

Calif. federal reservoirs continue to evaporate

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In the latest indicator of the severity of the drought, the federal government's main reservoirs serving California have begun the new "water year" at just a quarter full and in worse shape than last year.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation said Tuesday that the six key reservoirs of the Central Valley Project were a combined 200,000 acre-feet below the same time last year, a difference of about 6 percent. An acre-foot is 326,000 gallons, or a year's supply for a typical California household.

All told, the reservoirs, including Shasta and Folsom, are just 24 percent full.

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