

CONAGUA ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE, EXTREME OR EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT IN BASINS FOR 2022

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Exceptional measures due to emergency drought in Mexico



On July 12, 2022, the General Resolution on the Commencement of Emergency due to Severe, Extreme or Exceptional Drought in Basins for 2022 (the "Resolution") was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation, effective as of the day following its publication, which, as part of the National Development Plan 2019-2024, seeks, among other priority purposes, the protection of the environment, through the efficient use of water during periods of drought.

Mexico is increasingly exposed to different severe hydrometeorological events, one of them droughts, which drastically reduce the volume of water stored in dams, jeopardizing the supply of potable water to different populations, therefore the imperative need for users to implement preventive and mitigation actions, and if necessary, the National Water Commission ("CONAGUA") shall order transitory measures to guarantee domestic and public urban use in the event of such natural phenomenon in its severe, extreme or exceptional modalities. The Resolution aims to guarantee water supply to populations in places with extreme drought conditions, according to the Mexican Drought Monitor (which is part of the North American Drought Monitor) or that present decreases in their supply sources.[1]

The Resolution, through transitory measures agreed upon with the different Basin Councils, foresees the possibility of temporarily limiting existing water rights, through provisional water volume reductions for basin users suffering from severe drought conditions, in order to supply water for domestic and public urban use to populations lacking this natural resource due to the effect of said phenomenon, pursuant to the provisions of the Law on National Waters and in accordance with the general conditions established in the relevant concession titles.

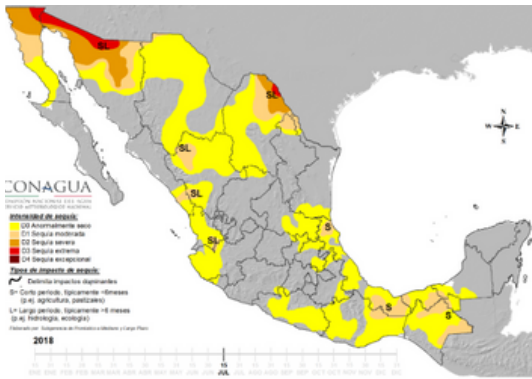
Furthermore, it is established that concessionaires and assignees of concessions for the exploitation or use of national waters (mainly for industrial and agricultural uses), in order to contribute with mitigation actions of drought effects, upon low availability of potable water supply sources and in addition to implementing preventive and mitigation measures contained in the Program of Preventive and Mitigation Measures for drought that corresponds to the Basin Council in which they are located, may:

1. Give notice to CONAGUA to provide total or partial use of the concessioned waters to third parties on a temporary basis; or
2. Temporarily assign or transfer their rights to CONAGUA, requesting the interruption of the cancellation of the unused concessioned volumes, as long as the emergency continues.

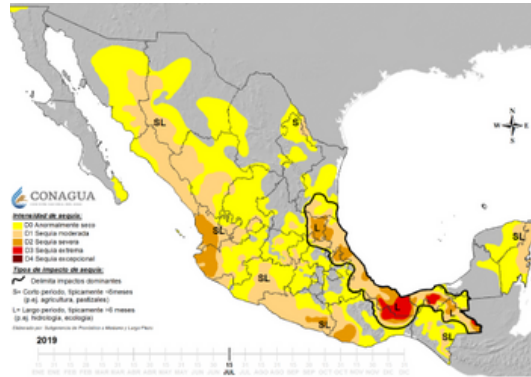
Finally, CONAGUA, through its Basin Organisms, Local Directorates and Basin Councils, shall follow up on preventive and mitigation actions, as well as emergency support due to severe, extreme, and exceptional drought, or low availability of potable water supply sources until hydrometeorological conditions determine its conclusion.

[1] The evolution report of the drought in Mexico is updated every fifteen days and can be consulted in the following link: <https://smn.conagua.gob.mx/es/climatologia/monitor-de-sequia/monitor-de-sequia-en-mexico>

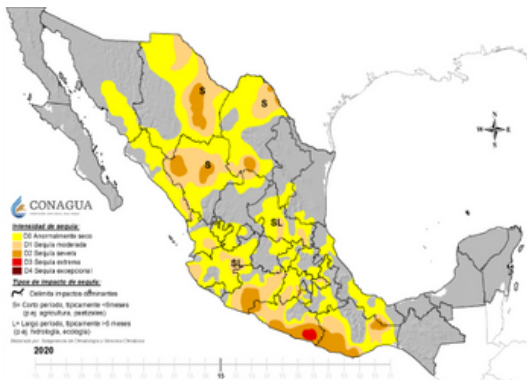
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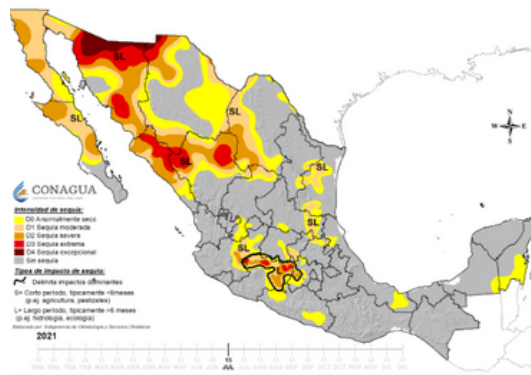
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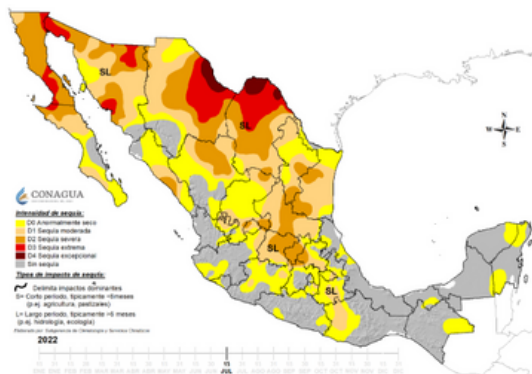
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