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DROUGHT UPDATE

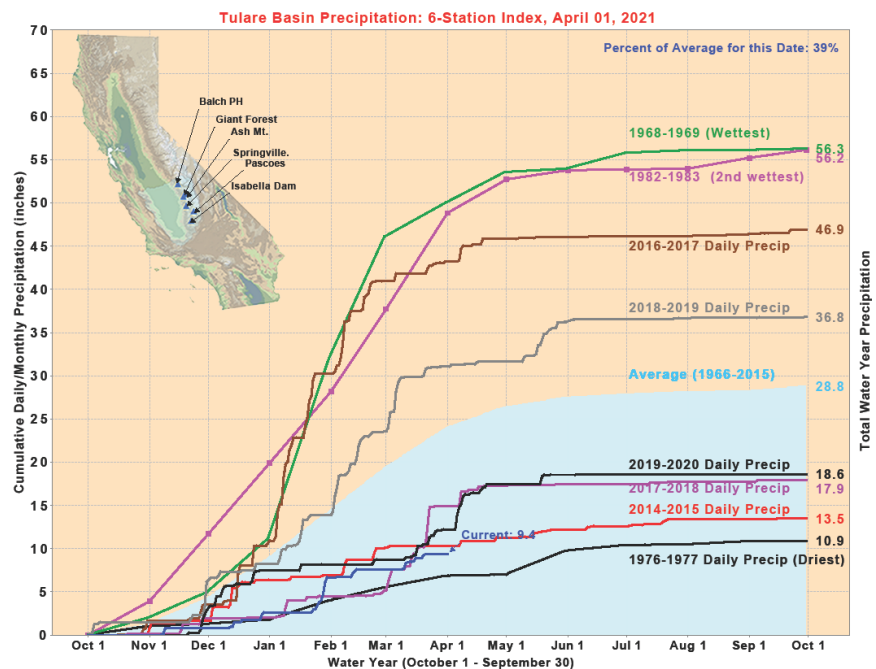
While we have had a few storms and plenty of cold weather, current rainfall totals for our area only amount to 9.4 inches, well below average which would be about 24 inches for this time of year. While we are still hoping for some additional moisture, we are on track for another very dry year.

Last year was also a dry year (although not as bad as this year is looking) and our Montclair well was able to keep up with demand, the pumping water level dropped about 16 feet and while it has stayed stable through winter, it has not recovered. We now have about 20 feet of water above the pump and the pump is sitting right at the rock fracture were most of the water enters the well.

At this time, it appears the Montclair well will continue to supply our normal summer demand but it also appears to be slowly depleting the aquifer and with below average rainfall, the aquifer has no ability to recover.

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RETIREMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

The District is currently investigating options to fill the vacancy that will be left when our General Manager retires later this year. The District is required to have a certified Water Distribution and Water Treatment Operator, and the operator must be available within 1 hour. The position will also require the knowledge necessary to operate, maintain, and repair the water system. It may be possible to retain the current General manager part-time to allow for the training and certification of a replacement. The District is currently revising the General Manager job description to include a trainee position. Once the job description is approved, it is expected that the District will begin recruiting to fill the position. If you know of someone that may be interested, please suggest they contact the District.