



## Lake level higher but need for conservation persists

Last month's storms brought more than 10 inches of rain compared to less than half an inch the previous December. As a result, Folsom Lake is now approximately 44 feet higher than it was at this time last year. While that's a welcome sight, less than average mountain snowpack is a clear indication that conservation efforts must continue.

The California Department of Water Resources' December 30th snow survey shows that the mountain snow water content is just 33 percent of average for the state.

"While December rain storms provided an increase in water storage at Folsom Lake, less than average snowpack means less water content for the spring runoff," says Marcus Yasutake, Environmental and Water Resources Director. "As it melts in the late spring and summer, the state's snowpack generally supplies about a third of the water needed for residential, agricultural and industrial use."

The National Weather Service 30-day forecast shows that precipitation events have an equal chance to be normal, above normal or below normal.

"We thank our water customers for achieving a City-wide water savings of 21 percent in 2014 as compared to 2013," says Yasutake. "Due to the uncertainty of future precipitation events and the lack of snowpack, the City remains at a Stage 3 Water Conservation Warning in alignment with Governor Brown's Statewide Emergency Drought Proclamation. We urge our residents and businesses to continue conserving."

Yasutake encourages water customers to adjust irrigation schedules during this colder and wetter time of year. Contact the City's water conservation experts for water saving tips and assistance via email at [WaterConservation@folsom.ca.us](mailto:WaterConservation@folsom.ca.us) or phone (916) 355-7252.



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