

"A multicounty agency authorized to plan for and acquire supplemental water supplies, encourage water conservation and use of recycled water on a regional basis."

[BAWSCA Act, AB2058 (Papan-2002)]

### BAWSCA Update for the Sunnyvale City Council

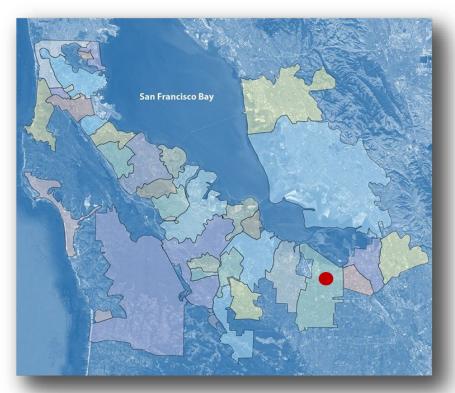
Nicole Sandkulla CEO/General Manager BAVVSCA November 1, 2022



## What is BAWSCA? (Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency)

Special District formed in 2003 to represent the interests of:

- 26 water suppliers in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties
- 1.8 million residents and over 40,000 businesses, and countless community organizations
- All rely on the San Francisco (Hetch Hetchy) Regional Water System



## **BAWSCA's Goal: A reliable supply of high-quality** water at a fair price



# BAWSCA's 26 Member Agencies are Served by the Regional Water System

#### **Alameda County**

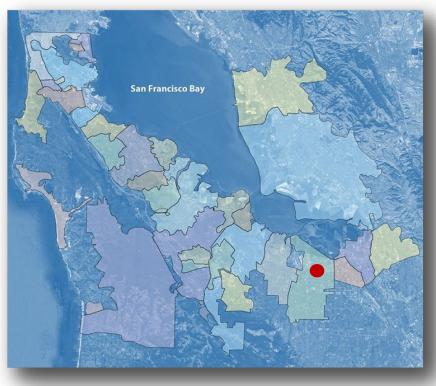
Alameda County Water District, Hayward

### Santa Clara County

 Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Purissima Hills WD, San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Stanford University

#### San Mateo County

 Brisbane, Burlingame, Cal Water Service Company, Coastside CWD, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Estero (Foster City), Guadalupe Valley MID, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Mid-Peninsula WD, Millbrae, North Coast CWD, Redwood City, San Bruno, Westborough CWD



### BAWSCA Board of Directors is comprised of an elected or appointed representative from each member agency

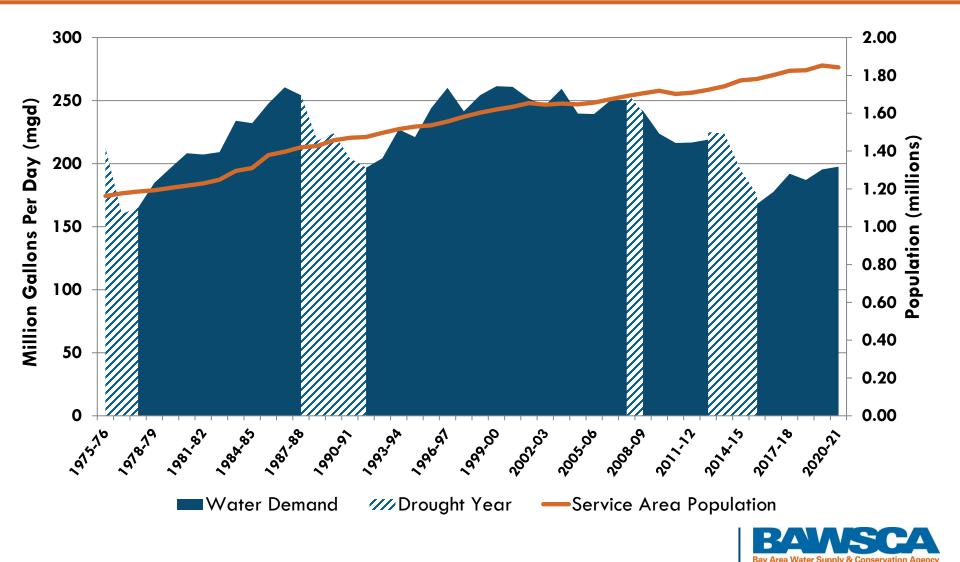


## San Francisco Regional Water System

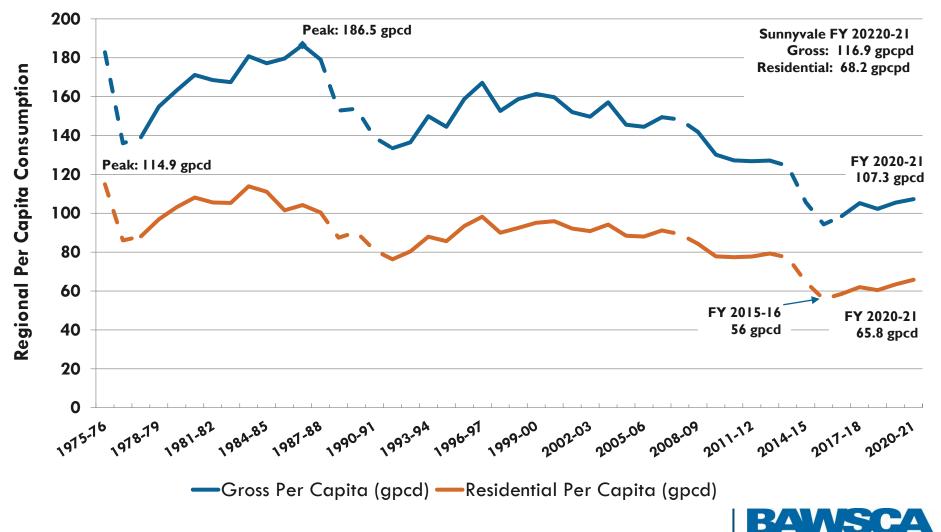


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# 24% Less Water Used Today in BAWSCA Region Compared to FY 1986/87 Despite a 32% Population Increase



# Residential Per Capita Water Use Has Decreased by 37% in BAWSCA Region Since FY 1986/87



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## Recent State Regulations Significantly Impact Regional Water System Drought Year Supply Reliability

- State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted Bay-Delta Plan Phase I Update in Dec. 2018
- If implemented, requires significantly more water remain in Tuolumne River
- Could require rationing up to 50% starting 2nd year of drought
  - Much greater than 15% conservation target in current drought
  - Less potential impact for Sunnyvale given its multiple sources
- SFPUC has expressed serious doubts about the Tuolumne River ecosystem benefits of the Bay Delta Plan
  - Does not reflect existing actual river conditions or the specific issues for the river that need to be addressed to provide desired ecosystem benefits



### BAWSCA Actively Addressing Bay-Delta Plan and Its Impacts

BAWSCA Actions	<ul> <li>Regular reports to BAWSCA Board and member agencies</li> <li>Public comment to State Board and others</li> <li>Formal comments during environmental reviews</li> <li>Intervened in Bay Delta litigation (state)</li> <li>Intervened in Don Pedro FERC proceeding (federal)</li> </ul>
BAWSCA Advocacy with SFPUC	<ul> <li>Reminding SF of its contractual &amp; legal obligations to BAWSCA agencies</li> <li>Successfully urged SFPUC to initiate a new Alternative Water Supply Planning Program</li> <li>Supported \$288M allocation in SFPUC's 10-year CIP for Alternative Water Supply Planning Program and regular reporting</li> </ul>
BAWSCA Advocacy with Others	<ul> <li>Engagement with State and local elected officials</li> <li>Engagement with State officials and staff</li> <li>Engagement with water customers (residents, businesses, others)</li> </ul>

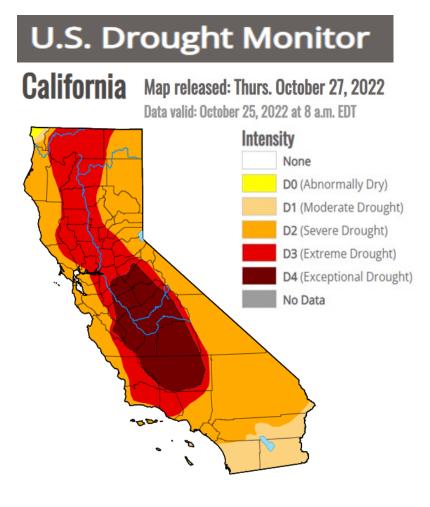


## Voluntary Agreement: An Alternative to Bay-Delta Plan

- Bay-Delta Plan includes framework for voluntary agreements that meet or exceed proposed objective to protect fish and wildlife as an alternative
- Governor Newsom providing critical leadership in negotiations to date
- State continuing efforts on a Memorandum of Understanding to develop alternative agreement to protect beneficial uses in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (MOU)
  - First signed in March by State (Natural Resources, EPA, DWR, CDFW) and other large water agencies with interest in Delta
  - In mid-August, East Bay Municipal Utility District joined MOU
  - Ongoing dialogue between SFPUC, Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts, and State about including Tuolumne River in MOU
- MOU outlines broad areas of agreement and anticipates the need for further negotiations among all signatories to develop detailed
- implementation agreements



## Customers Urged to Continue Water Use Reductions Given Ongoing Drought Conditions



- BAWSCA and its member agencies are committed to responding to calls for water use reductions
  - Governor Newsom: 15% compared to 2020
  - Valley Water: 15% compared to 2019
  - Regional Water System: 11% compared to FY 19/20
- BAWSCA working with its member agencies and SFPUC to identify further specific actions to reduce water use in anticipation of continued drought
- Customer actions to reduce water today are making a difference – now and for next year!
- Water customers are responding to the call for increased water conservation



## BAWSCA Working for a Reliable Water Supply for Its Member Agencies Including Sunnyvale

- BAWSCA working for its member agencies including Sunnyvale
- BAWSCA Goal: A reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price
- Region investments in water use efficiency reducing water use today
- Voluntary Agreement for Tuolumne River offers a potential to address needs of Tuolumne River fish and water users
- More water conservation urged as drought conditions continue



