

# WATER SUPPLY CUTS HURT US ALL

Federal Biological Opinions  
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Farmers throughout the San Joaquin Valley are anxious for the start of another growing season. Hard work, long days, fertile soils and plentiful water come together to produce half of the nation's fruits and vegetables. But today a significant portion of that water has been lost due to poor regulatory decisions intended to help fish. Water that might have grown a peach or cantaloupe...broccoli, peppers or walnuts...as well as feed for hungry livestock...won't be used to grow our food. Water supply cuts in just two months sent 727,863 acre-feet – **237 billion gallons** – of water to the ocean.

Sadly, these regulations aren't working to protect the fish they were intended to help. It's time we take a sensible look at how we provide for the ecosystem while supporting our farms and jobs and people - and our nation's food supply.

**25 million**  
Number of Californians that rely on the Delta for a portion of their water supply



**12,386**  
Farm jobs

**726,000**

Number of people who could have eaten for a year on food grown with this water

**4.2 million**  
People whose household water needs could have been met for a full year with this water



**260,000** Acres of farmland - 8X the size of San Francisco - could have been irrigated for a full year with this water

**237 billion gallons**

727,863 acre-feet lost to mandated water supply cuts

**\$2.2 billion**  
Economic impact from farm production

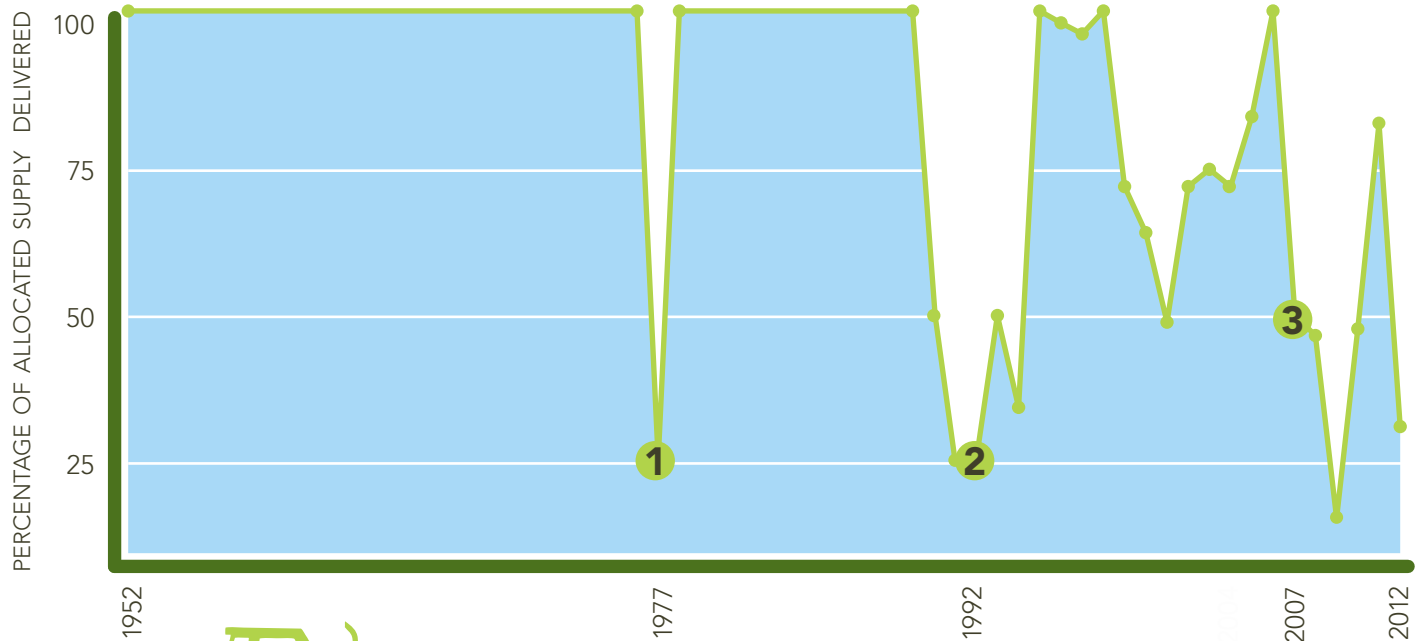
**\$873 million**  
Value of crops that could have been grown

**\$109 million**  
Cost to replace lost water

**228** Number of Delta smelt that caused water supply cuts



# WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

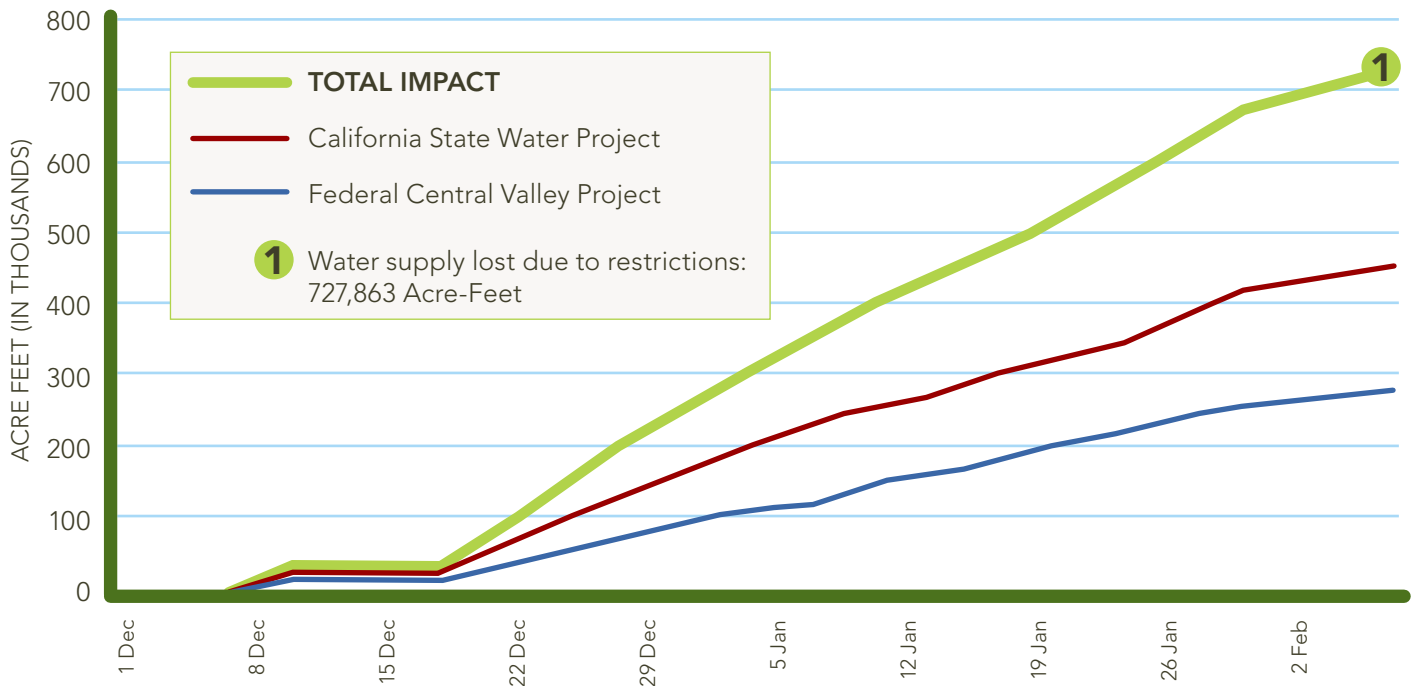


- 1 Driest year on record
- 2 Central Valley Project Improvement Act
- 3 Federal judge orders smelt protections

CVP SOUTH OF DELTA DELIVERIES

SOURCE: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

# 62 DAYS OF WATER SUPPLY CUTS



1 Water supply lost due to restrictions: 727,863 Acre-Feet

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