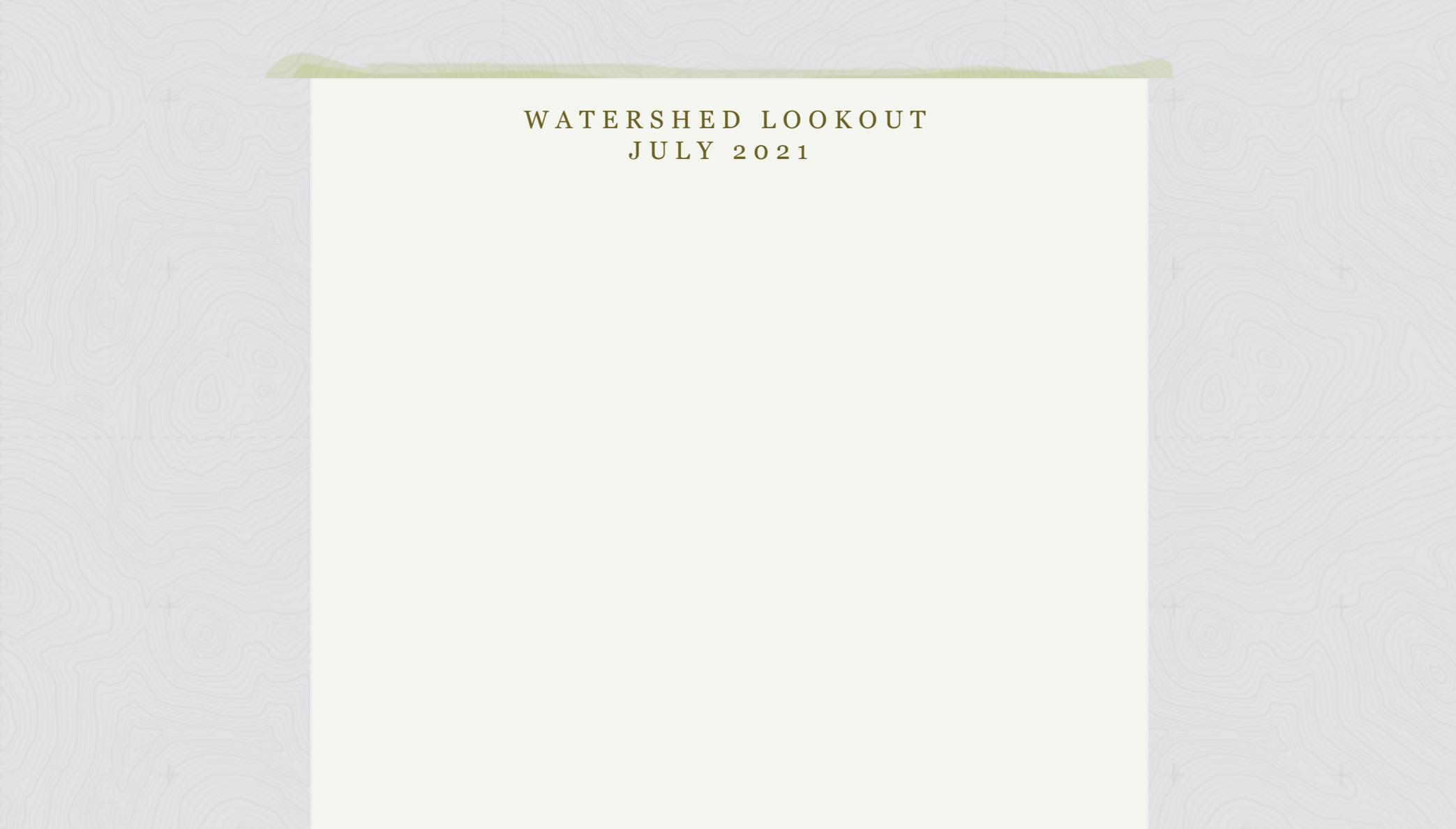


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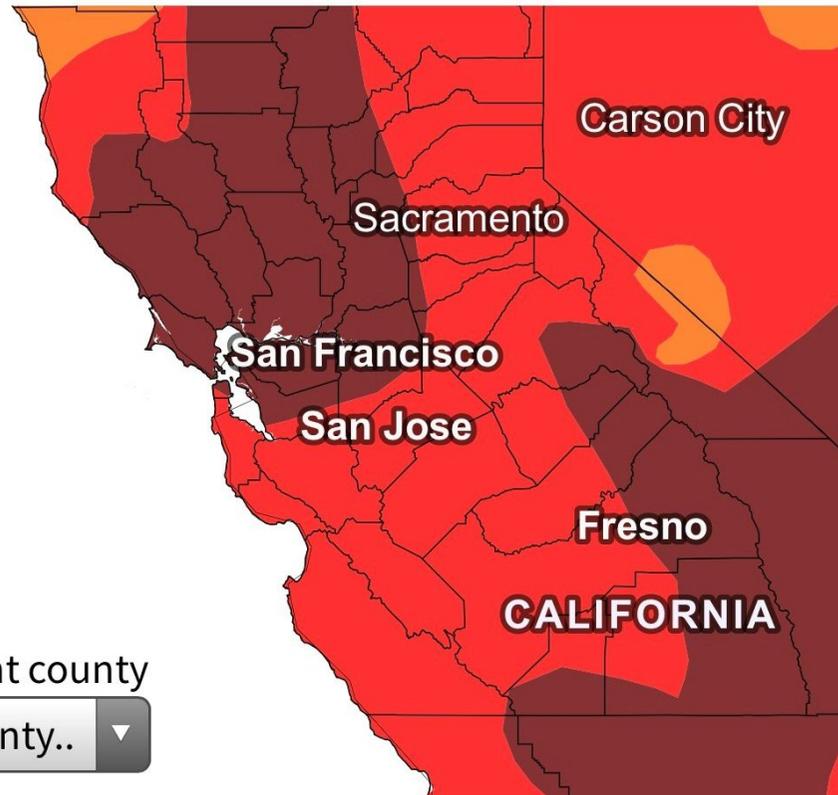


WATERSHED LOOKOUT
JULY 2021

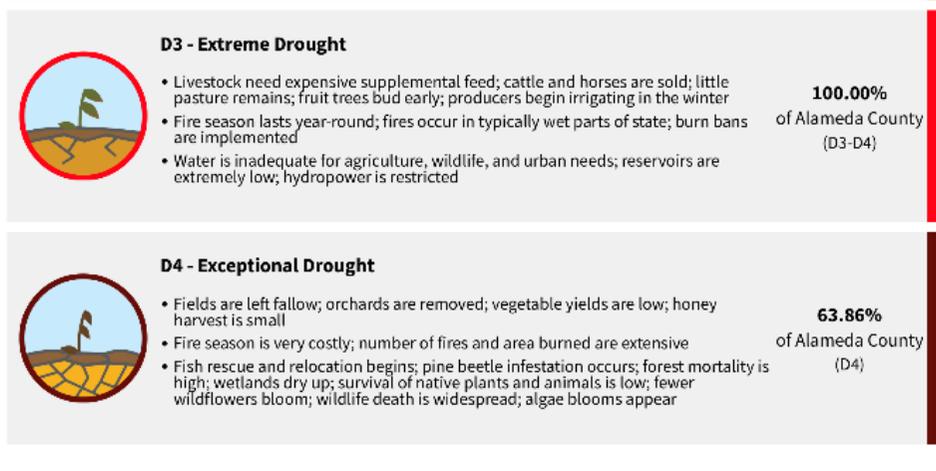
U.S. Drought Monitor

Temperature (30-Day Departure from Normal)

Precipitation (30-Day % of Normal)



Go to different county



[Learn more about these data](#) [Download screenshot of this panel](#)

Photo: Alameda County current drought conditions from drought.gov

Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

Each year the April 1st Phillips Station Snow Course snow water survey results are closely watched by water managers across California. According to this [video statement](#), the 2021 water year tied for the 3rd driest year on record. Below read about the post winter reduction in water allocation by the DWR for 2021 and two additional articles about the drought conditions. Make sure to attend the events listed below for a variety of positive actions and classes you can take this drought season. You can also read an update about the N3 Ranch property sale.

It's not all dry...check out this [fun tool](#) that let's you drop a virtual raindrop anywhere in the United States and watch it travel to it's final destination!



Living Arroyos is hiring! [This job](#) is geared toward college students studying Biology, Environmental Science or would be great for a recent grad.

Finally, remember to **reply now** to share any events, project updates or watershed photos you or your organization have.

Events

Thursday, July 8
4pm - 5pm
Drought Proof Your Garden:

Longer periods of drought conditions and lack of water can impact plant health, limiting a plant's ability to produce food and making it more prone to attracting pests. Excessive heat can also accelerate the reproduction time of pests. In this **FREE WEBINAR** sponsored by the [Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program](#), learn how to keep your garden gorgeous and healthy during dry times!

[Register](#)

Thursday, July 15
10:00am - 3:00pm

CASQA Meeting:
Stormwater Management:



*Are you hosting an event in August?
Let us know!
[Allison Rodacker.](#)*

Friday, July 16
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Volunteer: Alameda Creek Cleanup

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance, Alameda County Water District, and other partner agencies and organizations for a trash cleanup of Alameda Creek to protect local wildlife and water quality.

Effecting Change and Making a Difference!

The day will feature presentations on how programs have made an impact for trash, bacteria, copper, and many other issues through BMPs, True Source Control, science-based solutions, and low impact development and more! Visit the registration website below for more information.

[Register](#)

All volunteers are required to sign, scan and return a [waiver](#) by July 7 to Sayeh.ahmari@acgov.org

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OCTOBER 21, 2021

DEEPENING DROUGHT



The drought is front and center as we head into July so we want to share these articles from the California Department of Water Resources, the Public Policy Institute of California and CalMatters. Click on the links to read each full article.

DWR Adjusts State Water Project Allocation Following Dry Winter:

As California experiences a second consecutive dry year, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced in March an adjustment to its initial [State Water Project \(SWP\)](#) allocation for the 2021 water year. The department now expects to deliver 5 percent of requested supplies this year, down from the initial allocation of 10 percent announced in December.

California Returns to Drought: What's Different this Time?

Although some things about this drought may feel the same as they did back in 2014, there are some important differences in terms of the pace and scale of the drought's onset, its regional impacts, and the state's reservoir and streamflow conditions. For helpful summaries of those differences, check out "[California's Latest Drought in 4 Charts](#)." The

second part to that article is "[Anticipating and Addressing the Impacts of the Drought](#)."

How Unprepared is California for 2021's Drought?

Another recent article from CalMatters answers the question "[How unprepared is California for 2021's drought?](#)"

Locally, all of the water agencies are offering a variety of water conservation incentives, tips and assistance:

- Zone 7 has announced increased water conservation rebate limits. Find the details [here](#).
 - SFPUC is offering free water wise phone consultations to customers along with water saving devices and DIY leak detection how-to guides. Find all that information [here](#).
 - ACWD is offering rebates, conservation kits and more [here](#). You can also watch the past Landscape workshop presentations [here](#).
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Photo and information courtesy of the Alameda Creek Alliance newsletter.

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) may vote this week to purchase the remote and huge (50,500-acres) N3 Ranch south of Livermore, to protect a sizable portion of the Alameda Creek watershed for generations to come.

This current cattle ranch covers 12% of the entire Alameda Creek watershed and contains significant wildlife habitat. Much of the property is located in watersheds that supply water to ACWD customers, and is upstream of critical water supply facilities, including Lake Del Valle, Calaveras Reservoir, and Alameda Creek. This is the largest current landholding for sale in California. Now is a critical opportunity to protect this land from development, and for ACWD to protect the water quality for a large portion of the watershed.

ACWD staff will give an overview of the N3 Ranch Property, review ACWD's interests in protecting the property from development, and discuss potential costs and risks at the next board meeting being held on Thursday, July 8 at 6pm. They will then take public input before the Board discusses it and gives direction to ACWD staff whether and how to proceed.

The N3 Ranch purchase is item 3; under public comment on ACWD potential acquisition of N3 Ranch. The ACWD Board agenda for the meeting is [here](#).

The informed participation of all watershed stakeholders (YOU) is key to the success of watershed protection and enhancement efforts.



**WHAT ARE YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING ON THIS SUMMER?**

Please reply to this email or send a direct message to [Allison Rodacker](#) to share the good work you are doing. It can be one sentence, paragraph, link or press release with pictures by July 23rd.

**The www.acwForum.org website now includes the
[2018 Watershed Confluence](#)
event information and presentations.
It will be archived there for your reference.**



Click on the logo to view events and past newsletters.

The acwForum's mission is to protect and enhance water-related beneficial uses and resources in the Alameda Creek Watershed in order to create a healthy and sustainable watershed for the community. The acwForum will promote collaboration and the sharing of information among all stakeholders.

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