

# California Orders Unprecedented, Mandatory Water Cuts

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California's long-running drought has officially reached crisis mode, with Gov. Jerry Brown ordering statewide water reductions for the first time ever.

Under the governor's order Wednesday, state officials said household rationing will likely be implemented by some local water agencies to meet Mr. Brown's goal of reducing overall water use in the state by 25% over the next nine months, the equivalent of enough water for a city of...