

# Drought declaration for Calif. expected



More sand than water is currently under the Tahoe Keys Pier. Photo/Kathryn reed

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The California Department of Water Resources is planning to draft an emergency drought declaration for Gov. Jerry Brown's consideration as dry winter conditions continue.

DWR Director Mark Cowin told the California Board of Food and Agriculture at a meeting Tuesday that his agency is weighing whether to present the governor with a drought declaration. Spokeswoman Nancy Foley said that declaration could be forthcoming "within a couple weeks."

"We will likely, given the circumstances, make a recommendation for a drought declaration," Foley said. "The snow survey last Friday was so dismal and there doesn't seem to be any storms on the horizon, so it just seems we've got to start preparing a drought declaration."

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