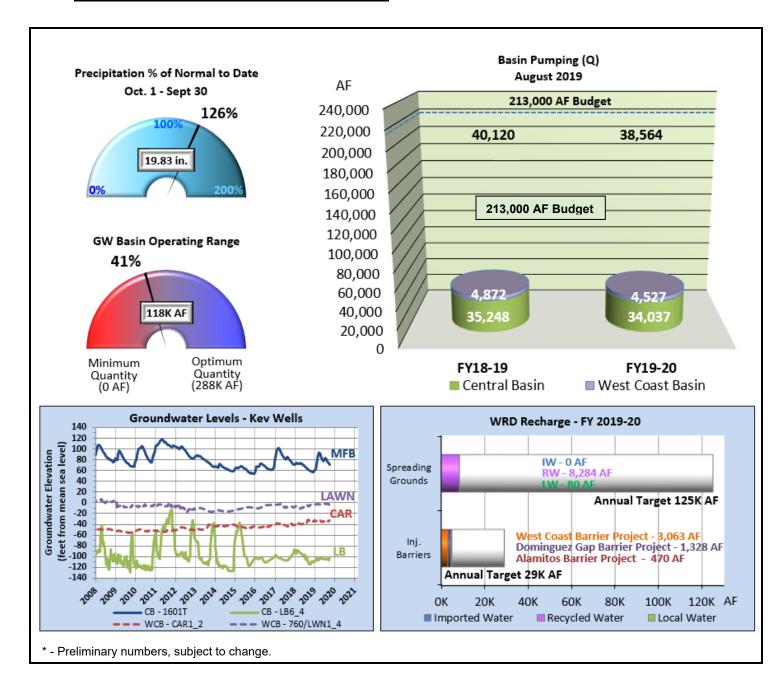


# GROUNDWATER BASIN UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2019

## **GROUNDWATER BASINS AT A GLANCE\***

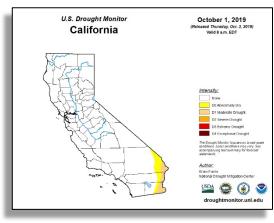


## **SUMMARY**

Staff monitors groundwater conditions in its service area throughout the year. A summary of the latest information is presented below.

# Precipitation (Oct 1st - Sept. 30th)

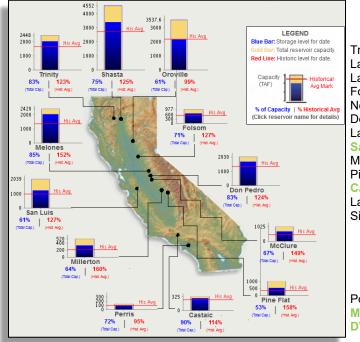
The WRD precipitation index reports that for the 2018-19 Water Year, there has been 19.83 inches of rainfall. The normal rainfall for this time period is 15.74 inches, so the District is 126% of normal. As of October 1, 2019, the U.S. Drought Monitor is reporting 5% of the State is abnormally dry, 2% is under moderate drought conditions.



# Reservoirs (as of October 6, 2019)

For all 16 reservoirs reported monthly to the committee, water levels have increased in 4 reservoirs compared to levels recorded in the previous month. Water levels rose the most at Lake Mead (0.02 million acre feet). The largest decrease (-0.52 million acre feet) occurred at Lake Oroville. The smallest decrease (<0.00 million acre feet) occurred at Lake Silverwood.

These 16 reservoirs are at 55% capacity (39.55 million acre feet) which is down from the prior month (-1.57 million acre feet State Water Project [SWP] and -0.40 million acre feet Colorado River Aqueduct [CRA]). The largest contributing factor to the change in reservoir storage is decreases at Lake Oroville (SWP) and Lake Powell (CRA).



## MWD Reservoirs (SWP) Storage in Million Acre Feet

Reservoir	<u>Capacity</u>	Storage	% Full	Change
rinity Lake	2.45	2.03	83%	-0.10
ake Shasta	4.55	3.40	75%	-0.29
ake Oroville	3.54	2.16	61%	-0.52
olsom Lake	0.98	0.69	71%	-0.07
lew Melones	2.40	2.04	85%	-0.02
on Pedro	2.03	1.69	83%	-0.12
ake McClure	1.02	0.69	67%	-0.20
an Luis	2.04	1.24	61%	0.00
/lillerton Lake	0.52	0.33	64%	-0.08
Pine Flat	1.00	0.53	53%	-0.16
astaic Lake	0.33	0.29	90%	0.00
ake Perris	0.13	0.10	72%	-0.02
Silverwood	0.08	0.07	92%	0.00

#### MWD Reservoirs (CRA) Storage in Million Acre Feet

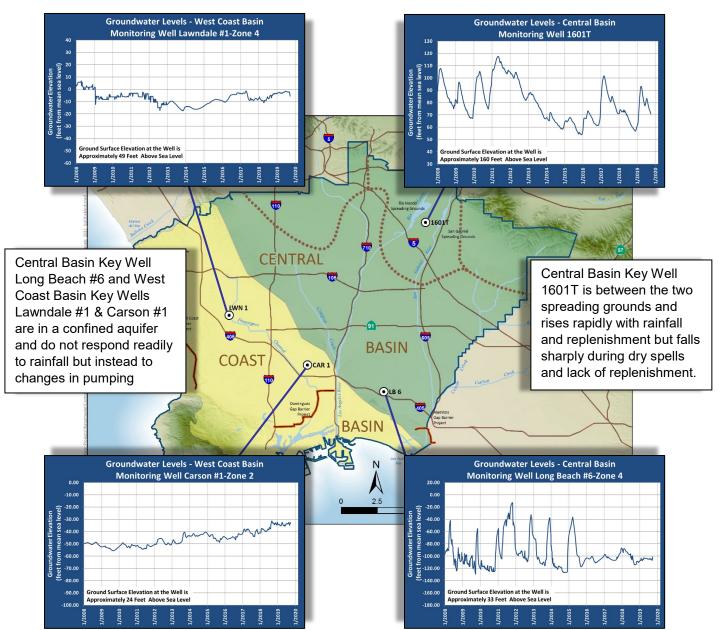
Reservoir	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Storage</u>	% Full	<u>Change</u>
Powell	24.32	13.23	54%	-0.43
Mead	26.12	10.30	39%	0.02
DVL	0.81	0.76	93%	0.01

Black Text - Decrease or no change in storage since the last report.

Green Text - Increase in storage since the last report.

# Groundwater Levels (through September 27, 2019)

Groundwater levels in key monitoring wells are shown in the hydrographs below.



# **Groundwater Level Changes in Key Wells**

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Well Name	Since Last Report	Since Same Time the Previous Year
Central Basin Key Well 1601T	Decreased 4.3 feet	Increased 11.2 feet
Central Basin Key Well Long Beach #6_4	Increased 3.5 foot	Increased 12.5 feet
West Coast Basin Key Well Lawndale #1_4	Decreased 3.3 foot	Decreased 0.6 feet
West Coast Basin Key Well Carson #1 2	Decreased 0.3 foot	Increased 0.5 feet

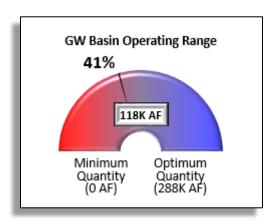
**Bold** indicates a change in direction (decreasing or increasing) since the last report.

# Optimum and Minimum Groundwater Quantity

In response to a 2002 State audit of the District's activities, the Board of Directors adopted an Optimum and Minimum Quantity for groundwater in the District to define an appropriate operating range that would sustain adjudicated pumping rights, leave room for future storage projects, and identify a lower limit. The amounts are based on the accumulated overdraft concept, which the District tracks year by year based on changes in groundwater storage.

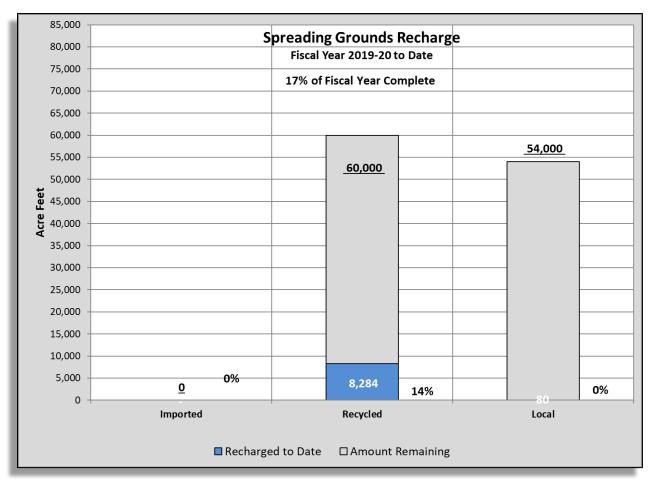
After an extensive review of over 70 years of water level fluctuations and discussions with the Board and pumping community, Water Year 1999/2000 was recognized as a representative year for the Optimum Quantity, which equated to an accumulated overdraft of approximately 612,000 acre-feet. The Minimum Quantity was defined as an accumulated overdraft of 900,000 acre-feet, which allowed an operating range from 0 acre-feet (minimum) to 288,000 acre-feet (optimum). The Board also adopted a policy to make-up the groundwater deficit should the accumulated overdraft fall too far below the Optimum Quantity.

The Accumulated Overdraft as of September 27, 2019, has been estimated at 782,405 acre-feet (subject to change), which is 117,595 acre-feet above the Minimum Groundwater Quantity and 170,405 acre-feet below the Optimum Quantity.



# Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds (July 2019 - August 2019)

The following Chart shows the preliminary spreading grounds replenishment water:



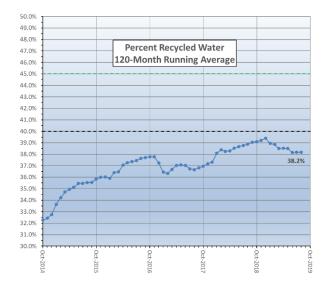
For the Fiscal Year 2019-20, no imported water purchases are anticipated at this time.

Local water (stormwater plus dry weather urban runoff) is captured by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) at the spreading grounds for recharge. Local water amounts are determined as the sum of the total waters conserved at the spreading grounds less the imported and recycled water deliveries. For the first two months of the 2019-20 Fiscal Year, approximately 80 acre-feet of local water capture has been reported by the LACDPW.

Preliminary numbers for the first two months of the 2019-20 Fiscal Year show that approximately 8,280 acre-feet of recycled water has been recharged. The 120-month running average of recycled water contribution in the Montebello Forebay is 38.2% and the regulatory maximum is 45%, with additional studies and monitoring being required once 40% is reached.

## Tertiary Recycle Water Permit Update

The following is a brief update of the ongoing collaboration between the District and CSDLA regarding the use of tertiary treated recycled water at the Montebello



Forebay Spreading Grounds. As previously discussed, both agencies had prepared a tentative schedule with the goal of submitting the regulatory requested Workplan by the end of the calendar year in preparation of the new Title 22 Engineering Report in conformance with the 2014 Groundwater Replenishment Using Recycled Water Regulations (GRRRs). Late last month, the agencies were notified by the RWQCB that the Workplan needs to be submitted by November 18, 2019. Upon receipt of comments on the Workplan from the State of California, the District and CSDLA will proceed with the preparation and submittal of the new Title 22 Engineering Report in 2020.

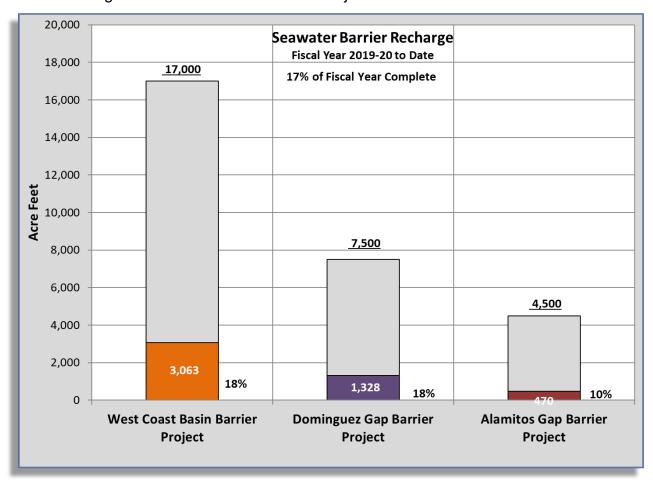
### The Workplan will include:

- Recycled water contribution calculations reaching the Groundwater Replenishment Recharge Project (GRRP; i.e. Montebello Forebay Spreading Grounds)
- Discuss Pomona WRP discharges and quantify recharge at the GRRP
- Propose increasing RWC from 45% to 50%
- Compliance monitoring well location(s)
- Prepare a new figure that depicts cross-sections of wells and corresponding aquifers in the vicinity of the cross-sections presented in the previous Title 22 Engineering Report
- Request for a reduction in monitoring
- Crossover channel maps and related information
- Overview of methodology on chloride as intrinsic tracer
- Provide the approach for using spreading grounds headworks monitoring for surface flow diluent water
- Proposal of using the infiltration of precipitation as diluent water
- Selection of analytical methods based on wastewater and drinking water methods

District staff has initiated the preparation of many of the items listed above pertaining to the District and will continue collaboration with the CSDLA on the joint items. Both entities are working diligently in order to meet the State's newly imposed deadline.

## Seawater Barrier Well Injection and Replenishment (July 2019 - August 2019)

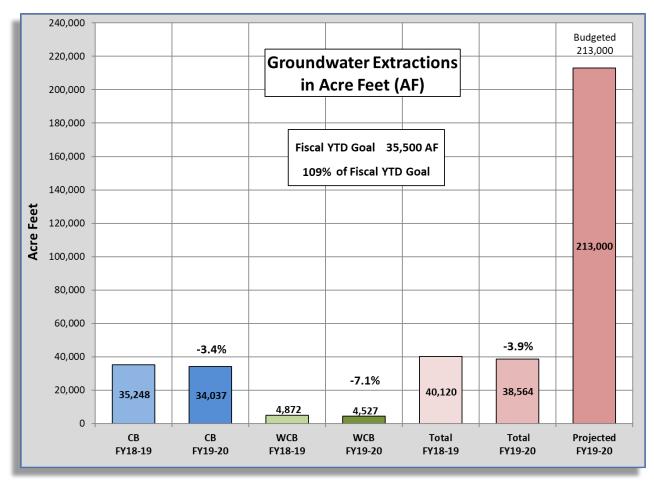
The following Chart shows the barrier water injection:



Preliminary numbers for the first two months of the 2019-20 Fiscal Year show that the West Coast Barrier has used 3.063 acre-feet of the total 17,000 acre-feet planned for injection, 18% of total for the Fiscal Year. The Dominguez Gap Barrier used 1,328 acre-feet of the total 7,500 acre-feet planned for injection, 18% of the total for the Fiscal Year. The Alamitos Barrier, on the WRD side, used 470 acre-feet of the total 4,500 acre-feet planned for injection, 10% of the total for the Fiscal Year.

# Pumping (Fiscal Year July 2019 – August 2019)

Preliminary numbers for groundwater production in the District for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 (July 2019 – August 2019) indicate pumping in the Central Basin was down 1,211 acre-feet from the same time of the previous fiscal year (-3.4%) and the West Coast Basin pumping was 345 acre-feet lower than the previous fiscal year (-7.1%). The total pumping is 38,564 acre-feet compared to 40,120 acre-feet during the same time the previous year for a decrease of 1,556 acre-feet, or -3.9%. The current pumping data do not include six Central Basin pumpers and one West Coast Basin pumper totaling an estimated 50 additional acre-feet.



For the Fiscal Year to date (July 2019 – August 2019), staff has tracked the production trends of the top five (5) producing pumpers and the bottom five (5) producing pumpers in each basin. These pumpers are identified in the following tables and are based on the change in volume (in acre-feet) compared to the same time period for the previous Fiscal Year.

Production Trends - Central Basin					
Top 5 Producing by Volume (AF)	July 2018 - August 2018	July 2019 - August 2019	Difference	% Change	
Long Beach, City of	4,352.22	5,485.59	1,133.37	26.04%	
Whittier, City of	610.32	1,040.52	430.20	70.49%	
Liberty Utilities Corporation	1,415.41	1,612.93	197.52	13.95%	
Paramount, City of	826.61	1,022.31	195.70	23.68%	
Norwalk, City of	90.11	135.07	44.96	49.89%	
Bottom 5 Producing by Volume (AF)	July 2018 - August 2018	July 2019 - August 2019	Difference	% Change	
Golden State Water Company	4,385.81	3,758.17	-627.64	-14.31%	
Lakewood, City of Water Department	1,847.92	1,298.77	-549.15	-29.72%	
Vernon, City of	1,179.14	889.95	-289.19	-24.53%	
Huntington Park, City of	763.69	519.78	-243.91	-31.94%	
San Gabriel Valley Water Company	481.38	257.69	-223.69	-46.47%	

Production Trends – West Coast Basin					
Top 5 Producing by Volume (AF)	July 2018 - August 2018	July 2019 - August 2019	Difference	% Change	
Inglewood, City of	221.88	614.71	392.83	177.05%	
Torrance, City of	484.00	743.84	259.84	53.69%	
ConocoPhillips Company	747.50	917.53	170.03	22.75%	
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co., LLC	535.88	652.52	116.64	21.77%	
Rolling Hills Country Club	35.00	76.00	41.00	117.14%	
Bottom 5 Producing by Volume (AF)	July 2018 - August 2018	July 2019 - August 2019	Difference	% Change	
Golden State Water Company	1,216.69	74.76	-1,141.93	-93.86%	
Lomita, City of	117.49	0.40	-117.09	-99.66%	
Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	120.17	49.19	-70.98	-59.07%	
Eco Services Operations, LLC	84.90	55.67	-29.23	-34.43%	
California Water Service Company	18.40	1.57	-16.83	-91.47%	