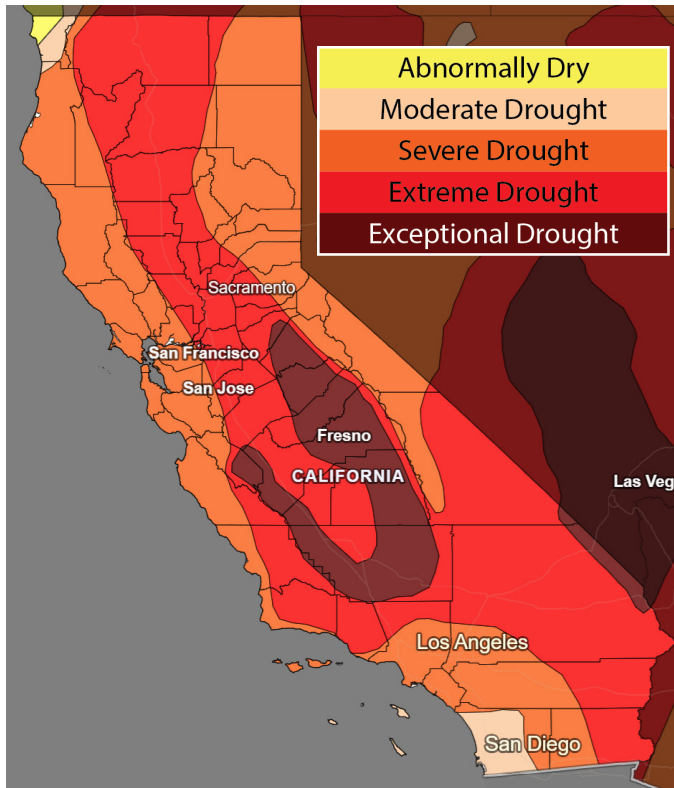




## Rosamond Community Services District

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### California Drought Continues

The drought in California continues to worsen as we experience the driest year ever recorded in our state.

60% of California was in the second most serious category, Extreme Drought, or worse, by the first week of June. During that same time, 31% of Kern county was also in Extreme Drought, with the remaining 69% in the worse category: Exceptional Drought.

Over the last few months, RCS D directors have brought reports of the Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency only receiving a fraction of their water allocation from the state. This is forcing

some water agencies to seek alternative sources of water. RCS D staff has worked hard at developing secure water supplies for our community that ensures we will continue to have access to the safe and healthy water upon which our community depends.

That said, it is vital for all of us to do our part in using water efficiently. We encourage our customers to examine how they use water and find ways to cut water waste. Often these small changes can add up to big water savings, which also mean savings on your monthly water bill.

We will continue to provide easy ways to conserve water through more efficient use in each newsletter and on our website. Together we can do our part to get through this historic drought.

### Turn That Green Lawn into Green Dollars

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District continues to pay eligible applicants cash money for removing their high-water use lawns. This program pays \$1 per square foot of living lawn removed. It also offers landscape design assistance and even free plants. The program is limited, with payouts made on a first-come, first-serve basis to eligible applicants, so don't wait! To learn more and apply for the rebate, visit [avrcd.org](http://avrcd.org).



## Lovely Water Wise Landscapes

Are you taking advantage of the lawn reduction rebate program and need some ideas for your new landscape? Maybe you already have a water-conserving landscape but are looking for something new? RCSD can help with our 'Water Wise Gardening in the High Desert' online resource.

Here you can explore dozens of different water-efficient landscapes specifically suited to our high desert climate. Each inspiring landscape photo is interactive with clickable links on the plans used. You can even build your own printable list of favorites as you browse the plants.

The site also includes handy quick-reference fact sheets on topics like landscaping fundamentals, plant placement, mulch, compost, and dealing with drought.

The water guide section of the site can help you design a watering program that is custom-tailored to your yard

and sprinkler types to help maximize plant health while minimizing water waste and runoff.

Ready to explore this amazing online resource? Click over to the RCSD website, [rosamondcsd.com](http://rosamondcsd.com), and click the blue button with orange flowers that says 'Beautiful High Desert Rosamond'.



## Household Hazardous Waste Events

Despite being commonly available and used, household chemicals can be dangerous and toxic. That's why keeping them out of our water supply is vital. Never dump household chemicals down drains, toilets, or in the desert. Instead, drop them off at one of Kern County Public Work's upcoming free household hazardous waste events.

**9am - 12pm, Sat, July 2, 2022**  
**Mojave Special Waste Facility**  
**17035 Finin Street**

**9am-1pm, Sat, July 16, 2022**  
**Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill**  
**12001 E Tehachapi Blvd**

Remember to label each container and to NEVER MIX CHEMICALS. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

