



- Colorado River: Basins south and east of the South Coast and South Lahontan regions; areas that drain into the Colorado River, the Salton Sea, and other closed basins north of the Mexican border.

The DWR produces a California Water Plan every five years that not only includes a statewide water budget but also regional watershed water budgets. These water budgets are based on California Department of Finance population projections, and indicate clearly that demand for water will exceed supply in 2020 whether or not a drought condition exists at that time. Most of the State’s regions, except for the North Coast and San Francisco Bay Regions, experience average-year and drought-year shortages now, and are forecasted to experience increased shortages in 2020. The largest average-year shortages are forecasted for the South Coast Region, which heavily relies on imported water. Future average-year shortages in the South Coast Region reflect forecasted population growth plus lower Colorado River supplies as California reduces its use of Colorado River water to the State’s basic apportionment. Following are the descriptions of the two hydrologic regions as well as regional water budgets (Tables OS-1 & OS-2):

**Table OS-1
South Coast Region Water Budget with Existing Facilities and Programs**

Water Use	1995		2020	
	Average	Drought	Average	Drought
Urban	4,340	4,382	5,519	5,612
Agricultural	784	820	462	484
Environmental	100	82	104	86
Total	5,224	5,283	6,084	6,181
Supplies				
Surface Water	3,839	3,196	3,625	3,130
Groundwater	1,177	1,371	1,243	1,462
Recycled and Desalted	207	207	273	273
Total	5,224	4,775	5,141	4,865
Shortage	0	508	944	1,317

Note: Figures in thousands of acre-feet of water.