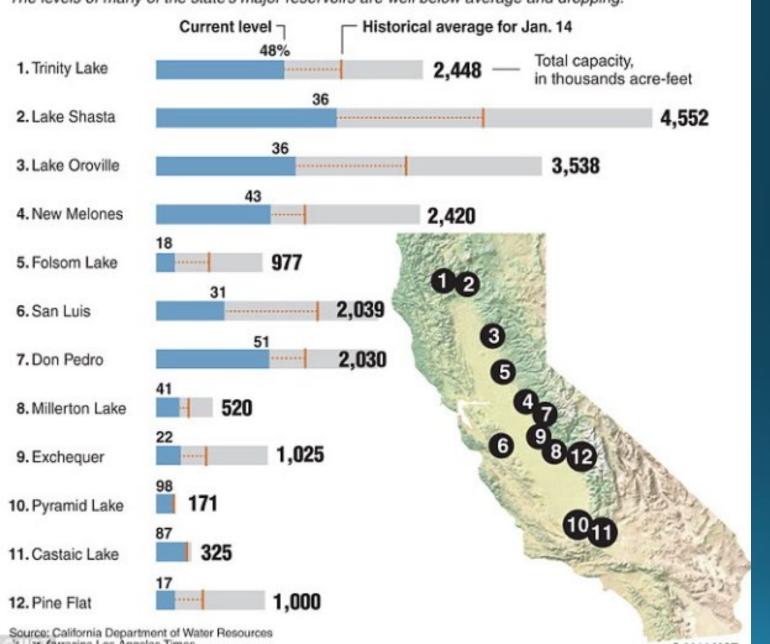
# 2022 Water Update

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## California reservoirs drying up

The levels of many of the state's major reservoirs are well below average and dropping.



# SOURCES OF WATER



### **SURFACE WATER SOURCE # 1**



45%

2,500 ACRE-FEET CONTRACT

#### **GROUND WATER SOURCE # 2**

WELL 15

&

WELL 14



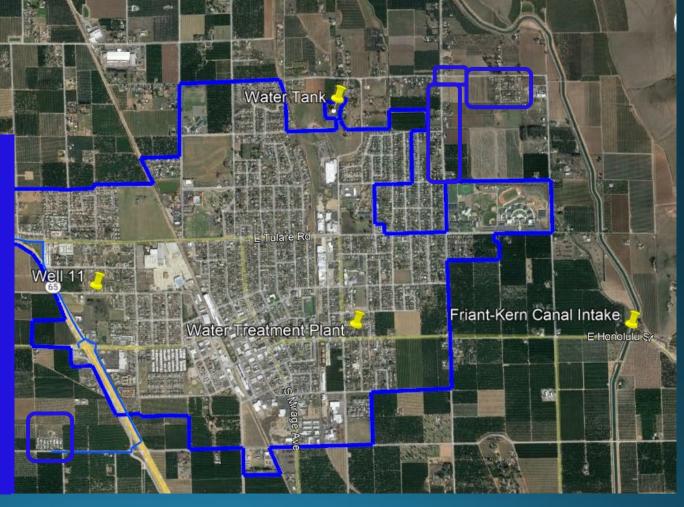
55%

# SURFACE & GROUND WATER





- ONLY FOR EXTREME CONDITIONS OR MAJOR CATASTROPHIC EVENT
- TURN ON:
  - ISSUE A "DO NOT DRINK" NOTIFCATION
  - OTHER MONITORING REQ'S BY THE STATE WATER BOARD
- PERCHLORATE & NITRATE EXCEEDANCE



## HEALTH RISK



#### **Perchlorate**

Human exposure to high dosages of perchlorate can interfere with iodide uptake into the thyroid gland, disrupting the functions of the thyroid and potentially lead to a reduction in the production of thyroid hormones.

MCL = 6 micrograms per liter

#### **Nitrate**

Can cause health effects such as: Methemoglobinemia or "blue baby syndrome," which results from nitrate decreasing the blood's capacity to carry oxygen, especially in infants who receive baby formula mixed with water containing nitrate

MCL = 10 milligrams per liter

# NEXT STEPS/PROPOSED RESPONSE PLAN

#### **WELL 11 WATER SOURCE**

- STATE WATER BOARD APPROVAL TO USE WELL 11
  - IDENTIFY MONITORING
    REQUIEREMENTS & ADDITIONAL
    REQUESTS BY THE STATE
- TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
- CITY'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN
- UPDATE THE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN (COUNCIL ACTION ON APRIL 26)
  - STAGE IV FROM 2 TO 1 DAY
  - STAGE V FROM 1 TO 0 DAYS
  - INCREASE PENALTIES

#### **CONSERVATION**

- 2 MAJOR OUTDOOR WATERING USERS
  - CITY
    - ➤ ALL SYSTEMS ARE OFF SINCE APRIL 11
  - LUSD
    - REQUEST WAS MADE TO THE DISTRICT TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD
- CITY MANAGER/C.S. DIRECTOR TO MEET WITH THE TOP 10 WATER USERS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.
- COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
- ENFORCEMENT

## WHAT IF?

- ☐ ALLOCATION DOES NOT CHANGE OR GETS REDUCED & NO HEALTH & SAFETY ALLOCATION IS GRANTED
  - COUNCIL TO DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY
  - ACTIVATE WATER CONSERVATION PLAN STAGE V
  - EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN WILL BE ACTIVATED
  - > TURN WELL 11 ON
- ☐ ALLOCATION FOR HEALTH & SAFETY IS GRANTED
  - > ENOUGH WATER SUPPLY
  - ACTIVATE NEW STAGE IV
  - CONTINUE CONSERVATION EFFORTS
  - > UPDATE THE STUDY FOR WELL 11
  - ➤ WORK ON OPTIONS TO PLACE WELL 11 BACK ONLINE
    - CREATE IMPACT DEVELOPMENT FEE FOR WELL 11

