SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
STATE WATER PROJECT

A Robust Water Grid Driving Santa Barbara County’s Economic Growth and Quality of Life

California's Santa Barbara County wouldn't be the same without the State Water Project, or SWP, a foundational network woven into the fabric of the community.

THE SWP PROVIDES

47% of Santa Barbara County’s average annual water supply.

337,403 Santa Barbara County residents with State Water every day to run their homes, farms and businesses.

80% of Santa Barbara County residents with State Water.

78% of Santa Barbara County’s total land area with State Water.

101 miles of water delivery infrastructure in Santa Barbara County.

The SWP fuels Santa Barbara County’s economy, enabling the region’s thriving agriculture, tourism, and recreation industries.

THE SWP SUPPORTS

200+ Wineries driving the region's wine tourism.*

21,000+ acres of Santa Barbara vineyards with irrigation water.**

$4.25 billion annually in real farm crop value and industrial production in Santa Barbara County.***

* Santa Barbara Vintners Association 2016  **Santa Barbara County Crop Report  ***Caltrans 2015-2040 Santa Barbara County Socio-Economic Forecast

THE STATE WATER PROJECT PROVIDES WATER THAT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY RELIES ON

California legislative districts representing areas that depend on the SWP

Assembly Districts
AD 35 Cunningham
AD 37 Limon

Senate Districts
SD 17 Monning
SD 19 Jackson
Protects Santa Barbara County’s Most Precious Resource from Climate Change Impacts

Climate change is presenting California with tough challenges—extended periods of drought and fierce, unpredictable rainfall and snowfall events—but the State Water Project is tougher. State Water augments local water supplies. The SWP that delivers State Water helps to safeguard Santa Barbara against the unpredictability of climate change by providing increased long-term water supply reliability.

Is An Important Asset During Drought

Without the SWP, the Central Coast would need to replace 28,201 acre-feet* of State Water annually to meet regional demand. That’s a supply equivalent to the construction of 11 new desalination plants.**

*28,201 AFY represents the long-term historic average (62% of Table A) **Desalination plants calculated using Charles E Meyer Desalination Plant current yield of 3,125 AFY

THE STATE WATER PROJECT SYSTEM

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY’S WATER SUPPLY SOURCES (2017)

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY’S RELIANCE ON THE SWP DURING DROUGHT

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