

South Yuba River

South Yuba River watershed real time snow sensor indicates 120 percent of average snowpack in the watersheds above PG&E's Drum Spaulding storage reservoirs. In addition, PG&E's reservoirs are currently at 240 percent of average water storage for this date, and are actively being evacuated to prepare for melting of the above-average snowpack.

Middle Fork American River

Middle Fork American and Rubicon river real time snow sensor data indicates 110 percent of average snowpack in the watersheds above PCWA's Middle Fork American River Project reservoirs. PCWA's reservoirs are currently at 110 percent of average capacity for this date, and are actively being evacuated to prepare for melting of the above-average snowpack. PCWA anticipates filling or spilling these reservoirs by early summer.

Folsom Reservoir

Folsom Reservoir storage stands at 685,000 acre feet (AF), 117 percent of normal, encroaching the mandatory flood control reserve space for this date. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) was recently releasing approximately 20,000 cubic feet per second in order to comply with U.S. Army Corps flood control requirements, and Folsom Reservoir has thus far released more than 390,000 AF in 2016 to manage storage and flood control. USBR staff reports that there is 2 million AF of water stored in the watersheds above Folsom Reservoir in combined reservoir and snow storage.

PCWA will have access to full supplies for all of its existing retail and wholesale treated water customers as well as for its agricultural customers in 2016, and enough carryover storage in all project reservoirs and groundwater basins to meet demand in 2017, even if it is a dry year. In addition, PCWA will continue to make water available on the voluntary transfer market in order to benefit flows in the Lower American River and assist water purveyors downstream as they replenish their systems.

Put succinctly, PCWA believes that hydrologic conditions in the American and South Yuba river systems support the rescission of the emergency regulations for local water purveyors that rely on these watersheds.

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PCWA thanks the SWRCB for its actions to address what was a statewide emergency. I believe PCWA customers will continue their efforts to be as efficient with their water use as they can, and I know many have made permanent changes in their water use, which will help the Agency achieve its long-term water conservation goals.

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Einar L. Maisch', written in a cursive style.

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