

NOAA: Calif. drought likely to last into summer

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the drought that started in 2011 in California will linger into summer.

NOAA reports that after nearly four years of drought, the California water deficit can only be made up by “epic amounts of rain and snow” and that isn’t likely to happen.

NOAA said if warmer temperatures bring more rain than snow in the Sierra Nevada, areas that depend on melting snowpack in late spring and summer will be left wanting. NOAA report said the snowpack is currently 50 percent of normal.

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