Water Supply Outlook for Santa Barbara County

Presentation to County Board of Supervisors October 21, 2008

Overview



- CA Water Supply Outlook
- SBC Water Supply Outlook
- Local Demand & Consumption
- Local Purveyor Perspective

California's Water Supply Outlook

Governor's Drought Proclamation: June 2008

- 2 Years of below normal rainfall. As little as 20% of normal for some CA areas in 2007.
- Snow pack water content @ 67% of normal.
- Reservoir storage well below normal.
- Runoff forecast to be less than 50% normal.
- Increased fire danger.

State Reservoir Status Percent of Capacity as of October 19:

Oroville: 31%
Shasta: 29%
Folsom 26%

State Water Project – State Wide

Projected 2008 deliveries 35% of Maximum Request



Oroville Dam

Santa Barbara County's Water Supply Outlook

Santa Barbara County Water Supply Status

- SB utilizes a diverse range of water sources
- Lake Cachuma holds several years of supply
- Many groundwater basins managed or in balance
- Imported water is only a partial source
- Opportunities for banking and exchange of water
- Demand mgmt through water conservation

Santa Barbara Rainfall

1868 - 2008

(Average Rainfall = 18.16 inches)



2008 Rainfall nearly normal. Significant inflow to reservoirs due in part to rainfall distribution and denuded Zaca Fire Watersheds.

Santa Barbara County's Water Sources

- Surface Water Reservoirs
- Groundwater
- State Water Project
- Recycling
- Cloud Seeding
- Desalination
- Conservation (Demand Management)

Santa Barbara County Reservoirs



Surface Reservoirs

Cachuma Reservoir 186,000 AF capacity Gibraltar Reservoir 5,303 AF capacity Jameson Reservoir 5,290 AF capacity Twitchell Reservoir 198,340 AF capacity

Current Reservoir Storage (As of October 20, 2008)

Cachuma: 169,973 AF = 91% Capacity

Gibraltar: 3,645 AF = 70% Capacity

Jameson: 4,159 AF = 79% Capacity



Twitchell Reservoir

Over 20,000 AF of groundwater recharge in 2008.





Ground-Water Basins

- Santa Maria
- Cuyama
- San Antonio
- Santa Ynez drainage
 - Uplands, Riparian, Lompoc
- South-coast drainages
 - Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Carpinteria, Foothill

Groundwater of SB County

Many basins in balance or nearly in balance
 Adjudication of Some Basins

Cuyama GW Basin
 Significant Overdraft
 Detailed Study Underway

Santa Barbara County

2008 State Water Outlook

Statewide:

- 2008: Expected delivery of 35% of contracted amount
- Local:
 - 2008: Expected delivery of 60% of contracted amount due to supplemental programs and exchanges

Recycling of Waste Water

Beneficial uses include:

- Groundwater Recharge (Buellton, City of Santa Maria, Solvang)
- Landscape Irrigation (Carpinteria, City of SB)
- Pasture Irrigation (Guadalupe, Laguna, City of SM)
- Dust Control (Lompoc)

Cloudseeding Program:



Target Areas

Santa Barbara County Regional Water Efficiency Program



A joint program with water purveyors across the County to ensure that our community uses water wisely.

Regional Water Efficiency Program...

- Public Info & outreach: website, PSAs, events, etc.
- Landscape: training, TV show, eval'ns, technology, etc
- Commercial & Institutional: fixtures, rebates, etc
- Classroom Education: K-8; HS video contest; etc
- Promoting CA Urban W/C Council's BMPs
- Ag Water Efficiency Program w/ CRCD



Santa Barbara County Demand and Consumption

Water Sources for South Coast, 2007





Note: Cachuma release water recharges some groundwater

Water Sources in S. Maria area, 2007



So. Coast Water Production gals/per capita/day



Santa Ynez Valley Water Production gals/per capita/day



Water Production in Santa Maria Valley gals/per capita/day



Water Supply / Demand Dynamics Local Conjunctive Use



Purveyor Perspective Montecito



Montecito Water District Water Demand



QUESTIONS?