

Research one area that has been affected by a water shortage, and write an informative essay describing how people are responding to this shortage.

The water drought in California

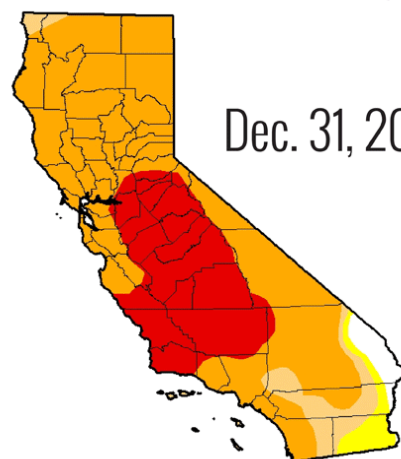
The California drought is the biggest water drought during 2011-2016. The most intense period of drought occurred the week of July 29, 2014, where D4 affected 58.41% of California land.

During the winters of 2011-2014, a high pressure ridge off the West Coast blocked storms bringing the needed precipitation to California during the wet season.

The Drying of California

The spread of California's drought, Dec. 31, 2013 - July 29, 2014

Abnormally Dry Moderate Severe Extreme Exceptional



Source: National Drought Mitigation Center

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The drought occurrences and very few related them with rural livelihoods. A review of studies was conducted to assess the implications of droughts on rural livelihoods

The drought is believed to be caused in part by a mass of warm water in the pacific ocean. That was drafted to the west coast. In response to the heavy precipitation, which flooded multiple rivers and filled most of the state's major reservoir.

Droughts cause public health and safety impacts, as well as economic and environmental impacts. Recovery from some drought impacts, such as declines in groundwater storage, can take multiple years.



