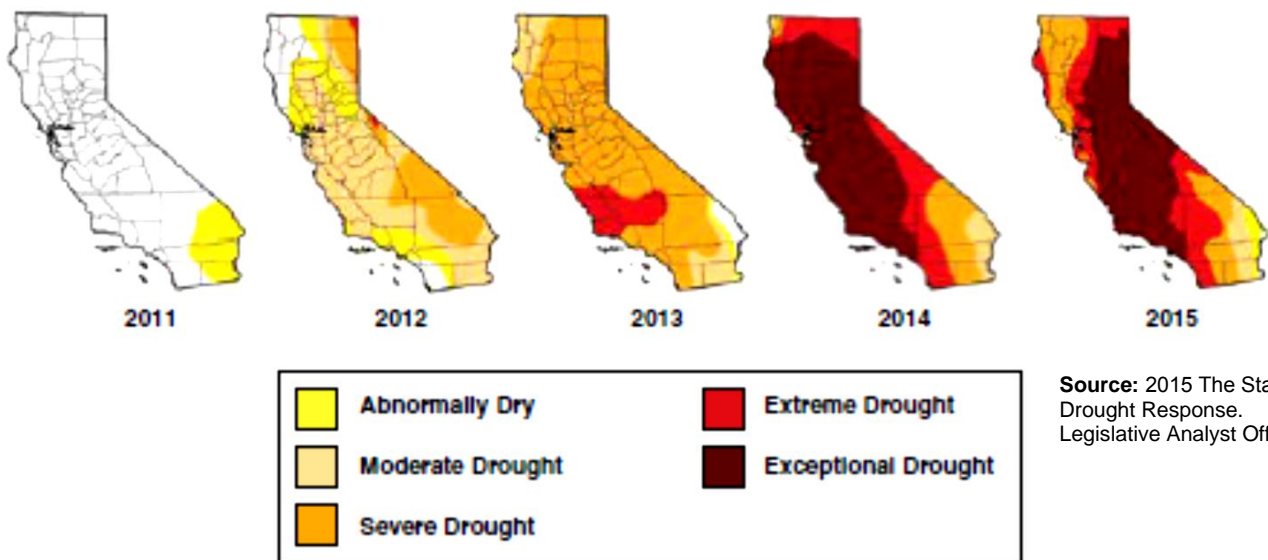


California's Drought: Current Solutions

- The state has deployed numerous resources—fiscal, logistical, and personnel—in responding to the impacts of the current drought. This includes appropriating **\$3 billion to thirteen different state departments from 2013 to 2016**.
- In 2015, **\$3.68 million** was spend on emergency interim drinking water response to provide safe drinking water for communities that without sufficient access.
- The 2016-2017 state budget provides an additional \$212.1 million in General Fund dollars on a one-time basis to continue immediate drought response. These funds include:
 - ➔ **\$5 million** to provide emergency drinking water support for small communities;
 - ➔ **\$5.4 million** to provide grants for emergency drinking water projects;
 - ➔ **\$18.4 million** to continue the Drought Food Assistance Program;
 - ➔ **\$7.5 million** to provide emergency assistance to unemployed farmworkers;
 - ➔ **\$26.7 million** to continue to provide local communities with technical guidance and disaster recovery support related to the drought, distribution of bottled water, and response and recovery training for local agencies.



Source: 2015 The State's Drought Response. Legislative Analyst Office

AB 2099: EBT Provides an Effective Tool for Crisis Response

AB 2099 would in time allow interim emergency drinking water benefits to be delivered via the State's Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). Research has shown that EBT has many advantages for delivering public benefits. EBT has also been deemed an effective and responsive mechanism for quickly delivering assistance to people recovering from natural disaster.

- ➔ For recipients, EBT offers greater convenience, improved security, and reduced stigmatization.
- ➔ For state governments, EBT provides cost and time savings, operational efficiencies, and promotes accountability while stimulating local economies.

For more than 20 years, CFPA has been the state's trusted food policy advocacy organization dedicated to increasing low-income Californians' access to healthy food at home, at school, and throughout entire communities. CFPA's advocacy agenda draws on the anti-hunger, nutrition, and health movements. Working as both a policy leader and supportive policy ally, CFPA continues to build on its long history of success.