

FACT SHEET

City of Ontario Water Supply



Who will make the decision of when development will stop due to a water shortage?

The City of Ontario (City) prepared and adopted its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). The UWMP ensures that the City has planned adequately for water supplies to support existing demands and future development. The WSCP documents conservation actions that the City will mandate in times of water shortage to reduce water consumption and ensure remaining water supplies are available for all water demands.

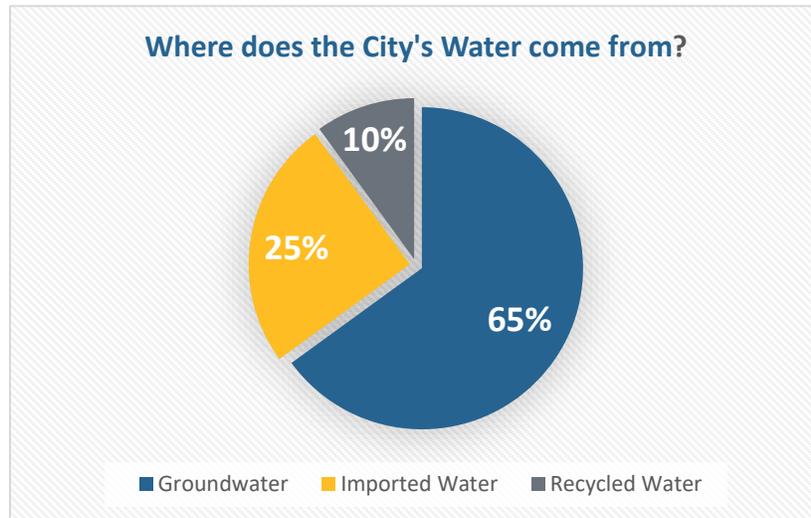
Recently the State has passed numerous emergency regulations due to the drought. These regulations require the City to enact their WSCP, but do not currently put a moratorium on new development.

How do they make sure we have enough water for these projects?

Proposed development projects within the City are vetted through an extensive process to ensure that there are adequate water supplies to meet their demands. The California Water Code, per Senate Bills 610 and 221, require Water Supply Assessments and Written Verifications to be completed and approved as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

Do we have enough water?

The City has the water resources to meet both current and future demands due to growth. This has been achieved by investing significantly in our local groundwater and recycled water infrastructure to become less dependent on drought vulnerable imported water, see below.



The City sits directly on top of one of the largest groundwater basins in California, known as the Chino Groundwater Basin which stores millions of gallons of water. The City currently utilizes only 50% of its annual total groundwater rights. Additionally, the amount of groundwater rights the City has access to increases when agricultural land in the Ontario Ranch is developed into residential, commercial, and industrial properties.

Though the City has adequate water supplies for current and future conditions, the State of California is in a historic drought and the City continues to implement water conservation practices as well as encourage its residents to continue to do their part.