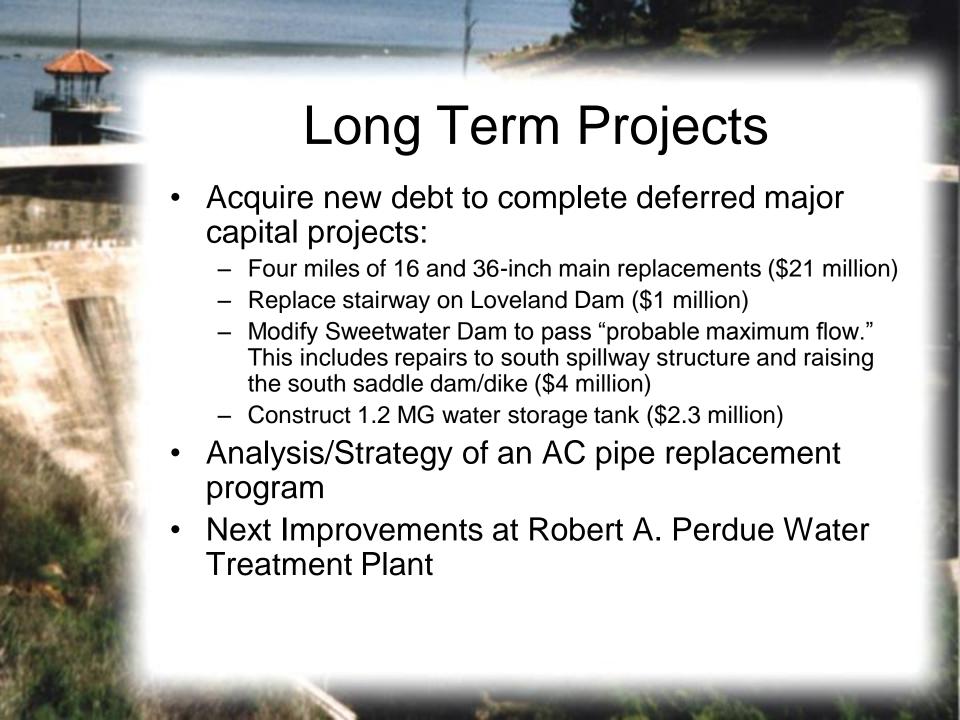
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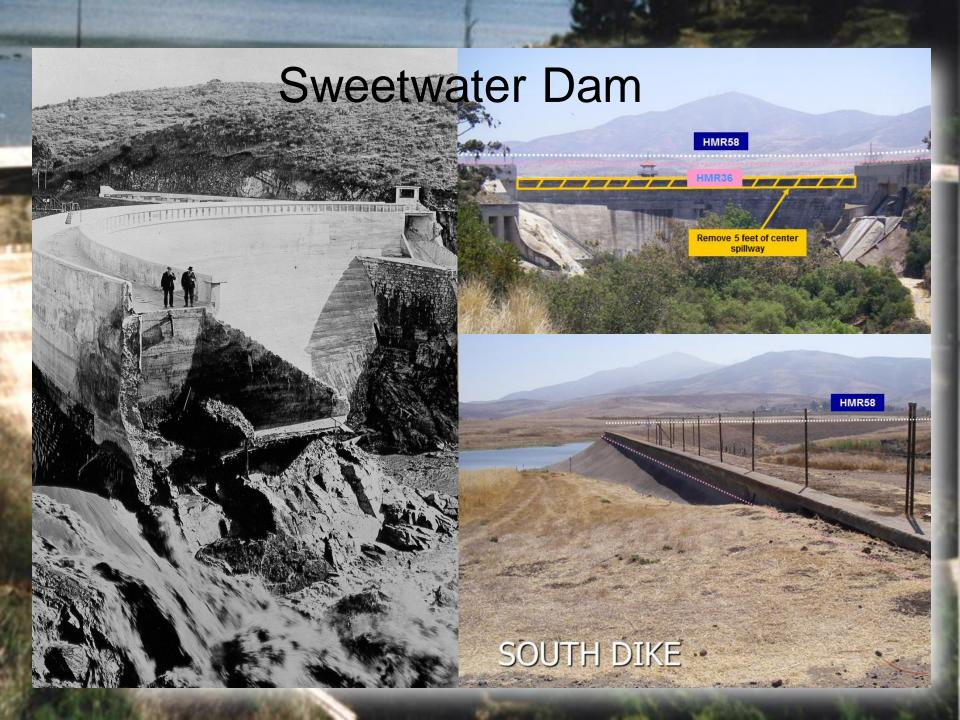




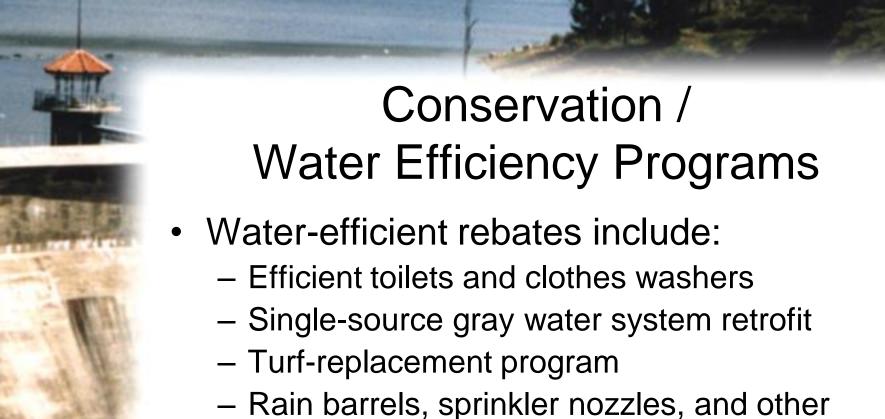












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