



Rosamond Community Services District

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Winter Showers Soften Drought

Some people dream of a white Christmas, but the state of California can be grateful for the wet one we got at the end of 2021. During December, Rosamond received around 0.81 inches of rain, while other parts of the state received even more plentiful rain and snowfall.

While this precipitation helped ease the current drought, it didn't end it. On December 7, 2021, 28.3% of California, and most of Kern County, was in the worst drought category: Exceptional Drought. One month later, on January 4, 2022, less than 1% of California was in Exceptional Drought, though 67.6% of the state, and most of Kern County, remained in Severe Drought.

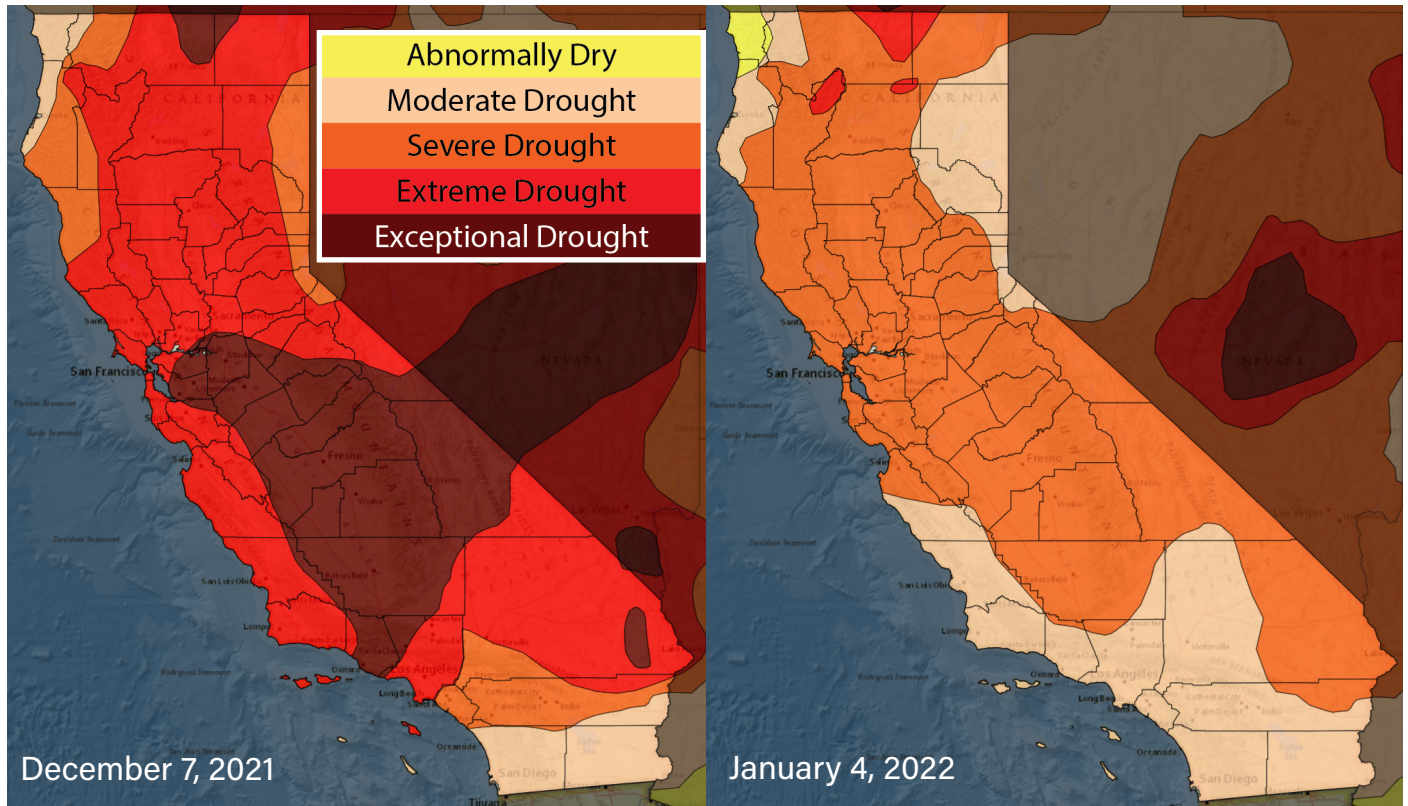
What does this mean for RCSD customers? While the drought situation has improved, we still need to be smart about how we use our water. You can monitor the current drought at drought.gov/state/california.

Upcoming Office Closure

RCSD will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents Day.

While our office is open, our lobby and drive-up windows remain closed in response to the ongoing pandemic. Our staff can be reached during regular office hours at 661-256-3411.

You can also email the RCSD team at any time at customerservice@rosamondcsd.com.



Easy Efficiency Tip: If you aren't using it, turn it off

Efficiency is getting the most use out of something with the least amount of waste. If you have water running out of your tap, spigot, or faucet and it's not actually being used to accomplish something, it's wasted water and is inefficient water use.

Here are some easy ways to use this tip:

- Turn off the sink while brushing your teeth
- Use a spray nozzle on your hose that you have to squeeze for the water to flow
- Don't turn on the shower until you're ready to get in

2021 by the Numbers

With the old year finished, we have the opportunity to take a look at what RCSD accomplished in 2021.

- **838.4 million gallons of water delivered**- That is enough water to fill 4.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools EVERY DAY and still have 47,000 gallons of water left over. This also represents an approximately 3% increase from last year but mirrors population growth in our community.
- **386.4 million gallons of sewage treated**- The almost 8% decrease in sewage treated compared to last year is likely the result of people returning to the office (and using the restroom there). RCSD has also upgraded sewer treatment equipment as part of our maintenance program that may be returning more accurate readings.
- **1 mainline leak repaired**- Down from 2 mainline leaks repaired in 2020.
- **243 service line leaks repaired**- This is an almost 19% increase from last year.
- **27 angle stops replaced**- Angle stops are the valves located on our customers' water meters. This number is similar to the 29 angle stops we replaced in 2020.
- **136,307 feet of sewer main cleaned**- That's more than 2 miles of sewer main cleaned each month and is an 88% increase from last year. The main reason for this increase is better equipment and staff training.
- **1602 work orders completed**- Down from 1793 completed in 2020, this still represents more than 6 work orders completed each weekday.
- **16 days of graffiti removal**- We removed 45% less graffiti in 2021 compared to 2020 because there was less graffiti to remove. Thank you to everyone who reached out to us to report the graffiti they saw around town.

