SAN SABA BARBARACOUNTY
STATEWATERPROJECT
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 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.***

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

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* Santa Barbara Vinters Association 2016  **Santa Barbara County Crop Report  ***Caltrans 2015-2040 Santa Barbara County Socio-Economic Forecast
CONSISTENTLY BRINGING CLEAN WATER HOME TO YOU

AN IRREPLACEABLE SOURCE OF HIGH-QUALITY WATER

Since deliveries began in 1997, State Water delivered to Santa Barbara County represents enough water to fill Lake Cachuma three times.

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

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 Santa Barbara County’s investment to connect the region to the SWP, Santa Barbara would not have had the infrastructure to transfer additional water supplies from other water agencies during the drought. Regardless of how much State Water is available at any given time, Santa Barbara relies on the SWP as a crucial water delivery system in times of need.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY’S WATER SUPPLY SOURCES (2017)

- SWP: 47%
- Other Surface: 9%
- Cachuma Project: 6%
- Desalination: 1%
- Recycled: 3%
- Groundwater Wells: 34%

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY’S RELIANCE ON THE SWP DURING DROUGHT

- SWP: 20%
- Other Purchased: 1%
- Cachuma Project: 6%
- Groundwater Wells: 51%
- Recycled: 3%
- Desalination: -1%