A timeline of the 2021 Drought

February 7

State Water Resources Control Board issues an order approving Sonoma Water's petitions



Governor Newsom proclaims a regional drought emergency and provides emergency drought assistance to Russian River Watershed with executive



Sonoma Water files a new Temporary Urgency Change Petition requesting that storage in Lake Mendocino be used to determine the water supply condition for the Russian River

May 18

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors/Sonoma Water Board of Directors approve \$400,000 to implement an emergency Santa Rosa Plain well project



January 7

Sonoma Water files a Temporary Urgency Change Petition requesting that water supply conditions for the Upper Russian River be changed from inflow into Lake Pillsbury to storage at Lake



March 14

Sonoma Water social media campaign includes water supply infographics on a weekly basis to education public on reservoirs levels



Sonoma County Board of Supervisors declares a local drought emergency



May 21

Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership launch campaign to customers emphasizing the need to save water by highlighting actions to reduce water use and improve efficiency



A virtual Drought Town Hall is hosted

by Sonoma Water and Board of

Director James Gore

Supervisors Chair Lynda Hopkins

and Supervisor and Sonoma Water

'Drought Drop By" - More than 10,000 water saving kits distributed to date



A virtual Drought Town Hall is hosted by Sonoma County Supervisor and Sonoma Water Director David Rabbitt



"Drought Drop By" held at 13 locations throughout the three counties. In August, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution calling for 20% voluntary water conservation.



"Drought Drop By" event in Sonoma, Marin and Mendocino counties. Residents pick up free water saving kits and information

October 7 Santa Rosa Plain Drought Resiliency

Project -Todd Road well online October 22 providing State Water Resources additional Control Board issues an drinking water amended order. It requires to cities and Sonoma Water customers water districts that are urban water in the North Bay suppliers to implement the appropriate stage of Water

September 30

November 16

The watershed experienced a second water year of extremely dry weather conditions. A water year begins of October 1 and ends on September 30th of the following year



Lake Mendocino falls below 20.000 acre-feet (AF) of storage, falling short of a water conservation goal established to maintain adequate downstream flows for fisheries and human health and safety needs for municipal users

June 14

State Water Resources Control Board issues an order approving Sonoma Water's May petitions. State Board requires Sonoma Water to reduce its Russian River diversions by 20% for July 1 to December 11



October 24 Atmospheric River hits the North

Bay. Water stored in Lake Sonoma increases by 13,000 acre feet and in Lake Mendocino by 4,000 acre feet

Sonoma Water files Temporary Urgency Change Petitions with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights requesting a change in the hydrologic index used to establish the water supply condition in the Russian River watershed

December 10

State Water Resources Control Board issues a new order that approved the requested changes of the TUCPs

December 23

Sonoma Water awarded close to \$9 million from the California Department of Water Resources to make our water supply system more resilient. The funds will assist with developing planning efforts in the Russian River watershed to address drought conditions and climate change