January 2026

Water Tracker

Valley Water

A monthly assessment of trends in water supply and use for Santa Clara County, California

Outlook as of January 1, 2026

On December 1, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources announced an initial State Water Project (SWP) allocation of 10% of contract amount for 2026. Locally, there was slightly below average rainfall in December as compared to the historical average. Total storage in local reservoirs, with the exception of Anderson Reservoir, is at about average levels for this time of year. Treated water deliveries were below average in December, and groundwater conditions remain healthy.

Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
  - » Month of December, City of San José = 2.20 inches
  - » Rainfall year total = 7.36 inches or 149% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- Northern Sierra snowpack was 49% of normal for this date

Local Reservoirs

- Total January 1 storage = 30,868 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	19%	36%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	49%	46%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for January 1	49%	89%

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage as of October 1, 2020

- No imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during December 2025
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during December were 5,500 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 3,200 acre-feet were delivered in December
- This total is 64% of the five-year average for the month of December
- Year-to-date deliveries are 78,224 acre-feet or 86% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most of the regional monitoring wells are higher than last month. While most of the water levels are lower relative to December 2024, all except one are the same as, or higher than, the prior five-year average for December. The end of 2025 groundwater storage is estimated to be in Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
December 2025 managed recharge estimate	5,100	1,500	2,000
YTD managed recharge estimate	63,700	18,900	23,300
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	108%	126%	113%
November 2025 pumping estimate	6,400	1,100	3,400
YTD pumping estimate	67,000	13,300	40,400
YTD pumping as % of five-year average	103%	111%	104%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to December 2024	6 Feet Lower	1 Foot Higher	11 Feet Lower

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2025 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

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Imported Water

- In December (through December 31st), the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 5,964 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 184,869 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month. This is the total amount pumped in December for the entire SWP to support the SWP allocation. Valley Water's SWP contract provides Santa Clara County 2.5% of the total SWP contract quantity available each year
- In December (through December 31st), the Central Valley Project (CVP) operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 4,093 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 126,875 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month. This is the total amount pumped in December for the entire CVP to support the south-of-delta CVP allocation. Valley Water's CVP contract provides Santa Clara County 4.7% of the total CVP contract quantity available each year
- Delta flow and water quality requirements were controlling the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta export facilities this past month. Project facilities, including delta exports, were operated to maintain the Projects' respective flow requirements and water quality standards in the delta for the month of December

WY 2026 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation (%)	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
SWP	10%	10,000	Initial Allocation Announced on 12/1/25
CVP	TBD	TBD	Allocation Announcement Expected in February
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Percent of Average for Date (as of 1/6/26)
Shasta Reservoir	80%	3,628,000	133%
Oroville Reservoir	75%	2,556,000	136%
San Luis Reservoir	70%	1,434,000	109%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	87%	304,084	1/6/26
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	November 2025 (acre-feet)	2025 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	3,852	43,802	46,000

Conserved Water

- Saved 85,204 acre-feet in FY24 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030, 110,000 acre-feet by 2040, and 126,000 acre-feet by 2050
- On June 13, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to support water conservation as a way of life in Santa Clara County and an ordinance with a set of permanent water waste prohibitions

Recycled Water

- Estimated December 2025 production = 784 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through December = 15,679 acre-feet or 93% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.6 billion gallons (4,950 acre-feet) of purified water in 2024. Since the beginning of 2025, about 4,387 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

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